



State of Connecticut Emergency Response Commission

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 Morrissette]
4. 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.
5. 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](#);
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.
6. 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.
7. Commodity Flow Study planning—last one completed 2019; Discussion among several members and unanimous agreement to proceed with planning for conducting an updated plan.

8. 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
9. 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.
10. There was no New Business identified.
11. Public Comments (opportunity for comments from any members of the public present). There were no public comments offered.
12. 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