



Connecticut State Emergency Response Commission

Regular Meeting

May 18, 2023

Online and at CT DEEP HQ

Chairman Gerard Goudreau

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May 18, 2023 Meeting Agenda



1. Call to Order
2. Approve [March 2023 Meeting Minutes](#)
3. Introductions and welcomes
4. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Training Activities
5. Update on planning for this year's full-scale interagency exercise in DEMHS Region 1 [Bill S]
6. Summary of CT SERC presentation at April 2023 National SERC meeting [Diane]
7. Summary of [EPA's National Survey of SERCs](#) published April 2023 [Diane]
8. Strategies for updating LEPC status and plans; Discussion of any LEPC designations needed [Gerry, Bill, Diane, all]
9. Information sharing between Agencies; Updates on Current Issues; Ideas and requests for future meeting topics;
New Business
10. Public Comments (opportunity for comments from any members of the public present)
11. Adjournment

Minutes of Regular Meeting March 16, 2023 at 1:30 PM

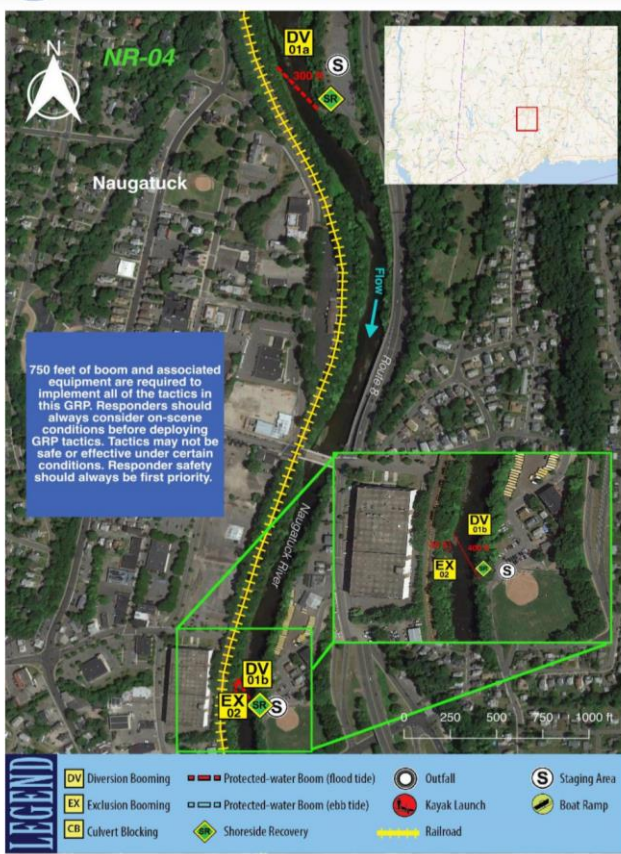
The meeting was held **online and in-person at CT DEEP Headquarters**, 79 Elm Street, Hartford.

