

**STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION  
(SERC) MEETING MINUTES  
January 4, 2011**

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

- I. Call to Order, Introduction of Members - Dick Christensen, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

- a. Members Present:

Member		Affiliation	Present
John	Baroni	County Elected Official	X
Al	Berndt	NE Emergency Management	X
Richard	Christensen	Chairman, Chemistry	X
Steven	Danon	Small Business	X
Keith	Deiml	Education	X
Don	Eisenhauer	Agribusiness	X
John	Falgione	State Fire Marshal	X
Joe	Francis	Department of Environmental Quality	X
Gary	Gandara	Labor	X
Keith	Hansen	Community Health	X
Tim	Hofbauer	Local Emergency Management	X
Larry	Johnson	Trucking Association	X
Judd	Lyons	ARNG	
empty		City Government	X
Dana	Miller	Vice Chair, Fire	X via video
Tonya	Ngotel	SERC Coordinator	X
Kimberly	Plouzek	Environmental Protection	x
Tom	Sands	Department of Roads	x
Thomas	Schwarten	State Patrol	X
Sue	Semerena	Health and Human Services	X

- b. Others Present: Mark DeKraai, PPC; Janell Walther, PPC; Teri Blunk, EPA Region 7 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 referenced and made available.

- II. Approval of the agenda for January 4, 2011.  
Don Eisenhauer made a motion to approve the agenda. Keith Deiml seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

- III. Approval of the minutes from the October 22, 2010, Meeting.

Larry Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes with additional “other attendee” names added to the minutes. Tim Hofbauer seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.
  
- I. New Business
  - a. Selection of 2011 Chair and Vice Chair – Dick Christensen, Chair

Sue Semerena nominated Dick Christensen to serve as chair for an additional term. Larry Johnson seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. Dick Christensen was elected 2011 chair of the SERC Committee by consensus. Dick Christensen nominated Dana Miller to serve as 2011 SERC Committee Vice Chair. Tim Hofbauer seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. Dana Miller was elected 2011 Vice Chair of the SERC Committee by consensus.
  
  - b. Hazmat SOG/SOP template development – Mark DeKraai, Public Policy Center

A committee will be chosen to develop a Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) Template for Hazmat as a basic guide for first responders. A process to solicit membership for the committee will be shared in February. The committee will prepare drafts and review other Hazmat SOPs. A draft template will be shared with the SERC Committee for feedback. The expected date of completion for the SOP Template is the end of summer 2010. Persons interested in serving on the committee should contact Mark DeKraai or Tonya Ngotel.
  
  - c. Legislative/Industry Outreach – Mark DeKraai, Public Policy Center & Tonya Ngotel, SERC Coordinator

It is important to prepare outreach and education to legislators and other stakeholders. At the April 2011 SERC Retreat, the committee will develop strategies for interfacing with legislators and other stakeholders. Outreach activities to legislators will take place before the end of the session, June 8, 2011. Brochures have been prepared for both legislators and LEPCs. The brochure to recruit LEPCs will be redrafted and sent for review by February 1, 2011. The SERC Committee would also like to reach out to industry. It would be helpful to use a multi-level approach.
  
- II. Old Business
  - a. LEPC Membership Approval – Dick Christensen, Chair

Tim Hofbauer made a motion to approve the 28 applications for LEPC Membership (see attachment for list of applicants). Don Eisenhower seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.
  
  - b. SERC Membership Committee - Tonya Ngotel

Representatives from city government and transportation are needed.
  
  - c. SERC Subcommittee Report
    - i. LEPC Conference – Tonya Ngotel

State LEPC Conference: At the Nebraska State LEPC Conference in October 2010, approximately 100 people were in attendance. It was helpful to incorporate the meeting with the conference, which will continue at the next conference in Fall 2012. The conference was well-received.

