



State of Connecticut Emergency Response Commission

Minutes of Regular Meeting September 18, 2025

The meeting was held **online**.

1. The meeting came to order at 13:32.
2. May 2025 Meeting Minutes were approved, on a motion by Mr. Robert Araujo, seconded by COL Ben Neumon.
3. Introductions and welcomes-

Ms. Carolinne Nascimento, Emergency Management Program Specialist with DEMHS, was introduced. Ms. Nascimento has taken the lead on developing the LEPC Planner Module in Hazconnect.

4. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Training Activities Update-

Mr. Jeffrey Morrisette reported on the upcoming regional training focused on dry decontamination practices. Under the FY24 HMEP grant cycle, Region 1 and Region 3 will host training events on September 29th and 30th, respectively. The training will be conducted as a 4-hour "train the trainer" event.

Mr. Ryan Santos reported on two additional training sessions (funded by HMEP FY24 funds) that will be held on September 23rd. The training will focus on Hazconnect as a tool for Connecticut's emergency response community. Two virtual sessions will be held on the 23rd. One session will be held from 14:00-16:00 for full time emergency response personnel and one session will be held from 18:00-20:00 to allow for volunteer emergency response personnel attendance.

5. Planning for 2026 SERC Exercise in DEHMS Region 5 in Spring/Summer 2026-

CPT Tom Corbett, of the City of Danbury Fire Department, provided a summary regarding the 2026 SERC exercise. CPT Corbett indicated that initial planning was under way and that the original facility to host the training was no longer interested in hosting and that he was in the process of working with another facility to host.

6. CT-CHAMP, Coastal Hazards Emergency Preparedness Tool, University of Rhode Island-

Ms. Diane Duva presented the CT-CHAMP Coastal Hazards Emergency Preparedness tool. This is a tool that can be used for predictive modeling of storm surges/events and impacts to the Groton/New London region of Connecticut. The predictive model tool can gather information from various sources to predict storm impacts and integrate that information into a GIS system. Ms. Duva noted that a tabletop exercise with local, federal, and state emergency management officials on the project steering committee is occurring on September 19th. The development of this tool was partially funded by the HMEP grant. If there is sufficient interest, then an overview of the demonstration can be provided at a future meeting.

7. CT DOT, State Roads Catch Basin/Drainage System Map Updates-

Mr. Jason Coite and Mr. Daniel Imig, of the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CT DOT), presented on their Agency's GIS mapping updates for Connecticut state roads catch basins and drainage systems. This mapping update began roughly three years ago, driven by the CT DOT's MS4 stormwater permit. Currently, an estimated 75% of the state drainage systems are mapped and CT DOT continues to work diligently to update the remaining 25%. Updates to these maps are important for predicting fate and transport of chemical releases on CT state roadways. Mr. Coite and Mr. Imig presented examples of the GIS maps they created and navigated attendees on how they can access this information through CT DOT open data.

8. Updates on LEPC Status and Plans-

Ms. Carolinne Nascimento provided updates on the LEPCs. Ms. Nascimento has been working to update all LEPC contact information and has also begun preliminary discussions with Hazconnect for the development of the LEPC planner tool. Mr. Nascimento mentioned that a tentative meeting has been scheduled, with Hazconnect and CTDEEP, in early October to advance the development of the LEPC planner tool to the next steps of development.

9. EPCRA Updates and Information sharing between Agencies and partners; Updates on Current Issues; Ideas and requests for future meeting topics; New Business.

Mr. Ryan Santos informed those in attendance that EPA has recently solicited input from all New England states on proposed changes to the Tier 2 Submit software platform. EPA gave the states the option to add three required questions for facilities reporting Tier 2 reports through Tier 2 Submit. Connecticut agreed that the three proposed, mandatory/required, questions made sense and should be implemented. Mr. Santos also stated that he would be working with Hazconnect to implement the same three required questions into the Hazconnect software, as some facilities report Tier 2 information through that platform rather than EPA's Tier 2 Submit software.

10. Public Comments (opportunity for comments from any members of the public present)

Mr. Robert Araujo reinforced that he would like to see further information on Hazconnect/LEPC module and CT-CHAMP in future meetings.

11. Next Meeting schedule for Thursday, November 20th from 13:30-15:00.

12. Adjournment 14:07 on a motion by Mr. Jeff Morrisette; seconded by COL Ben Neumon.

Attendance	Commission Members
n	Gerard P. Goudreau – Chairperson, Facility member
y	Ryan Santos , Assistant Division Director, Emergency Response and Spill Prevention Division, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection <i>[also Lori Saliby, Diane Duva]</i>
y	Jeffrey Morrisette , State Fire Administrator CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
y	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 <i>[also Daniel Imig, Andrew Morrill]</i>
n	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
n	Matthew LaFayette , Budget Analyst, Budget and Financial Management Division, CT Office of Policy and Management
n	Lauri Volkert , State Fire Marshal, Office of State Fire Marshal, Division of Construction Services CT Department of Administrative Services
y	COL Benjamin Neumon , Connecticut Military Department
n	Chief John C. Littell , Tolland Fire Department, Volunteer Fire Department

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n	Chief Edward N. Richards , Enfield Fire Department, Municipal Fire Department member
y	Robert J. Araujo , Facility member
n	Robert Kovach , Public member
y	Lisa Morrissey , Facility member
n	Robert Ross , Public member
n	Anthony Salvatore , Town Manager, Cromwell, Public member
n	Kyle Zimmer, Jr. , Public member

Also present:

William Seward, CT Fire Academy; **Tom Corbett**, Danbury FD/Region 5 ESF-10; **Karen Way and Liam McDonald**, US EPA R1; **Carolinne Nascimento**, DEMHS; **Steve Huleatt**, CRCOG; **John DeCecco**, US Flood Control