1. Chairman Goudreau called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.
2. The January 2023 Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Bob Araujo, seconded by Bill Abbott.
3. Introductions and welcomes; confirmed commission officers [Vice Chair = Bob Araujo, Secretary = Jeff Morrisette]
- 4.
5. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Training Activities updates; Bill Seward will be kicking off planning for this year’s full-scale interagency exercise that will occur in DEMHS Region 1 in September. Various locations and scenarios will be considered. Some discussion about having an additional exercise, if interest exists, that would involve coordination with Bridgeport ferry.
6. Diane Duva, Amanda Ryan, Karen Way, and Mike Popovich provided a brief Review of [Geographic Response Strategies-identification of recently completed strategies](#) and strategies in [development for the Connecticut River](#);
 7. Geographic Response Strategies (GRSs) are developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Coast Guard, in partnership with Connecticut DEEP, through an interagency planning process. Representatives from various levels of government, responders, resource specialists, and industry work together to identify spill risks and sensitive resources along stretches of major rivers and harbors. These are map based planning documents intended to be used as a tool employed by emergency officials responding to releases to major rivers and harbors. The Geographic Response Strategies help guide local responders to effectively deploy containment and recovery equipment in the event of a spill to navigable waterways.
8. Review of EPCRA Tier II Reporting for Calendar Year 2022; Diane Duva reported that the numbers are similar to last year, more than 2200 facilities reported their chemical inventories. Some facilities used the new electronic reporting platform DEEP provided. Facility data will be available both in the new system and available for importing into CAMEO in the coming weeks. CT DEEP will be using the [Hazconnect® Tier II Manager system](#) to simplify sharing EPCRA Tier II facility information with local officials.
9. Commodity Flow Study planning—last one completed 2019; Discussion among several members and unanimous agreement to proceed with planning for conducting an updated plan.
10. Status of LEPCs; Strategies for updating LEPC status and plans; discussion that ESF task force serves as LEPC for some areas; some LEPCs acting more regionally. Discussion of topics to cover in April 2023 National SERC meeting presentation on status of CT’s SERC and LEPCs
11. Information sharing between Agencies; Updates on Current Issues [including though not limited to: Rail Freight; Lithium-Ion energy storage preparedness; PFAS and firefighting foam]; Ideas and requests for future meeting topics; Amanda Ryan noted the Long Island Sound Area Contingency Plan is being updated and that the next Area Committee meeting will be April 25 on the New York side of Long Island Sound. There was discussion about meeting in person for the May meeting, with an online option available for those that can’t attend in person. Chairman Goudreau expressed his preference for as many members as possible to attend in person. Consensus was that DESPP’s Headquarters in Middletown is a convenient location. Bill Turner expressed willingness to reserve a space.
12. There was no New Business identified.
13. Public Comments (opportunity for comments from any members of the public present). There were no public comments offered.
14. Adjournment at 3:05 p.m. on a motion by Bob Araujo, seconded by Bill Abbott.

March 16, 2023 SERC Meeting Attendance

In attendance?	Member
Yes	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. Morrisette , 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
No [sent notice]	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
Yes	Chief Edward N. Richards, Enfield Fire Department Municipal Fire Department member
Yes	Robert J. Araujo, Facility member
No	Lisa Morrissey, Director of Health, Housatonic Valley Health District, member
No	Robert Ross, Public member
Yes	Anthony Salvatore, Town Manager, Cromwell, member
No [sent notice]	Kyle Zimmer, Jr., Public member

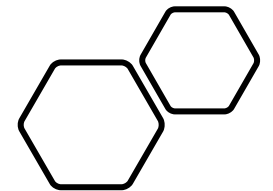
Also in attendance: **Joe Cyr**, Manchester Water Department; **Todd Nichols**, US DHS CISA; **Michael Paradis**, DESPP-DEMHS; **Albert Bassett**, Fairfield County HIRT; **Amanda Ryan**, USCG; **Phil Mikan**, USCG; **Karen Way**, US EPA; **Tyler Diercks**, US EPA; **Lori Saliby**, CT DEEP; others



