



State of Connecticut Emergency Response Commission

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.

1. The meeting came to order at 1:35 p.m.
2. The March 2023 Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Bill Abbott, seconded by Jeff Morrissette.
3. 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.
4. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Training Activities updates: Jeff Morrissette provided an update on training courses.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Summary of [EPA's National Survey of SERCs](#) published April 2023: Diane Duva presented an overview of the EPA national survey and its findings.
8. 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.
9. Information sharing between Agencies; Updates on Current Issues.
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 2:35p.m. on a motion by Bob Araujo, seconded by Bill Abbott.

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. 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
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 Morrissey, CT DPH Deputy Commissioner
Yes	Robert Ross , Public member
Yes	Anthony Salvatore, Town Manager, Cromwell, member
No	Kyle Zimmer, Jr. , Public member

Also in attendance: **Joe Cyr**, Manchester Water Department; **Bill Seward**, CFA; **Albert Bassett**, Fairfield County HIRT; **Phil Mikan**, USCG;; **Steve Huleatt**, CRCOG/CREPC; **Rick Swan**, **Lori Saliby**, CT DEEP; **Ijeoma George**, PHMSA, USDOT; **Bob Kovach**, environmental consultant; others