



Nebraska State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

January 10, 2017
 Nebraska Educational Television (NET)
 1800 North 33rd St., Lincoln, Nebraska
 1:00 PM CST

I. Call to Order, Introduction of Members

A copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Statute was available for review on the registration table. John Grimes, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:59 PM CST.

Member		Affiliation	Present
Sheri	Blaha	County Elected Official	X
Steven	Danon	Small Business	X
Keith	Deiml	Education	
Sue	Dempsey	Health and Human Services	X
VACANT		Agribusiness	
Joe	Francis	Department of Environmental Quality	X
Rick	Grauerholz	City Government	X
John	Grimes	Chair, Industry	X
Jim	Heine	State Fire Marshal	X
Tim	Hofbauer	Vice Chair, Local Emergency Management	X
Larry	Johnson	Trucking Association	
Polly	Jordening	Labor	X
Mark	Lohnes	NDEQ SARA Title III	X
Judd	Lyons	ARNG	
Mark	Maday	Transportation	
Sharon	Medcalf	Community Health	X
Dana	Miller	Fire	X
Tonya	Ngotel	SERC Coordinator	X
Kimberly	Plouzek	Environmental Protection	X
Ben	Salo	Union Pacific Railroad	X
Tom	Sands	Department of Roads	
Thomas	Schwarten	State Patrol	X
Tom	Sands	NDOR Alt	
Bryan	Tuma	NE Emergency Management	X

Others in attendance: Rob Latimer, Jim Dunker, Quinn Lewandowski, Nikki Weber, James Rashilla, Nazy Chiniforoushan, Terri Blunk, Diana Cheney, and Julie Bergfield

II. Approval of the agenda for January 10th, 2017

Tom Schwarten made a motion to approve the January 10th, 2017 agenda; Sharon Medcalf seconded this motion. The motion passed by unanimous acclamation vote with no abstentions or dissensions.

- III. Approval of the minutes** from the October 4, 2016 meeting. Tim Hofbauer made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 4th, 2016; Joe Francis seconded this motion. The motion passed by unanimous acclamation vote with no abstentions or dissensions.
- IV. New Business**
- a. No new business was reported.
- V. Old Business**
- a. LEPC Membership Approval (Vote)**
- i. Nine applications for membership were received. Joe Francis made a motion to approve all applications for membership. Sue Dempsey seconded this motion; motion passed by unanimous acclamation vote.
- ii. How better communicate LEPC meetings. Calendar would help with this. Other option is to get on their list for meetings. Need to meet at least yearly. Will try to send out applications in drop box in the future
- b. SERC Membership**
- i. Status Report**
1. Don Eisenhower has retired. The SERC is currently reaching out to the pipeline membership to hopefully fill the vacancy.
- c. 2017 Regional LEPC Conference, Kansas City**
- i. The Regional LEPC Conference will be held in Kansas City in July. Hoping to have a contractor to help with logistics pretty soon, with the dates of the conference tentatively being July 20th – 22nd. If anyone has any interest in attending, please contact Tonya Ngotel
- d. SERC Strategic Plan Review and Update**
- i. The University of Nebraska Public Policy Center will soon meet with Tonya and review the SERC Strategic Plan.
- e. Other**
- i. **Ammonia Safety Day** – Terri Blunk (EPA) and Steve Danon (Small Business) attended as both presenters and exhibitors. Over 70 attendees from local businesses. They spoke mostly about risk management. Mostly focused on industry, only a small percentage of attendees were of ag focused.
- VI. Report from NEMA**
- Bryan Tuma took over NEMA about 3 years ago. Bryan has recently negotiated that the radiological section now be housed at NEMA office. There have been some organizational changes. The radiological section will now be housed in the preparedness section. Tonya Ngotel has been fulfilling multiple roles since the passing of former NEMA Technical Hazards Supervisor, Jon Schwarz. Nikki will be taking over the management role for the section, and the SERC chair position will likely open up with the fact that Tonya Ngotel possibly being promoted.

Fort Calhoun has officially stopped generating power. Cooper is now the operating plant. Going through the closing steps in Fort Calhoun. OPPD working with the NRC to go through the process to work through all the decommissioning. Cooling process takes up to 18 months.

Nazy Chiniforoushan has become the new planner with Cooper. There are three main counties surrounding the plant. All of the counties had slightly different plans. Nazy is currently helping the counties merge their plans to have a consist plan. Fort Calhoun has two exercises coming up. Both of the exercise will act like the plant is in full function.

NEMA is also preparing for severe weather. In March, ice and heavy snow are a focus. Working with public power to work on procedures, etc.

Omaha Zoo Hazmat Exercise Report – James Rashilla

Been in touch with the Omaha Zoo for a table top exercise. Will occur likely around May. Focusing on protecting and evacuating the zoo in event of a HazMat incident near the zoo. Testing current capabilities and working with the security manager to revamp existing plans.