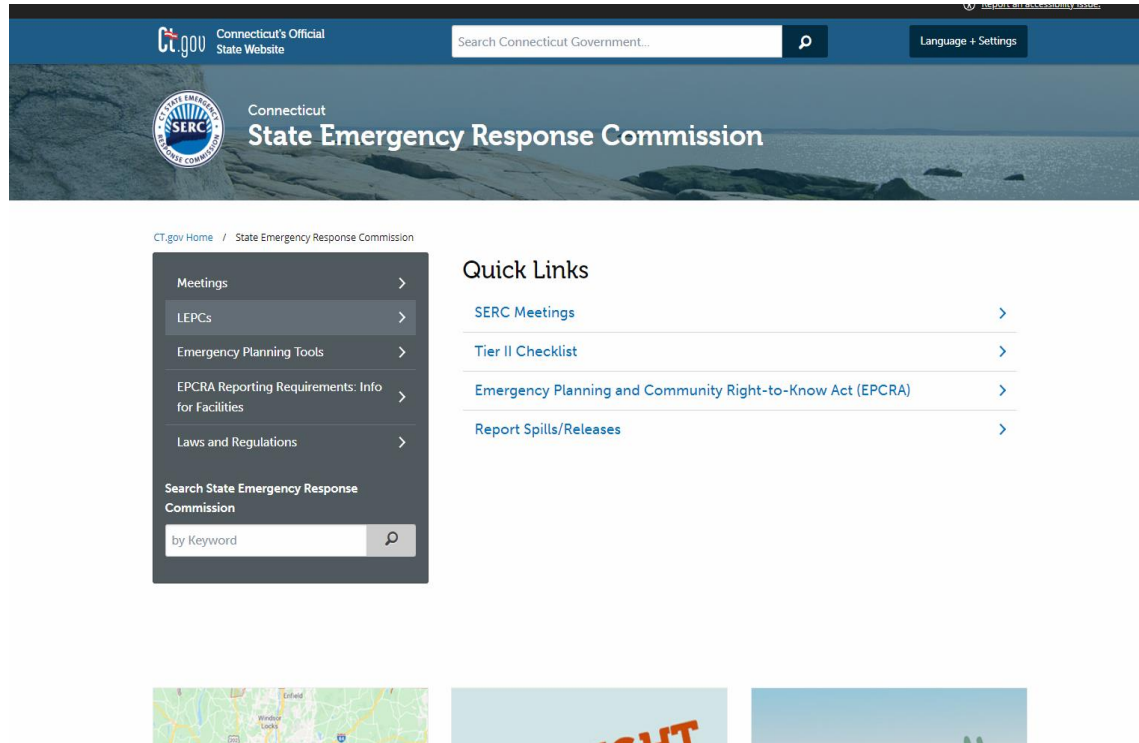
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Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Training Activities

- ✓ Transportation Incident Management Pocket Guide distributed. Printed more copies.
- ☐ CT DOT providing TIM training. Contact Aidan Neely to schedule training.
- ☐ Plan for 2023 Interagency Exercise—in DEMHS Region 1-Bill Seward organizing
 - ☐ September 7 at Fairfield Fire Training School with scenario likely another location
 - ☐ September 6 Tabletop exercise at Fairfield Fire Training School



EPCRA, SERC, and LEPC Topics



2021 [Latest Year] Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Data Available

The complete 2021 TRI dataset is now available in TRI Toxics Tracker and the other online TRI tools. The dataset will be the basis for the 2021 TRI National Analysis, planned for publication in early 2023. [Find TRI facilities near you](#)

EPCRA On-Line Training:

<https://www.epa.gov/epcra/epcra-non-section-313-online-training-states-tribes-lepcs-local-planners-and-responders>

<https://portal.ct.gov/SERC>

LEPC/TEPC Handbook: <https://www.epa.gov/epcra/national-lepc-tepc-handbook#full>

SERC and LEPC Topics Today

- Summary of CT SERC presentation at April 2023 National SERC meeting
- Summary of [EPA's National Survey of SERCs](#) published April 2023
- Strategies for updating LEPC status and plans
- Discussion of any LEPC designations needed



