



State of Connecticut Emergency Response Commission

Minutes of Regular Meeting May 21, 2026

The meeting was held **online**.

1. The meeting came to order at 13:35.
2. The draft March 2026 Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Robert Araujo, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey Morrisette.
3. Introductions and welcomes-

Ms. Lisa Lawson, CT DEEP, was introduced and welcomed back to the SERC meetings. Ms. Lawson will be providing administrative support to the SERC commission.

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

Mr. Ryan Santos reported that the CT DESPP/DFSA and CT DEEP have finished drafting the MOU, which is near final signature. Mr. Santos also provided updates on the plans to conduct a commodity flow study in Year 2 of the FY25-27 HMEP grant and provided updates on current enhancements being made to the EPCRA planning tool, Hazconnect.

5. Planning for 2026 SERC Exercise in DEHMS Region 5, confirmed for Friday, August 28, 2026-

Mr. Stephen Foley provided updates on coordination efforts related to the upcoming annual SERC exercise. Updates included;

- G-191 Class is scheduled for June 22nd

- Danbury Emergency Management team confirmed that rehab has been coordinated with ARC and Salvation Army for the Exercise

- Danbury FD completed a follow-up Dry Decon Class on May 19th

- Danbury LEPC meeting scheduled for June 9th, potentially followed by another railyard walk-thru (TBD)

- Danbury FD Training with CSX in early August

6. Updates on LEPC Status and Plans-

Ms. Carolinne Nascimento's primary status update was related to attempts she has made to identify the EPCRA point of contact at EPA Region 1, now that Mr. Leonard Wallace has retired. Ms. Nascimento plans to coordinate with this individual, once identified, on the LEPC requirements.

7. 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 the CT Fire Academy is hosting a class in July related to emerging explosions and lithium battery hazards. The class qualifies for continuing education credit for Fire Marshalls. Mr. Santos also asked those in attendance for suggestions for future meeting topics and stated that the September meeting will include a presentation on the annual SERC exercise. No other suggestions were offered for future topics.

8. A vote was taken on whether to cancel the July SERC meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Jeffrey Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Robert Araujo. There were no objections from others in attendance.

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

There were no public comments.

10. Next Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 17th from 13:30-15:00.

11. The meeting adjourned at 13:49.

Attendance	Commission Members
y	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
y	Jeffrey Morrisette , 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	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
n	COL Benjamin Neumon , Connecticut Military Department
y	Chief John C. Littell , Tolland Fire Department, Volunteer Fire Department member
y	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

List of Additional Attendees;

CT DEEP- Lori Saliby, Gary Trombly, Rich Scalora, Lisa Lawson

CT DEMHS- Carolinne Nascimento, Michael Paradis, Nicole Velardi

City of Meriden- Cristina Shoeck