



State of Connecticut Emergency Response Commission

Minutes of Regular Meeting January 19, 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 1:34 p.m.
2. The November 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Rob Ross, seconded by Bill Abbott.
3. Introductions and welcomes were minimal to advance to the meeting topics.
4. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Training Activities updates: The full-scale exercise for this year will rotate to DEMHS Region 1/ Fairfield County. Albee Bassett of the Region 1 Regional Hazmat Team confirmed that he and others in the region are willing to serve as the location. Brief discussion included identifying the Fairfield fire training facility as the location and a potential notional scenario incorporating the Bridgeport ferry and EV fires as part of the scenario. Planning for the exercise will get underway in the coming weeks, with federal, state, regional, and local representatives participating. US EPA and USCG will likely partner with the SERC in this exercise
5. CT DOT: *CTDOT's Storm Sewer Mapping – Help for Tracking Releases Along State Roads*; Jason Coite and Daniel Imig of CT DOT provided an overview of the online MapViewer currently available for some state roads that indicates the location of stormwater drainage components such as catch basins and outfalls that are useful for identifying flow pathways when releases occur on state roads. There was discussion including appreciation expressed about the importance of this geospatial tool as a resource for responding to oil and chemical spills, the situation with permeable pavement areas, and about the potential in the future for interoperability with Municipal Storm Sewer Mapping since currently municipal systems are on each separate municipal platform.
[Link to CT DOT MS4 Drainage GIS Map as ArcGIS MapViewer](#)
6. Lithium-Ion batteries preparedness and response topic: exchange of information and resources: 1. Diane Duva shared links to the CFPAs website that include the guidance that the lithium ion/energy storage work group developed. [Link to CFPAs Training and education](#) webpage. Rob Ross introduced industry representatives experienced in developing monitoring and suppression systems for public transit systems. They provided an overview of research and testing work being done in the industry to address preparedness needs surrounding increased use and scale of lithium-ion energy storage. There was discussion about the many aspects of preparedness research and training that are underway.
7. Information sharing between agencies and Updates on current issues: An opportunity was provided to share updates between agencies and commission members. This included noting that US EPA has started working with USCG, CT DEEP, regional and local officials, and other entities to develop

Geographic Response Strategies in Connecticut. GRSs are developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in partnership with Connecticut DEEP and the U.S. Coast Guard, as an interagency planning process. Representatives from various levels of government, responders, resource specialists, and industry work together to identify spill risks and sensitive resources. The Geographic Response Strategies in [development for the Connecticut River](#) will be worked on through Autumn 2023. Up to 15 Geographic Response Strategies will be developed for select areas along the Connecticut River from the Massachusetts/Connecticut border to the I-95 overpass at the Connecticut River in Old Lyme/Old Saybrook, Connecticut. Information is posted on the CT DEEP and the CT SERC webpages. More information is available at the [Regional Response Team Region 1 website](#).

8. Updates regarding Tier II Reporting and LEPCs: CT DEEP will be using a new electronic reporting platform, [Hazconnect® Tier II Manager system](#) to manage EPCRA Tier II chemical inventory reports due March 1, 2023. Use of this system will simplify sharing EPCRA Tier II facility information with local officials. This is being rolled out to reporting facilities in the coming weeks, with webinars offered in December and January. The system will be rolled out to local officials throughout 2023. Diane Duva offered to provide an overview of the platform at the March meeting. DEEP will provide the Tier II data after the March deadline. Information is on the [SERC website](#). Facilities may also use EPA's Tier2 Submit platform to those looking to import the data into the CAMEO system.
9. Ideas and requests for future meeting topics were discussed, including a continuation of the lithium-ion battery topic and AFFF/PFAS topics; as well as the Tier II Reports platform that simplifies sharing information between the SERC/DEEP and LEPCs and regional and local officials.
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 Rob Ross.

January 19, 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
No [sent notice]	LTC Benjamin Neumon Connecticut Military Department
No [sent notice]	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
Yes	Lisa Morrissey, Director of Health, Housatonic Valley Health District, member
Yes	Robert Ross , Public member
Yes	Anthony Salvatore, Town Manager, Cromwell, member
Yes	Kyle Zimmer, Jr. , Public member

Also in attendance: **Steve Huleatt**, CREPC/CRCOG; **Wayne Lalicon**, US DOT, PHMSA; **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; **Tony Jackson and Mark Magaldi, III**, Amerex; **Seth Mastrocola**; **Stuart Deland**, **Drew Kukucka**, **Chuck Morrison**, **Rick Swan**, CT DEEP; others