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

Survey Analysis & Report

April 2023

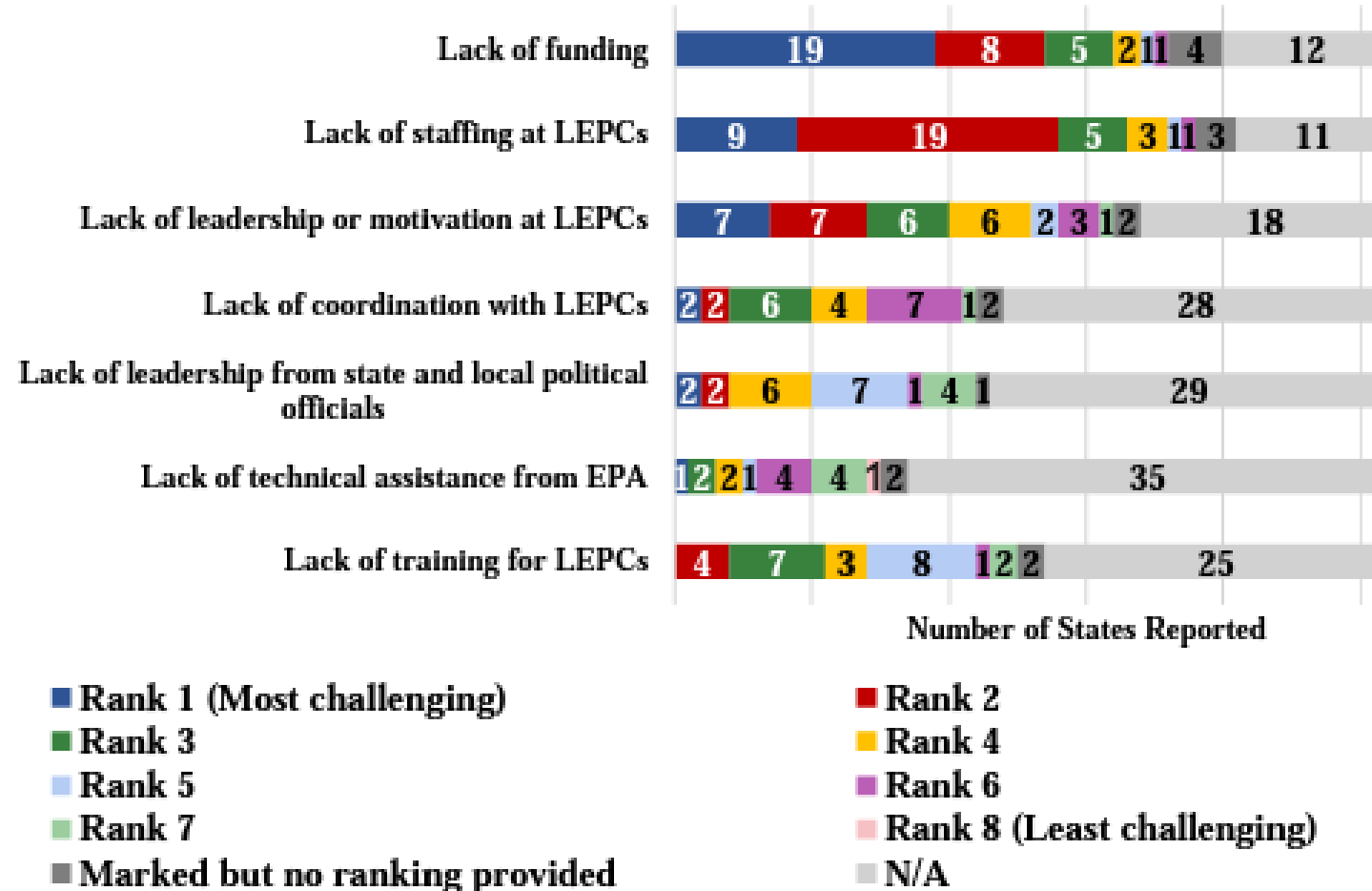
Office of Emergency Management
U.S. EPA

[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.

