



Connecticut State Emergency Response Commission

Regular Meeting

September 21, 2023

Online and at CT DESPP-DEMHS HQ

Chairman Gerard Goudreau

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September 21, 2023 Meeting Agenda



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1. Call to Order
2. Approve May 2023 Meeting Minutes
3. Introductions and welcomes
4. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Training Activities updates
5. Overview of this year's full-scale interagency exercise in DEMHS Region
6. Updates on LEPC status and plans; Discussion of any LEPC designations needed
7. Information sharing between Agencies; Updates on Current Issues; Ideas and requests for future meeting topics; New Business
8. Public Comments (opportunity for comments from any members of the public present)
9. Adjournment

Minutes of Regular Meeting May 18, 2023 at 1:30 PM

The meeting was held **online and in-person at CT DEEP Headquarters**, 79 Elm Street, Hartford.

- The meeting came to order at 1:35 p.m.
- The March 2023 Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Bill Abbott, seconded by Jeff Morrissette.
- Introductions and welcomes; discussion that as identified at the last meeting the plan was to meet in person at DESPP in Middletown with a remote option, though due to construction at that building that meeting place will begin with the next meeting.
- Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Training Activities updates: Jeff Morrissette provided an update on training courses.
- Update on planning for this year’s full-scale interagency exercise in DEMHS Region 1: Bill Seward provided an overview of the planning for this year’s full-scale interagency exercise that will occur in DEMHS Region 1 September 7, with a tabletop exercise the previous day, September 6. The tabletop exercise will develop the Incident Action Plan for implementation the next day. Various scenarios are being considered that reflect the types of oils and chemicals managed in the region and the forms of transportation in the region.
- Summary of April 2023 National SERC meeting: Diane Duva presented an overview of the presentation she provided remotely for the National SERC meeting identifying the activities of the CT SERC.
- Summary of [EPA’s National Survey of SERCs](#) published April 2023: Diane Duva presented an overview of the EPA national survey and its findings.
- Commission members discussed strategies for updating LEPC status and plans; Bill Turner identified the county model in Pennsylvania and discussion occurred among members regarding ground truthing the regional associations actually in place such as regional teams, the Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee, and other examples of local committees consisting of more than one town. The commission will keep this topic on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Information sharing between Agencies; Updates on Current Issues.
- There was no New Business identified.
- Public Comments (opportunity for comments from any members of the public present). There were no public comments offered.
- Adjournment at 2:35p.m. on a motion by Bob Araujo, seconded by Bill Abbott.

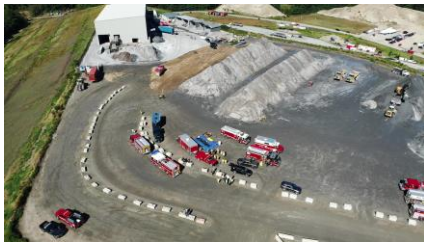
Also in attendance: **Joe Cyr**, Manchester Water Department; **Todd Nichols**, US DHS CISA; **Michael Paradis**, DESPP-DEMHS; **Albert Bassett**, Fairfield County HIRT; **Amanda Ryan**, USCG; **Phil Mikan**, USCG; **Karen Way**, US EPA; **Tyler Diercks**, US EPA; **Lori Saliby**, CT DEEP; others

May 18, 2023 SERC Meeting Attendance

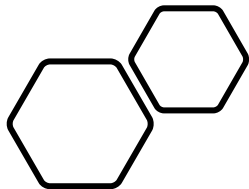
In attendance?	Member
No	Gerard P. Goudreau - Chairperson Facility member
Yes	Diane W. Duva, Director, Planning Office, Emergency Response and Spill Prevention Div. CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Yes	Jeffrey J. Morrissette, State Fire Administrator CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
Yes	David Kallander, Ph.D., Toxicologist/ Francesca Provenzano Environmental and Occupational Health Assessment Program/Preparedness CT Department of Public Health
Yes	Jason Coite Environmental Compliance, Bureau of Engineering and Construction CT Department of Transportation
Yes	William Turner, Director, Emergency Management, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
No	Jeff Saltus, CONN-OSHA CT Department of Labor
Yes	Matthew LaFayette, Budget Analyst, Budget and Financial Management Division CT Office of Policy and Management
Yes	William Abbott, State Fire Marshal Office of State Fire Marshal, Division of Construction Services CT Department of Administrative Services
Yes	LTC Benjamin Neumon Connecticut Military Department
No	Chief John C. Littell, Tolland Fire Department Volunteer Fire Department member
No	Chief Edward N. Richards, Enfield Fire Department Municipal Fire Department member
Yes	Robert J. Araujo, Facility member
Yes	Lisa Morrissette, CT DPH Deputy Commissioner
Yes	Robert Ross, Public member
Yes	Anthony Salvatore, Town Manager, Cromwell, member
No	Kyle Zimmer, Jr., Public member



Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Training Activities



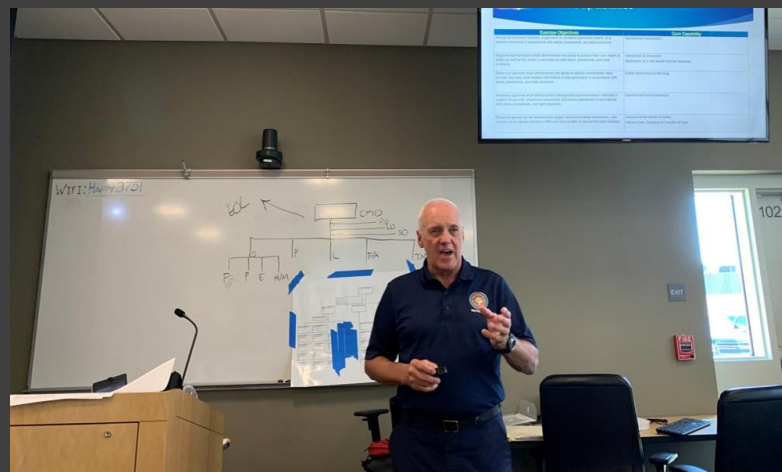
- ✓ Transportation Incident Management Pocket Guide distributed. Printed more copies.
- ✓ CT DOT providing TIM training. Contact Aidan Neely to schedule training.
- ✓ **2023 Interagency Exercise**—in DEMHS Region 1-Bill Seward and Stephen Foley organized
 - ✓ **September 6 Tabletop Exercise** at Fairfield Fire Training School
 - ✓ **September 7 Full-Scale Exercise** at Fairfield Fire Training





Overview of 2023 SERC Interagency Exercise

- Bill Seward and Stephen Foley, CT Fire Academy



SERC and LEPC Topics Today

- Which LEPCs have updated plans and which need updates
- Strategies for updating LEPC status and plans
- Discussion of any LEPC designations needed



Information Sharing

Information sharing between Commission members, Agencies, partners

- Rail Freight Exercises in October
 - ❑ DEMHS October 14 & 18;
 - ❑ DOT/FRA October 21
- CAMEO training for Fairfield County HazMat Team and others
 - ❑ October 23
- Updates on Current Issues

- Ideas and requests for future meeting topics
- New Business

2022 Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Preliminary Data Available

Preliminary TRI data for 2022 are now available. These data cover chemical waste management, including releases, and pollution prevention activities that occurred during 2022 at more than 20,000 industrial and federal facilities across the country. You can use the preliminary data to locate facilities that reported to TRI for 2022 and learn which chemicals those facilities managed as waste and in what quantities. The 2022 preliminary data will be updated periodically in September to reflect any revisions and late submissions from facilities. [Access the preliminary data via the TRI website.](#)

CSB Calls on Chemical Companies to Prepare for Harsh Hurricane Season

Following the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) recent outlook predicting "above average" activity for the remainder of the 2023 Atlantic hurricane season., the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) is urging the chemical industry to act now to prepare for potentially more frequent and more powerful hurricanes and other extreme wind events in the months ahead. Find more information [here.](#)



Public Comments

- This is an opportunity for comments from any members of the public present. Please simply unmute your microphone or raise your hand in the “reactions” tab on the Zoom toolbar.
- Adjournment

Next meeting :

- November 16, 2023 [at DESPP in Middletown and via Zoom]



**National Survey of State
Emergency Response
Commissions (SERCs)**

Survey Analysis & Report

April 2023

Office of Emergency Management
U.S. EPA

[National Survey of the State Emergency Response Commissions.pdf \(epa.gov\)](#), US EPA April 2023

This is the first survey of the SERCs that EPA has conducted. However, in 1994, 1999, and 2008, EPA conducted surveys of the Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs). The survey summarized in this report was distributed to SERCs in each state, territory, and the District of Columbia. Along with the survey questions on how each provision of EPCRA is currently being implemented, EPA requested the SERCs to provide certain information about their LEPCs, including whether they are active or inactive and whether they have an updated emergency plan. In addition, the survey requested states to provide their priorities and reasons for not meeting their priorities, as well as challenges, best practices, and successes. Furthermore, the survey included questions related to the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) program and usage of software and other EPA resources available for planners and responders.