

SERC MEETING
April 2, 2013; 1300 CDT
 Super 8 Conference Center, Holdrege, Nebraska

I. Call to Order, Introduction of Members

An Open Meeting Statute, available for review, was available on the registration table. Keith Hanson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM.

Member	Affiliation	Present	
(empty)	County Elected Official		
Al	Berndt	NE Emergency Management	
(empty)	Industry		
Steven	Danon	Small Business	X
Keith	Deiml	Education	X
Don	Eisenhauer	Agribusiness	X
Jim	Heine	State Fire Marshal	X
Joe	Francis	Department of Environmental Quality	X
Gary	Gandara	Labor	
Keith	Hansen	Chair, Community Health	X
Tim	Hofbauer	Vice Chair, Local Emergency Management	X
Larry	Johnson	Trucking Association	
Judd	Lyons	ARNG	
Mark	Lohnes	NDEQ SARA Title III	X
(empty)	City Government		
Mark	Maday	Transportation	
Dana	Miller	Fire	X
Tonya	Ngotel	SERC Coordinator	X
Kimberly	Plouzek	Environmental Protection	X
Tom	Sands	Department of Roads	
Tom	Schwarten	State Patrol	
Sue	Semerena	Health and Human Services	X
Jessica	Sherwood	NDOR Alt	

Others Present: Mark DeKraai (*Public Policy Center*); Jon Grimes (*Elkhorn Valley LEPC, Chair*); Marge Melroy (*South Central LEPC, Secretary and Treasurer*); Terry Klein (*SCLRECP*); Hayley Sutter (*Public Policy Center*); Doug Fox (*Region 24 EMA*).

II. Approval of the Agenda for April 2, 2013

Sue Semerena made a motion to approve the agenda. Tim Hofbauer seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

III. Approval of the Minutes from January 8, 2013 meeting.

Dana Miller made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 8, 2013. Keith Deiml seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

IV. New Business

- a. Election of Officers – held over from January meeting
The State Emergency Response Commission has 19 seats with roughly half being state appointed; the remainder are citizen members. According to statute only the citizen members are allowed to hold the position of chair or vice chair.

Keith Deiml nominated Keith Hansen for the position of Chair of the State Emergency Response Commission. Joe Francis seconded this nomination; the nomination passed by consensus. Keith Hansen will serve a second term as Chair of the State Emergency Response Commission.

Keith Hansen nominated Tim Hofbauer for the position of Vice Chair of the State Emergency Response Commission. Kim Plouzek seconded this nomination; the nomination passed by consensus. Tim Hofbauer will serve a second term as Vice Chair of the State Emergency Response Commission.

- b. Review of 2013/2014 HMEP Grant Application
Tonya Ngotel gave an overview of the grant and discussed the purpose of this grant; to provide, training on the transportation of hazardous materials to first responders across Nebraska at no fee. This grant is provided through transportation fees gathered from the Department of Transportation and passed-through as HMEP grants to the states and territories. The grant is comprised of two components: a planning component and a training component.

Several changes were noted this year; a portion of the salary for the SERC position will be taken from out of grant; this will be the first time Nebraska has appropriated funds from the HMEP Grant for personnel. An additional change will be commodity flow study will not be continued in the 2013/2014 grant, the plan will be finalized in September of 2013. A hazmat challenge will be held in Nebraska in September of 2013; additionally, a hazmat team may be sent to Los Alamos, New Mexico for the 2014 National Hazmat Challenge. Budgeting will allow for three SERC members to attend the NASTTPO conference in Houston, Texas in October 2013.

Attendance for a couple SERC members to attend the Region VII Regional Response Team meetings has been written into the 2013/2014 HMEP Grant budget. These meetings are typically held twice a year in Kansas City and provide training and lessons learned from previous hazmat spills. The Coast Guard, Environmental Protection Agency, Occupational Safety and Health Administration have presented at past Region VII Regional Response Team meetings.

The majority of training funds available are allocated for the State Fire Marshal Training Division. A Hazmat Incident Command Course will be conducted with funding from this grant. The Nebraska Hazardous Incident Team (NHIT) and the Law Enforcement Training Commission (LETC) will receive a small portion of the grant funds.