Summary Source: US EPA office of Emergency Management

Exhibit ES-1. States' Challenges in Implementing EPCRA

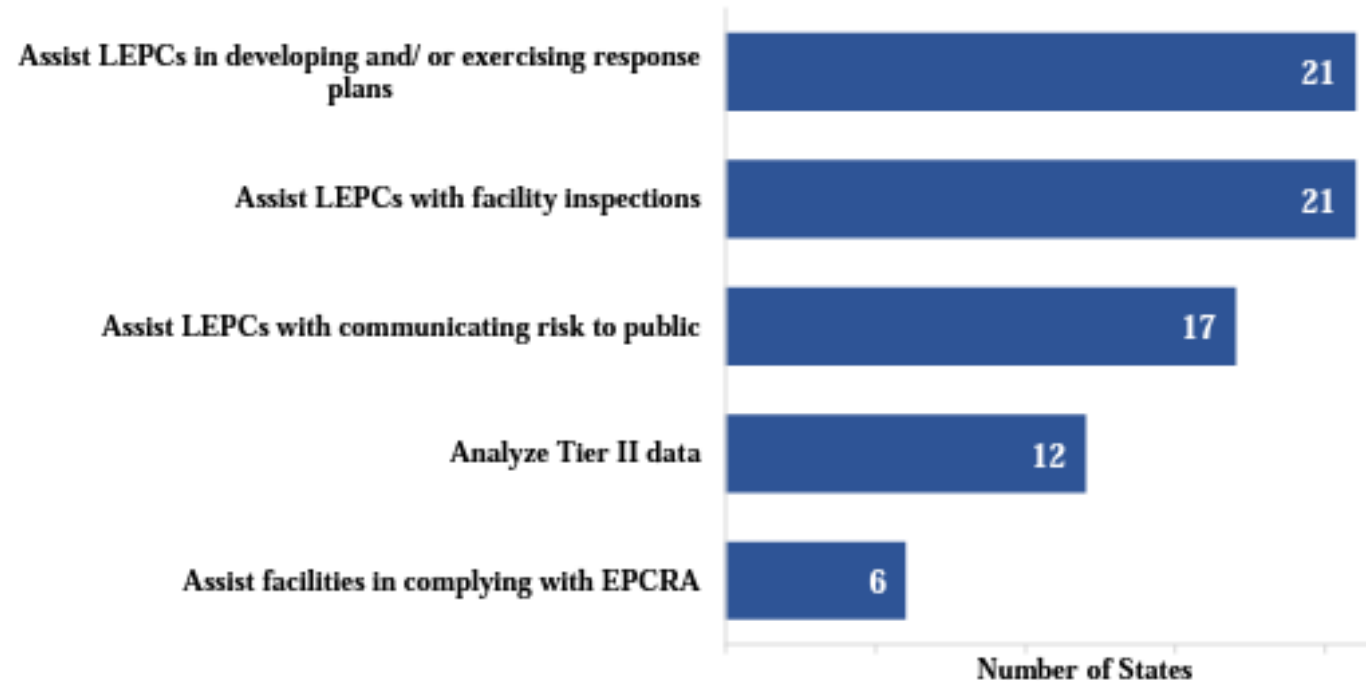


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Priorities not met due to lack of funding

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Exhibit ES-2. Priorities Not Met Due to Lack of Funding³

