

SERC MEETING

July 6, 2010

Nebraska Educational Telecommunications: 1800 N. 33rd, Board Rm., 1st Floor
Lincoln, Nebraska

1:00 PM

- I. Call to Order, Introduction of Members - Dick Christensen, Chair (1:04 pm)
Christensen referenced two recent newspaper articles regarding HazMat incidents to illustrate the importance of continuing to promote chemical safety, not only for large chemical facilities but also for the smaller operations. The articles were "Man Faces Charges in Pesticide Deaths" from the Salt Lake Tribune (4/29/10) and "Human Error Led to Chemical Reaction at YMCA" from the Grand Island Independent (7/1/10).

a. Members Present:

Member	Affiliation	Present
John Baroni	County Elected Official	X
Al Berndt	NE Emergency Management	[Henry Tamasi]
Richard Christensen	Chairman, Chemistry	X
Steven Danon	Small Business	absent
Keith Deiml	Education	X
Don Eisenhauer	Agribusiness	absent
John Falgione	State Fire Marshal	X
Joe Francis	Department of Environmental Quality	absent
Gary Gandara	Labor	X
Keith Hansen	Community Health	absent
Tim Hofbauer	Local Emergency Management	X
Larry Johnson	Trucking Association	X
Judd Lyons	ARNG	absent
Mark Lohnes	NDEQ SARA Title III	X
Mac McMeen	City Government	absent
Dana Miller	Vice Chair, Fire	X (via video)
Tonya Ngotel	SERC Coordinator	X
Kimberly Plouzek	Environmental Protection	X
Jim Schmailzl	Department of Roads	[Tom Sands]
Thomas Schwarten	State Patrol	X
Sue Semerena	Health and Human Services	X
Jessica Sherwood	NDOR Alt	absent

- b. Others Present: Denise Bulling, PPC; Deanna Beckman, NAEM and Tri-Dakota County LEPC; Alicia LaMay, assistant SERC Coordinator; Teri Blunk and Ken Buholtz, EPA (via video conference)
- c. Open Meetings Law information – verification of public notice, availability of copy of law in the meeting location - NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 84-1407 through 84-1414 (1999, Cum. Supp. 2006, Supp. 2007) - was mentioned.

Note: Per Tonya Ngotel, the SERC provides public notice in the Omaha World Herald three (3) weeks prior to scheduled meeting.

- II. Approval of the agenda for July 06, 2010.
No objections to the agenda are presented and the agenda is approved by consensus.
- III. Approval of the minutes from the April 06, 2010, Meeting.
Tim Hofbauer made a motion to approve the April 6, 2010 meeting minutes. Larry Johnson seconded the motion; the motion passes by consensus.
- IV. New Business
 - Review of Open Meetings Act relative to LEPCs – Tonya Ngotel
LEPCs should follow the Open Meetings Act, particularly in regards to posting agendas, meeting announcements, and meeting notes. The agenda must be adhered to once it is set. Action items must be set prior to meetings and publicized via the posted agenda. Agendas should be posted in final form as soon as possible and may not be altered within 24 hours prior to the meeting (see 84-411). It is preferable to post a final agenda two weeks prior to the meeting. Major changes or additions (particularly to action items) on the agenda should not be made as the meeting gets closer unless it is deemed an “emergency item”. Per Denise Bulling voting should be done by roll-call unless a consensus vote is stated in the bylaws of the LEPC. Notices for meetings may be placed in a newspaper or in a public place such as the post office or court house.
 - 2011 HMEP Grant Submittal
The FY 2010-2011 HMEP Grant as submitted shows that budget funds are divided between training and planning activities. Tonya reviewed the major grant activities and pointed out that the grant provides for mini-grants to LEPC groups. For allowable expenditures, contact Mardell Hergenrader at NEMA. But, as an example, Tonya showed the "Taking Shelter" guide (Channing Bete Company). Tonya also mentioned that a reserve fund of \$11,700 is included as part of the Training budget. The commodity flow study, underway at the University’s Transportation Center for the SERC, is included in the budget at \$75,000. The initial portion of the study should be available for review at the October 2010 LEPC Conference.
- V. Old Business
 - a. LEPC Membership Approval – Dick Christensen, Chair
The large number of applications presented for approval (total of 76 from 12 different LEPCs) represents good LEPC activity. The applications from Kimball County were especially noted as including the signatures of both the LEPC Chair and the Chair of the County Board of Supervisors. Some of the applications appeared to have been dated very early in the year and the question was raised about processing.
Gary Gandara made a motion to approve the LEPC Membership applications. Sue Semerena seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus. (See attachment for a list of approved LEPC members)
 - b. SERC Membership Committee - Tonya Ngotel
Status Report – current commission opening(s)
Tom Sands from the Department of Roads will replace Jim Schmailzl as a member. Keith Hansen has been promoted at his workplace but will still serve as a community health representative to SERC. An opening is available for a transportation representative.