Tonya Ngotel, Mark Lohnes, and John Grimes will be attending the 2013 NASTTPO conference in mid-April. The future implications of the 2013/2014 HMEP Grant will be discussed during the NASTTPO Conference.

The grant will be submitted on or before April 15, 2013.

V. Old Business

a. LEPC Membership Approval (Vote)

Seven new applications were received, all from Kimball County. Tim Hofbauer made a motion to approve the seven applications from Kimball County. Joe Francis seconded this motion; the motion passed by consensus.

b. SERC Membership Committee

i. Status Report

Three positions are available for the SERC: County Elected Official, City Government and Industry. Applications for the Industry position have been received but not yet reviewed. Ideal applicants would have community development planning experience and have worked in/with local, state, or national government. Inquiries should be sent to Tonya Ngotel or the Office of the Governor.

c. SERC Subcommittee Report

i. Public Outreach/LEPC Support

The SERC meet at the April annual retreat and laid out a plan to continue to provide outreach and support to the LEPCs. For a full report on the activities of the outreach/support subcommittee see the attached work plan.

ii. LEPC Function

1. Strategic Report – Survey Results

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d. 2013 Regional LEPC Conference

The Regional LEPC Conference will be held on July 25-27 in Overland Park, Kansas City. HMEP grant money was available to fund conference expenses for LEPC members. Six applications were received, accounting for 13 people requesting funding assistance to attend the conference. SERC members can request reimbursement for conference expenses. EPA hosts an award luncheon and each state can nominate a large LEPC, small LEPC, website and industry for awards presented at this conference. Nominations can be sent to Tonya Ngotel via email.

e. Other

No report.

VI. Report from NEMA

A Hazmat Challenge will be held in Omaha, Nebraska on September 19-20. The ten hazmat teams, the state team, the 72nd Civil Support Team, Union Pacific, NEMA, and the EPA have been invited. Logistical volunteers are needed for this event; contact Tonya if you are interested. A team of 8 from the Nebraska Hazmat Challenge will be selected to attend the 2014 National Hazmat Challenge in Los Alamos, New Mexico.

NEMA is working to develop a SOG/SOP for hazmat response. Previously, an algorithm was developed as a check list; however, this algorithm proved to be unnecessarily complex for many situations. NEMA is working with Mark DeKraai and the Public Policy Center to develop a hazmat focused document that will more closely mirror the wild fire ‘yellow book.’

VII. Report from NDEQ/EPA

Scott McIntyre presented on Title 126 at the annual conference of the Nebraska Municipal Power [Pool](#). Title 126 is the Department of Environmental Quality's spill and clean-up chapter that is routinely neglected or forgotten. If you are interested in a presentation on Title 126, contact Joe Francis. Mercury spills continue to be an issue. NDEQ is reevaluating the cost/recovery of mercury clean-up and level of, and methods used to perform re-entry testing.

The Nebraska Infrastructure Protection Conference was held on March 26-27, 2013 in La Vista. The conference agenda this year included a number of sessions on active shooter and school violence; each year the conference agenda focuses on a different aspect of Nebraska infrastructure protection.

Tier II season is finished. The most salient change to the 2013 application was the inclusion of a link to the appropriate LEPC at the bottom of the website. This link allowed applicants to click the button and send the application to their LEPC. The Toxic Release Inventory is due on July 1, 2013.

VIII. Public Presentation

No public presentation.

IX. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on July 2, 2013 at 1:00 PM in Lincoln, Nebraska at the Nebraska Educational Television building.

X. Adjournment

Sue Semerena made a motion to adjourn at 1:58 PM. Joe Francis seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

**Appendix I:
LEPC Membership Applications**

Name	Email	Representing	Occupation	County
Brandon Lou	Bloy9713@gmail.com	Law	Police	Kimball
David Hottell	Kchd71@centurylink.net	Public Works	Public Works	Kimball
Wayne Elliott	Elliottw59@gmail.com	Fire	Fire	Kimball
Rod Horn	rlhorn@spnrd.org	NRD	NRD	Kimball
James Schnell	jwschnell@hotmail.com	Mayor	Mayor	Kimball
Kevin Sherman	shermank@cleanharbors.com	Industry	Industry	Kimball
Timothy Nolting	mtimn@aol.com	County Comm	Commissioner	Kimball



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Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) / Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)

Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) Updates

- **TRI-MEweb Application and Reporting Materials Now Available for RY 2012.** The RY 2012 versions of TRI-MEweb, the TRI reporting forms and instructions, the TRI chemical list and the threshold screening tool are now available for facilities to begin reporting for RY 2012. The deadline to submit TRI forms for RY 2012 is midnight on July 1, 2013. For more information please visit the following website: <http://www.epa.gov/tri/>.
- **TRI University Challenge.** The TRI Program is challenging the academic community to find innovative and creative uses of TRI data and related information to promote more informed decision-making and action on the part of communities, manufacturers, and government. Visit the new TRI University Challenge page to learn more about how we can work together. For more information please visit the following website: www.epa.gov/tri/university.
- **2011 TRI National Analysis Report is available.** The National Analysis is EPA's annual report summarizing the most recent TRI information at the national level and for selected urban communities, large aquatic ecosystems, and tribal lands. A variety of documents, web pages and online tools are available to help you learn about the TRI toxic chemicals managed at industrial facilities in 2011, including what those facilities are doing to prevent pollution. For more information please visit the following website: <http://www.epa.gov/tri/>.
- **EPA has reinstated the TRI reporting requirements for hydrogen sulfide.** This action will be effective for the 2012 reporting year, with the first reports due from facilities by **July 1, 2013**.
- **TRI Interactive Educational Tool: Tox Town.** Have you ever wondered which chemicals are in your community and what impacts they may have on your health? The National Library of Medicine has an interesting interactive website that introduces middle school, high school, and college students, as well as educators and the general public, to toxic chemicals in their everyday environment. Tox Town uses graphics, sounds, and animation to show the connections between chemicals, the environment, and the public's health. To access this tool, please visit <http://toxtown.nlm.nih.gov/flash/border/flash.php>
- **TRI.NET Application Updated with 2011 Data.** TRI.NET has been updated to include the most recent TRI data from the 2011 calendar year. The data are also available in Envirofacts and TRI Explorer, as well as in downloadable files. For more information visit the following website: <http://www.epa.gov/tri/>.
- **TRI Launches New Pollution Prevention Webpage.** In administering TRI, EPA seeks to highlight the many steps that businesses across America are taking to promote pollution prevention (P2) and sustainability. To this end, the TRI program is working to increase the prominence and usability of the wealth of information TRI collects annually about facility efforts to reduce releases of toxic chemicals to the environment. To learn more, visit TRI's new P2 webpage at <http://www.epa.gov/tri/P2/index.html> and check back for new ways to access and analyze TRI's P2 data.
- **EPA invites interested stakeholders to provide input** on a variety of topics related to EPA plans to potentially broaden the scope of industry sectors covered by TRI. EPA is considering adding or expanding coverage of the following industry sectors: Iron Ore Mining, Phosphate Mining, Solid Waste Combustors and Incinerators, Large Dry Cleaning, Petroleum Bulk Storage, and Steam

Generation from Coal and/or Oil. For further information or to provide input, visit:
<http://www.regulations.gov/exchange/topic/trisectorsrule>.

[EPCRA/CERCLA \(cont.\)](#)

[EPCRA On-line Training](#)

EPA Headquarters is developing an on-line EPCRA training course designed to help EPCRA inspectors to obtain their credentials. Although the primary audience is EPCRA inspectors, it is also useful for EPCRA regulators. Another module for LEPC Emergency Planning Training is scheduled to be released in May 2013. When they become available on-line, you will be able to find links to these trainings at <http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/epcra/index.htm>.

[2013 Region 7 LEPC/TERC Emergency Planning and Response Conference](#)

The next regional conference is planned for July 25-27, 2013 at the Marriott hotel in Overland Park, KS. Please nominate Nebraska LEPCs for various awards to be presented at this conference. For award nomination, registration, and other conference information, please visit:

<http://www.marc.org/gti/lepc-terc/index.htm>.

[Emergency Response and Removal Update](#)

● For information on removal actions completed by EPA, please visit <http://www.epaosc.org>.