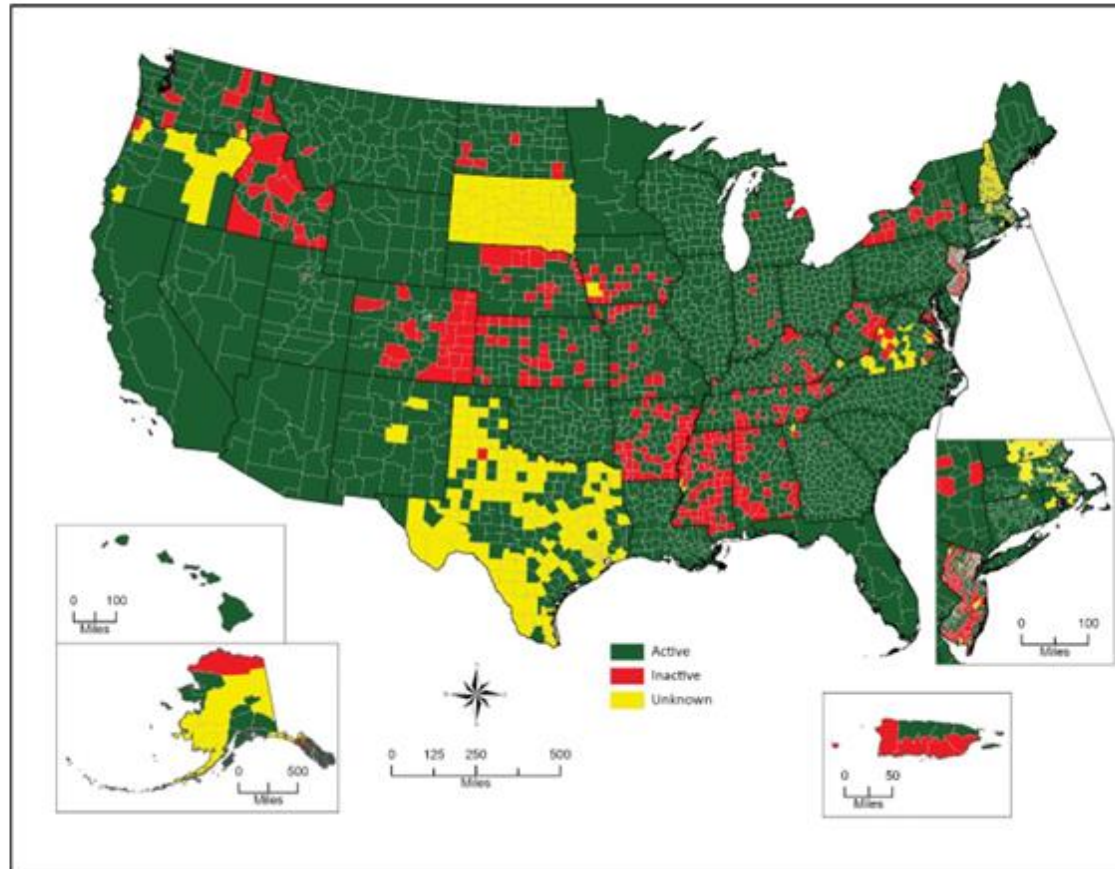


As noted in Exhibit ES-2, SERCs are unable to assist LEPCs in developing and exercising emergency response plan or assist LEPCs with facility inspections due to lack of funding.

Active and Inactive LEPCs

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Exhibit ES-3. Active and Inactive LEPCs⁶



Possible Follow UP for CT SERC

- Dive in deeper and assess what best practices could be applied in CT?
- What updates are needed for LEPC designations?
- Which LEPCs have updated plans and which need updates?



Information Sharing

- Information sharing between Commission members, Agencies, partners
- Updates on Current Issues [including though not limited to:
 - Rail Freight
 - Lithium-Ion energy storage preparedness
 - PFAS and firefighting foam
 - **PFAS and EPCRA update:**
EPA is proposing to add per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) subject to reporting under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) and the Pollution Prevention Act (PPA). See the [proposed notice](#) published December 5, 2022 in the Federal Register for more information. Consult [EPA's PFAS](#) webpage for updates on EPA's progress and key actions.
- Ideas and requests for future meeting topics
- New Business



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 meetings are:

- July 20, 2023 [may be canceled for summer hiatus?]
- September 21, 2023 [likely at DESPP in Middletown and via Zoom]
- November 16, 2023 [likely at DESPP in Middletown and via Zoom]

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Lisa Morrissey, MPH

Housatonic Valley Health District

For Service to the State of Connecticut as a member of the
Connecticut State Emergency Response Commission

Gratefully presented on May 18, 2023

Gerard Goudreau, Chairman

