



# State of Connecticut Emergency Response Commission

## Minutes of Regular Meeting May 16, 2024 at 1:30 PM

The meeting was held **online and in-person** at CT DESPP-DEMHS Headquarters, 1111 Country Club Road, Middletown.

1. The meeting came to order at 1:35 p.m.
2. Introductions and welcomes
3. The March 2024 Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Bob Araujo, seconded by Jeff Morrissette.
4. Jeff Morrissette provided Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Training Activities updates.
5. Bill Seward provided updates on planning for 2024 exercise in Southeast Connecticut [September 13 & 14]. Jason Coite will provide contact information for the CT Port Authority to provide them situational awareness and welcome participation if they choose.
6. Bill Turner and Diane Duva led discussions on strategies to update LEPC status and plans;
  - a. No new LEPC designations were identified.
  - b. Diane Duva reviewed the updated [LEPC map](#) and the [LEPC Chairperson database](#) and noted that these are dynamic and requested that anyone who is aware of updates please send an email with those revisions to the [DEEP.CTEPCRA@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.CTEPCRA@ct.gov) email address.
  - c. Bob Araujo and others described strategies for focusing LEPCs on updating their status and on their plans.
7. A Commodity Flow Study for the state will be initiated in the coming months and was discussed. Progress is being made in determining the project management.
8. Information sharing between Agencies and partners; Updates on Current Issues; Ideas and requests for future meeting topics. Len Wallace provided an overview of recent EPCRA enforcement in Connecticut. Fran Patno summarized the CISA ChemLock program-training is available to facilities at their site; or online training is available, dates were shared. Idea for a future topic included inviting the Norwalk Fire Chief and DEMHS staff to provide an after action review summary for the recent I-95 Norwalk fire. Additional information sharing.
9. Public Comments: There were no public comments.
10. Adjournment 3:15 p.m. on a motion by Bob Araujo, seconded by Jeff Morrissette.

Attendance	Commission Members
y	Gerard P. Goudreau – Chairperson Facility member
y	Diane W. Duva, Director, State Emergency Response Commission/Assistant Division Director, Remediation Division CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
y	Jeffrey Morrissette, State Fire Administrator CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
n	David Kallander, Ph.D. , Toxicologist; Environmental and Occupational Health Assessment Program/Preparedness CT Department of Public Health
y	Jason Coite Environmental Compliance, Bureau of Engineering and Construction CT Department of Transportation
y	Bill Turner; Jonathan Hartenbaum, Regional Coordinator for William Turner, Director, Emergency Management, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
n	Jeff Saltus, CONN-OSHA CT Department of Labor
y	Matthew LaFayette, Budget Analyst, Budget and Financial Management Division CT Office of Policy and Management
N [contacted to say schedule conflict]	William Abbott, State Fire Marshal Office of State Fire Marshal, Division of Construction Services CT Department of Administrative Services
Y	CST Col. MacSweeney, Capt. Donlon for LTC Benjamin Neumon Connecticut Military Department
n	Chief John C. Littell, Tolland Fire Department Volunteer Fire Department member
n	Chief Edward N. Richards, Enfield Fire Department Municipal Fire Department member
y	Robert J. Araujo, Facility member

n	Lisa Morrissey, CT DPH Deputy Commissioner
y	Robert Ross, Public member
y	Anthony Salvatore, Town Manager, Cromwell, member
n	Kyle Zimmer, Jr., Public member

Also present:

Diana Palmer, Andrew Morrill, CT DOT; Len Wallace, US EPA; Fran Patno, US DHS CISA; Steve Huleatt, CREPC/CRCOG; Bob Kovach, environmental consultant/member of the public

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