

State Emergency Response Commission Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2015
Nebraska Educational TV
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. Tim Hofbauer, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

Member		Affiliation	Present
Sheri	Blaha	County Elected Official	X via conference call
Steven	Danon	Small Business	X
Keith	Deiml	Education	X
Don	Eisenhauer	Agribusiness	X
Joe	Francis	Department of Environmental Quality	X
Gary	Gandara	Labor	
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	X
Mark	Lohnes	NDEQ SARA Title III	X
Ben	Salo	Transportation – Union Pacific	
Sharon	Medcalf	Community Health	
Dana	Miller	Fire	X via conference call
Tonya	Ngotel	SERC Coordinator	X
Kimberly	Plouzek	Environmental Protection	
Tom	Sands	Department of Roads	
Thomas	Schwarten	State Patrol	X
Sue	Semerena	Health and Human Services	X
Bryan	Tuma	NE Emergency Management	X

Others in attendance: Teri Blunt, EPA Region 7 – via conference; Tim Newman, Director Region 22 EMA; Anthony Murphy, Fire Marshal Scottsbluff FD; Mark DeKraai, Public Policy Center; Kevin Knorr, State Patrol Fusion Center; Mark Meints, NDOR; Joseph Painter, Winnebago Tribe EPA; Patrick Rooney, NEMA; Meile Rosenlund, Region 44 EMA; Tom Smith, Region 44 EMA; and Hayley Sutter PPC.

II. Approval of the Agenda for July 7, 2015

Tim Hofbauer made a motion to move the LEOP Annex F, Hazmat Plan agenda item from New Business to Public Forum/Presentation. Tom Schwarten seconded this motion. The motion passed by consensus.

- III. Approval of the Minutes** from April 7, 2015 meeting.
Steve Danon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the April 7, 2015 meeting pending the correction of the meeting title. Sue Semerena seconded this motion; the motion passed by consensus.
- IV. New Business**
- a. LEOP Annex F, Hazmat Plan**
Reported under Public Forum / Presentation
 - b. State Fire Marshal Training Division – Alan Joos, SFM Training Division**
Between the dates of October 2, 2014 to June 15, 2015 the State Fire Marshal has utilized HMEP money to train over 1,000 people; trainings include 12 classes on general Hazmat awareness, nine refreshers, three operational refreshers, one testing class, one hazmat technician course, among others. Most of the trainings were departmental requests and were held at the local fire department.
- V. Old Business**
- a. LEPC Membership Approval (Vote)**
87 applications were received; a high number of applications were for renewal and a few were from counties revamping their LEPC or establishing a new one. Joe Francis made a motion to approve all 27 LEPC membership applications. Dana Miller seconded this motion, the motion passed by consensus.
 - b. SERC Membership Committee**
 - i. Status Report**
All SERC membership positions are filled for the first time in a few years. Rich Grauerholz has been appointed as the City Elected Official position and Sharon Medcalf has replace Keith Hansen as the Community Health representative.
 - c. 2015 Regional LEPC Conference**
Registration for the 2015 Regional LEPC Conference has closed. The conference will be held on August 6-8 in Nebraska City at the Lied Lodge and Conference Center. A BBQ event will be held on Friday, August 7 at the Nebraska City Fire Hall; all SERC members are encouraged to attend the BBQ event. The agenda for the conference has been finalized and includes tracks for Industry, Transportation, LEPC Basics, Incident Command Case Studies, and Hazmat.
 - d. SERC Strategic Plan Review and Update**
 - i. LEPC Survey**
During the LEPC Survey sub-committee meeting, the national LEPC survey and the previous Nebraska LEPC survey were reviewed to include in the 2015 Nebraska LEPC survey. A draft online survey has been created for the SERC to review; once finalized, it will be completed by LEPCs or Emergency Managers. The survey is expect to be released by October and will be open until December; if finalized early, the survey timeline may be moved up.
 - ii. Funding LEPCs**
Nebraska is one of only six states that does not charge fees for Tier II filing; 12 states didn't state their fee status and 32 charge fees ranging from a flat \$10 fee to \$10 per chemical reported. The subcommittee is going to review the other states in Region 7 to determine their method of fee collection for Tier II reporting.

iii. Speakers Bureau

Tonya continues to incorporate LEPC chairs and use the SERC as a tool to provide information to the locals. SERC members should update Tonya on all outreach activities, and members will continue to report on outreach at the quarterly SERC meeting.

iv. Commodity Flow Study

The desired outcome of the Commodity Flow Study is to develop information to be used regionally by local hazmat teams and other localities in need of the information. The sub-committee is looking at creating a one-page summary of the study. The sub-committee intends to collaborate with the Winnebago Tribe on their commodity flow study.

e. Emergency Order - Bakken Crude Oil Transport

Discussion was held around the continuous transport of Bakken Crude along the eastern section of Nebraska. Train cars can hold an estimated 30,000 gallons of Bakken Crude Oil; thus a train of 34 cars would be reported under the Executive Order. Transportation of Bakken Crude Oil through Nebraska began in June 2014; transportation has fluctuated monthly between a low of 0-3 trains per month to a high of 20-30 trains per month. Trains traveling through Nebraska generally begin in Sioux City, move through Fremont, and turn east into Iowa; about 2-7 trains per week travel through Lincoln. BNSF is the only rail company that reports hailing Bakken in Nebraska.

f. Other

No report.