c. SERC Subcommittee Report

i. LEPC Conference – Tonya Ngotel

The State Conference will be held October 22-24, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Express in North Platte, NE. The SERC Meeting will be held October 22 at 3:30 PM in conjunction with the conference. Don Angel from Colorado will be presenting on HazMat Training and Incident Command Teams. The Lt. Governor has been invited to present awards.

ii. Public Outreach/LEPC Support

1. Recommendations for action based upon LEPC Survey results - No Update at this time.

2. SERC Survey - purpose and proposed use of results - No Update at this time.

3. Facility Initiative – Denise Bulling

The Public Policy Center has prepared a draft brochure to encourage industries to interact with their LEPCs. The general discussion of this brochure suggested that the facility/LEPC interaction could be emphasized more and that the SERC function could be emphasized less. Brochure suggestions should then be sent to Janell Walther or Denise Bulling at the Public Policy Center. The brochure should be available for distribution at the LEPC Conference. A second brochure will be prepared as an overview of SERC.

iii. LEPC Function – Tonya Ngotel

The Annual Report was submitted and will be useful for outreach work. A database is kept up to date with new LEPC applications. It was suggested that some clarification be made as to the deadline for submission and the information to be included in the LEPC Annual Report.

d. Commodity Flow Studies – UNL Transportation Center

The deadline for completion of the initial portion of the study is Sept. 30, 2010.

VI. Legislative Update – No update at this time.

VII. Report from NEMA – Henry Tamasi, NEMA

NEMA has been active in the response to Nebraska's recent flooding disaster. NEMA has been actively working with state and federal officials to prepare and submit an application for a federal disaster declaration for 53 counties in Nebraska.

VIII. Report from NDEQ/EPA

a. NDEQ – Mark Lohnes

Four Lunch n' Learn sessions have been held with the Nebraska Safety Council. Mark reviewed two recent incidents: One involving petroleum leak into sewers in Northern Omaha where four houses had to be evacuated; another in which the YMCA in Grand Island had an issue with chemical delivery, where hydrochloric acid and liquid bleach were accidentally mixed, resulting in the evacuation and temporary closure of the "Y".

b. Region 7 EPA – Teri Blunk

Guidance documents are being developed for EPCRA and chemical standards for anti-terrorism. These documents should be complete by the end of the year.
(See attachment for complete update.)

IX. Public Forum / Presentations

a. Sarpy County LEPC – 2011 Conference Host, Dale Tedder, Chair

The regional conference will be held July 28-30, 2011, and will be hosted by the Sarpy County LEPC and other LEPCs in the region. The conference will be held at Embassy Suites in LaVista, NE. A barbeque hosted by the LEPCs will be held on Friday, July 29, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Strategic Air and Space Museum, and SERC is invited to the dinner to support the effort.

b. NAEM – Deanna Beckman, President.

Deanna currently serves as the president of the Nebraska Association of Emergency Managers (NAEM). She is attending meetings across the state as a representative of NAEM to encourage information sharing and promote the profession of emergency management in Nebraska.

X. Next Meeting – October 22, 2010 – 3:30 pm ; North Platte, Holiday Inn Express

XI. Adjournment – 2:12 PM

Sue Semerena made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Keith Deiml seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