[Region 7 Regional Response Team Meeting](#)

The next Region 7 Regional Response Team meeting will be held on April 16-17, 2013, in Kansas City, MO at EPA Region 7's Training and Logistic Center: 8600 NE Underground Rd, Pillar 253; Kansas City, Missouri 64141. Please follow this link to Register:

http://nrt.org/production/nrt/RRTHome.nsf/AllPages/rrt_vii-upcoming-meetings.htm?OpenDocument.

If you have questions about this meeting, please contact Scott Hayes at (913) 551-7670 (w), (913) 645-3217 (m), or hayes.scott@epa.gov.

[Local Government Reimbursements \(LGR\) – Hazardous Substance Claims](#)

To make a claim to EPA for reimbursement of costs associated with a hazardous materials response, go to <http://www.epa.gov/oem/content/lgr>. If you have questions, call the EPA Helpline at 1-800-431-9209.

[U.S. Coast Guard National Pollution Funds Center \(NPFC\) – Oil Claims](#)

To make a claim for costs or damages from an incident under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), use the two-page form found at the bottom of the NPFC Claimant's Guide, which can be found at <http://www.uscg.mil/npfc/urg/>.

[Clean Air Act \(CAA\) 112\(r\) - Risk Management Program](#)

- If you know of any facility in Nebraska that needs compliance assistance with their Risk Management Program or Risk Management Plan (RMP), please contact EPA Region 7's Nebraska compliance assistance expert Steve Greenwald at 913-551-7408 or greenwald.steven@epa.gov.
- If you have concerns about any Risk Management Program facility or know of one that has closed, contact Terri Blunk at 913-551-7013 or blunk.terri@epa.gov.
- If you want access to the RMPInfo website (with/without offsite consequence data), e-mail your name, title, agency/company name, address, phone number, and e-mail address to Terri.

[Other News](#)

[Update Your Address Books – the EPA Region 7 Regional Office has Moved](#)

Our new address is 11201 Renner Blvd., Lenexa, KS 66219. EPA Region 7 phone numbers and e-mail addresses have remained the same. Thank you for your patience during our transition.

[New App Lets Users Check Health of Waterways Anywhere in the U.S.](#)

EPA has launched a new app and website to help people find information on the condition of thousands of lakes, rivers and streams across the United States from their smart phone, tablet or desktop computer. Available at <http://www.epa.gov/mywaterway>, the How's My Waterway app and website uses GPS technology or a user-entered zip code or city name to provide information about the quality of local water bodies. "America's lakes, streams and rivers are national treasures. Communities and neighborhoods across the U.S. want to know that their local lakes, rivers and streams are healthy and safe to enjoy with their families," said Nancy Stoner, acting assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Water. "This new app provides easy, user-friendly access to the health of a waterway, whether it is safe for swimming and fishing, and what is being done about any reported problems. People can get this information whether researching at a desktop or standing streamside looking at a smart phone."

Various Training Opportunities – In Nebraska

- Introduction to Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund. July 16-18, 2013 in Lincoln, NE. This course provides participants with the fundamentals of risk assessment as applied to the Superfund cleanup process. This course is designed to present an introduction of the Superfund risk assessment process to Project Managers, On-Scene Coordinators, Risk Assessment Reviewers, and potentially new Risk Assessors working at hazardous waste sites or treatment, storage and disposal facilities. For additional information, please visit the following website or call Patricia Maxwell at 913-551-7365:
<http://www.trainex.org/classdetails.cfm?courseid=24&classid=6062>

Various Training Opportunities – In Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri

- Introduction to Groundwater Investigations. August 27-29, 2013 in Jefferson City, MO. This course is designed to provide participants with information concerning hydrogeological processes and the necessary elements of a sound groundwater site investigation. It is intended for personnel who are involved in groundwater contamination investigations but have little prior hydro geological experience. For additional information, please visit the following website or call Patricia Maxwell at 913-551-7365:
<http://www.trainex.org/classdetails.cfm?courseid=6&classid=6069>
- Sampling for Hazardous Materials. July 30 – August 1, 2013 in Jefferson City, MO. This introductory course provides classroom and field instruction for the environmental sampling of soil, groundwater, surface water, sediment and waste. It is intended for individuals with no sampling experience, personnel performing program inspection or oversight, and as a refresher for those returning to field activities. For additional information, please visit the following website or call Patricia Maxwell at 913-551-7365:
<http://www.trainex.org/classdetails.cfm?courseid=20&classid=6063>