VI. Report from NEMA

a. TERREX 2015 – Bakken Crude Oil Ex (Winnebago, Fremont & Tech)

The statewide exercise will be a series of tabletop exercises focused on Bakken Crude Oil; the exercises will be held in Winnebago, Fremont, and Lincoln. Two three hours seminars will be held in each city; the first seminar will feature expert testimony and planning discussions for a potential incident and the second seminar will be held a month later to discuss capabilities and work plans. BNSF is doing a series of workshops along the railroad for first responders on safety and resources the railroad offers in the event of an incident. BNSF already conducted a workshop for NEMA staff. The workshops will be conducted during August and September.

b. LLCHD Household Hazmat Waste

Lancaster County has held public meetings regarding creating a household hazmat waste facility. NDEQ assisted Omaha with financing and developing their Under the Sink Campaign; they have not been contacting regarding Lincoln's proposed facility.

VII. Report from NDEQ/EPA

- a. NDEQ** – The NDEQ has responded to a few incidents in the past two months including one in Omaha where petroleum vapors were reported at a lift station. The vapors resulted from a leaking gas line at a nearby gas station; the City of Omaha worked with the gas station to isolate the sewer line the petroleum was leaking into and pump the contaminated sewage out and fix the leak. The other incident involved an accident between a train and stalled car in Duncan, Nebraska. Fire foam sprayed onto the car flowed into a nearby stream, prompting NDEQ and the State Fire Marshal to be called to monitor the stream. Avian Influenza has been a concern and NDEQ is working on disposal plans for the affected birds and associated debris. A Contagious

Animal Management Plan (CAMP) was completed for cattle in 2004 and poultry in 2007; this plan outlined composting and onsite burial as the recommended method of disposal. The CAMPs are managed by the Department of Agriculture and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency.

- b. **EPA** – Region 7 has seen numerous retirements and a few new hires over the past year, including the retirement of the TRI Coordinator in December 2014. June 2015 marks the one-year anniversary of Executive Order 13650; the EO Working Group has released a factsheet and other documents as part of an ongoing federal effort to improve chemical risk management. These documents include: ‘How to Better Prepare Your Community for a Chemical Emergency: A Guide for State, Tribal, and Local Agencies’; ‘Chemical Safety Alert: Safer Technology and Alternatives’; ‘Revised Chemical Advisory: Safe Storage, Handling, and Management of Ammonium Nitrate’; and ‘Anhydrous Ammonia at Refrigeration Facilities under Scrutiny by EPA – EPA Enforcement Efforts Focus on Prevention of Chemical Accidents’.

VIII. Public Forum/Presentation

- a. **State Patrol Fusion Center** – Kevin Knorr, Nebraska State Patrol – The Nebraska Information Analysis Center (NIAC; also known as Fusion Center) was formed to detect, prevent, investigate, and respond to criminal and terrorist activity. The mission of the NIAC is to collect, evaluate, analyze, and disseminate information and intelligence data regarding criminal and terrorist activity to federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies; other Fusion Centers; and to the public and private entities as appropriate, while following the *Fair Information Practices* to ensure the rights and privacy of citizens. The NIAC has utilized the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) since 2010; HSIN is a web-based platform, run by the Department of Homeland Security, which is designed to allow local, state, tribal, and federal government agencies to share "Sensitive But Unclassified (SBU)" information with each other over a secure channel and can be used to do research for past information releases. The NIAC has a vetting tool to allow external stakeholder’s access to HSIN. The NIAC will be presenting on HSIN to the Planning, Exercise, Training (PET) Regions in Nebraska. The next Fusion Liaison Officer (FLO) training will be held in the fall; five emergency managers have been invited to attend the training.
- b. **Winnebago Tribe Commodity Flow Study** – Joseph Painter with the EPA of the Tribe of Winnebago applied for a grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to conduct a multi-state commodity flow study of Nebraska and Iowa; the project (if approved) will begin on October 1. The study will provide outreach to first responders, allow for data sharing, and conduct two workshops.
- c. **LEOP Annex F, Hazmat Plan** – Patrick Rooney with NEMA presented on the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). The purpose of LEOP Annex F, Hazmat Plan is to establish broad policies to integrate local fire, emergency medical and advanced life support, rescue, and hazardous materials response operations with those of other City forces when responding to an emergency or disaster, as defined by the LEOP. The LEOP was authorized by the Nebraska Emergency Management Act, Nebraska Management Administrative Code (Title 67, Chapter 7), and SARA Title III Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know-Act (EPCRA). The LEOP identifies roles and responsibilities of the various responding forces, but does not outline how these roles and responsibilities are to be carried out. Annex F, Appendix 1 focuses on hazardous materials response, including facilities & vulnerable areas, hazmat incident reports, and notifications.

IX. Adjournment

Larry Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Grauerholz seconded this motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:24pm.

Next meeting is October 6, 2015 at 1:00pm at NET in Lincoln, Nebraska.