HEMP Report

Comes from the department of transportation. We expended the FY 14-15 budget. The FY 15-16 grant has been extended to March 2017. 16-17 it is going back together. We are keeping the training and planning events separate. 75% of the SERC coordinator salary. Help people attend conferences, etc.

VII. Report from NDEQ

The department is still following up and investigating the Magellen incident. The incident occurred in Doniphan that involved the release of 1100 barrels of gasoline. Much of the release was able to be contained on-site. There were some H₂S issues in South Sioux that impacted over 25 homes that the NDEQ will be continuing to monitor. The problem in South Sioux has been tied to the sewers but the NDEQ is continuing the investigation. The State of Nebraska has been dealing with a budget issue, undoubtable it will impact all state agencies. Governor's office has supported looking at processes and improving them. An anhydrous ammonia facility is being built in the city limits of Geneva. It would be invaluable for representatives from the plant to present at a future SERC meeting. The anhydrous will be mostly moved by trucks.

VIII. Report from EPA

a. Final Rule Modernizing Risk Management Program Regulation Signed by EPA's Administration

In late December the final rule was sent for publication. The effective dates for new provisions vary from 1 year (for some emergency coordination items) to five years after publication in the federal register. Below are highlights of provisions that may impact

emergency planners and responders. For the full description of changes see:
<https://www.epa.gov/rmp/final-amendments-risk-management-program-rmp-rule>

b. Toxic Release Inventory Updates - **Final Rule Adds Hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD) Category to TRI List Starting for CY 2017 (Reports due July 1, 2018)

On November 28, 2016, EPA finalized a rule adding a HBCD category to the TRI list of reportable chemicals with a 100-pound reporting threshold. HBCD is a brominated flame retardant found in the environment, in wildlife, and in humans. EPA added this chemical category because HBCD present potential human health concerns for developmental and reproductive effects, is highly toxic to aquatic and land-dwelling organism, bio accumulates, and is persistent in the environment. Additionally, because HBCD bio accumulates and is persistent in the environment, the EPA determined it meets the TRI criteria for a Persistent, Bio accumulative, and Toxic (PBT) chemical. For more information, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/addition-hexabromocyclododecane-hbcd-category-tri-list-final>

c. **Comments Due January 17, 2017 for Proposal to Add Nonylphenol Ethoxylates (NPEs) Category List

On Nov. 16, 2016, the EPA proposed to add and NPEs category to the TRI list of reportable list. NPEs are nonionic surfactants used in adhesives, wetting agents, emulsifiers, stabilizers, dispersants, defoamers, cleaners, paints, and coatings. EPA proposed this rule because they believe that longer-chain NPEs can break down in environment to short-chain NPEs and nonylphenol, both of which are highly toxic to the aquatic organisms. Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-TRI-2016-0222, through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> or by another method described in the federal register. For more information, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/addition-npes-category-tri-list-proposed-rule#additional-resources>

d. Celebrating 30 years of EPCRA

See the interactive timeline at <https://www.epa.gov/epcra/30-years-epcra>

IX. Public Forum / Presentation

Nebraska Pipeline Association – Members of the Nebraska Pipeline Association have been reaching out to responders and offering education opportunities on HazMat response to pipeline incidents. Invite all stakeholders that would be involved in the response. Do public awareness and outreach events. An incident in Washington led to a congressional effort and more coordination on those things. Pipeline operators are mandated to meet the standards and show that those outreach attempts are effective. PA tries to approve the program each year. All of these trainings are for in case there ever is an incident, people in the area are prepared to respond. The NPA has about 15-16 members and provide a common cohesive message.

Beatrice Hazmat Spill Response – Chief Brian Daake

On Dec 12, 2016 at 10:44 AM, Beatrice EMS page to CPR call at a manufacturing plant. Prior to this incident they had received two medical calls. En route, there were reports of man down in the bathroom as well. Arrived on scene and the facility had a great response team. Both of those gentleman were members of the cleaning crew. There was a mop bucket that was self-contained in the break room area which had its own HVAC system. The team followed responder protocols and they confined the area. They did not get total HazMat response until 12:22 PM. Set up decon and at 12:54 PM made entry. Combustible gas was indicated upon entry. The gentleman that passed away was dumping the mop bucket when the mixture of several types of chemicals caused a reaction. The team was able to remove the container that contained the water. Went through the Emergency Manger. Arrived at 4:00 PM and within about an hour they had tested the mop water, etc. Made entry into break rooms and bathrooms, everything tested normal. Inconclusive what cause the gentleman to pass away. Normal atmospheric condition and police department is currently completing its investigation. CST entered as a level A after the locals exceeded their capabilities.

X. Adjournment

- a.** Next Meeting will likely occur in April.
- b.** Sharon Medcalf made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Salo seconded this motion. The motion passed by unanimous acclamation vote.