LEPC Applicant Name	Represent	Occupation	County
Bradley Lahm	Law Enforcement	Deputy Sheriff	Cass
William M. Cover	Emergency Management	Director, Cass County, EMA	Cass
Roger Behrns		Environmental Manager	Cass
Christopher D. Spangler		Supervisor	Cass
Michael T. Wilson	HazMat Transportation	Liquid Transportation- Safety Coordinator	Cass
Rhonda Woolridge		Emergency Manager Offutt AFB	Cass
Mike Prothman	Petersburg	Mechanic	Boone
James Dickerson	Albion/Boone County	Newspaper Editor-Publisher	Boone
Darrel D. Thorin	County Road Department	Boone Co Highway Supt	Boone
Hank Thieman	Boone County	County Commissioner	Boone
Michael Thiem	Local Emergency Management	Emergency Management Director	Boone
Jan Zurcher	Non-Governmental	Emergency Services Director- Red Cross	Boone
John Nixon	News Media	News Director KLZA Radio	Richardson
Jason Youde	RCFMA	Maintenance	Richardson
Rick Johnson	Falls City Public Schools	Middle School Principal	Richardson
Vernon Buckminster	Law Enforcement	Sheriff	Richardson
Jim Sefried		Commissioner, Chair	Richardson
Jim Gerweck	Emergency Management	Emergency Management Dir. Richardson County	Richardson
Shawna Bindle		Paramedic/ProMed EMS	Richardson
Rosemary Niemeier		Red Cross Chapter Mgr	Richardson
Jerry D. Oliver	Falls City	Retired	Richardson
C. Ken Simpson	Fire	City Fireman	Richardson
John Caverzagie	Falls City Nebr.	Chief of Police	Richardson
Lisa Bloss	Public Health	RN, ERC	Richardson
Kenneth Arnold	Falls City Rural Fire Dept	Elec. & FC.R Fire Chief	Richardson
Marcia Harmon	Community Medical Center, Falls City	RN, ER Supervisor	Richardson
Linda Frost	Richardson Co. EMA	Administrator- Emergency Management	Richardson
Berdon Kliewer	UFC & Village of Stockham	UFC Fert. Branch Mgr.	Hamilton
Perry Hosier	Giltner Fire Dept.	Electrician, Giltner Fire Chief	Hamilton
Cathy Sigler	EMS	Director/Paramedic	Hamilton
Lorraine Buesing	Hospital- Healthcare	Bellevue Medical Center Emergency Room Manager	Sarpy
Scott Holtmeyer	Industry- Aqua-Chem	Owner- Aqua-Chem, Inc	Sarpy
Rolly Yost	Law Enforcement	Deputy Sheriff	Sarpy
Larry Lavelle	EMA/Communications	Director Sarpy County EMA/911	Sarpy
Dale Tedder	EMA/LEPC Chairperson	Emergency Management	Sarpy
Maria Reiter	LEPC Tier II Coordinator	Sarpy County EMA-LEPC	Sarpy
Brenda Konfrst	Police	Nebraska State Trooper	Sarpy
Scott Keep	M.U.D- Industry	Manager/Engineer	Sarpy
Gregory Wilch	Military- Emergency Management	Emergency Manager, Offutt AFB	Sarpy

Travis Mayer	Fire	Gretna Fire & Rescue, NSFMTD Instructor	Sarpy
Steve Smith	Industry- DPC	Plant Manager	Sarpy
Cindy Glos	West Central District Health Department	Emergency Response Coordinator	Lincoln
Donald Klug	Police	Police Chief	Seward/York
Ronald Robotham		Fuel Truck Driver Savage Industry	Seward/York
Becky Corman	Public Health	Public Health Nurse, Emergency Response Coordinator	Kimball
Kevin Sherman	Local Industry	Health & Safety Manager	Kimball
Jim O'Brien	Kimball County Ambulance Srv.	Ambulance Director	Kimball
Dewey Moore	Kimball Fire Dept.	Fire Chief	Kimball
Mike Schadegg	Emergency Management	Business Owner/Emergency Management Coordinator	Kimball
Linda Rasmussen	Dix Elected Official	Village Board Member	Kimball
Dwain L. Murdoch	Law Enforcement	Sheriff's Deputy	Kimball
Rev. Roger Gilming	Community Organization	Minister	Kimball
Rod Horn	Environmental Protection	General Manager So. Platte NRD	Kimball
Rick Soper	County Board	Engineer	Kimball
James Schnell	Mayor of Kimball	Business Manager	Kimball
Doug Provance	City Police	Chief of Police	Kimball
Don Luehr	Bushnell Elected Official	Retired	Kimball
Todd Parsons	Bushnell Fire Dept.	Farmer/Rancher- Fire Chief	Kimball
Patrick Cossell	News Media	Newspaper Editor	Kimball
Linda Cramer	Kimball Hospital	Health Care	Kimball
Sam Gingerich	Dix Fire Dept	Business Owner- Fire Chief	Kimball
Harold Farrar	City Government	City Administrator	Kimball
Todd D. Thalken	Police	Police	Platte
Donna Nickel	People with Disabilities	RN (Dir. Health Services)	Platte
Jan Zurcher	Non-Government	Emergency Services Director	Platte
Shane Fleming	Hospital	RN/EMTP Trauma/EP Coordinator Hospital	Platte
Sachin Bagade	Public Health, ECDHD	PH Emergency Response Coordinator	Platte
Daniel E. Staack	Communications	General Manager- Frontier Comm.	Platte
Denise Kollath	Non-Profit	Program Coordinator	Platte
Chuck Thomerson	City Municipality	Public Works/Environmental Services Director	Platte
Tim Hofbauer	Emergency Mor.	Emergency Mgmt.	Platte
Gary L. Penne	EMS/ City Govt.	Business Owner, Village Chairman	Platte
Nicholas A. Kemnitz	Emergency Management	Wayne County Emergency Manager	Elkhorn Valley
Jim Morgan	Public Health	Public Health Risk Coordinator- District Health Dept.	Adams
Willie W. Peters II	Industry	Equipment Operation	Tri-County/Dakota
Karen Hoffbauer	Christian Community	Homemaker/Aglow Int'l State President/IFOC Chaplain	Seward/York