- ii. Regional LEPC Conference: The Regional LEPC Conference will be held July 28-30, 2011 at the Conference Center in LaVista, NE. Nebraska SERC will host a barbeque dinner on Friday, July 29, 2011 at the Strategic Air Command Museum. An Awards Luncheon will be held on Saturday, July 30. Both the dinner and awards luncheon will be key activities to attend.
    - iii. Public Outreach/LEPC Support  
The Public Outreach Committee will meet (via teleconference/webinar) Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011 to review data and prepare recommendations to present at the April 2011 SERC Meeting. It was helpful to include LEPC representatives on the committee.
    - iv. LEPC Function –  
Keith Deiml prepared a newsletter draft for review. Contact information for newsletter recipients should be shared with Mr. Deiml. Many awareness and outreach options were discussed including the use of social media. It is important to identify the target audience and decide on the proper tool to reach the target audience. Keith will work with Tonya and Steve Danon on getting the newsletter out for distribution.
  - d. Other – there was no other old business
- III. Legislative Update – No update at this time.
- IV. Report from NEMA – Al Berndt  
NEMA will eventually be moving into a new building; currently approximately 25% of NEMA employees including the SERC Coordinator and Technological Hazards will be located at 700 Van Dorn. NEMA prepared a report on all state-funded programs, including SERC, for the legislature. NEMA hopes to continue with 5-year planning review to maintain a consistent planning level.
- V. Report from NDEQ/EPA  
A history of the Tier II Reporting was provided by Mark Lohnes. NDEQ will work with county commissioners to encourage and support planning and/or response to chemical emergencies. NDEQ will provide the local agencies with the information they need for chemical emergencies. Most Tier II reports are now submitted electronically; the goal is to have 90% of forms filled out online. Nebraska is a leader in the electronic forms. Joe Francis provided a summary sheet (from NDEQs Annual Report to the legislature) on Surface Spill Incident Types, which indicated that most such spills were related to motor vehicle incidents, followed closely by facility incidents and then by other transportation related events.
- VI. Region 7 EPA: As usual Teri Blunk provided a summary of relevant EPA activity which included the following (see attachedment); The Toxic Release Inventory analysis tool has been added to the website so users can compare TRI data ([www.epa.gov/tri](http://www.epa.gov/tri)); TRI Public Workshops will be held in Kansas City in February – March 2011; The first ethanol training workshop focusing on ethanol and risk management will be held on February 3, 2011; And the Iowa TRANSCAER Tour will be held April 18-20, 2011 with an emphasis on anhydrous ammonia.

- VII. Public Forum / Presentations
- VIII. Next Meeting – April 5, 2011 – 1:00 pm  
SERC Retreat & Meeting: April 5-6, 2011; Prairie Creek Inn, Walton, NE  
<http://www.pcibnb.com/index.htm>
- IX. Adjournment –2:35PM  
Don Eisenhower made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Sands seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

<b>LEPC Applicant Name</b>	<b>Represent</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>County</b>
Allen Straub	Law Enforcement	Omaha Police Department	Douglas
Bill Bowes	Fire	Fire Chief-Papillion	Sarpy
Brad Hildebrandt	Fire	Captain-Omaha Fire Department	Douglas
Chrissy Morrison	Industry	Safety Manager	Douglas
Claudine Howard	Red Cross	American Red Cross-Director	Sarpy
Darin Clark	Fire	Fire Captain	Adams
Dorothy Lanphier	Citizen	Citizen	Douglas
Eric Voss	Fire	Fairbury Fire Department	Jefferson
Horace Spiller	EM	Offutt AFB Emergency Management	Douglas
Jim Nelson	Industry	Health, Safety, Environmental Manager	Douglas
Joe Combs Jr.	Industry	Safety, Environmental Professional (CSP)	Douglas
John "JJ" Kuzma	Industry	Disaster Service Dir.	Sarpy
John Hauser	UNMC	Safety Manager, UNMC	Douglas
Joseph Grubbs	EMS	Jefferson County Ambulance District	Jefferson
Keith Deiml	EM	Emergency Management	Douglas
Kendall Allison	Law Enforcement	Police Officer	Lincoln
Louis Wilson	Fire	Retired	Sarpy
Lynn Knudtson	Industry	Chemist/Regulatory	Douglas
Mark Hansen	Law Enforcement	Environmental Affairs Coordinator	Douglas
Richard Esparza	Industry	Medical Counter CBRN Manager	Sarpy
Richard Hoaglund	Law Enforcement	Police Officer / Lieutenant	Lincoln
Rob Latimer	Industry	TransCanada Keystone Pipeline	Douglas
Rod Buenthe	Fire	Firefighter/EMT	Sarpy
Shane Hunter	Fire	Battalion Fire Chief, Omaha Fire	Douglas
Shay Burk	Media	Reporter at Hastings Tribune	Adams
Shelly Harshaw	Red Cross	Ex. Dir. Mid Plains Red Cross Chapter	Lincoln
Stephen Cody	EM	Otoe Cty. Emergency Management	
Steve Toelle	Law Enforcement	Police Officer / Sergeant	Lincoln
Terry Haese	Industry / Fire	Omaha Airport Authority -Fire Rescue	Douglas



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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) Update

- EPA has released its annual national analysis of the TRI data. The TRI program publishes information on toxic chemical disposals and releases into the air, land and water, as well as information on waste management and pollution prevention activities in neighborhoods across the country. In 2009, 3.37 billion pounds of toxic chemicals were released into the environment, a 12 percent decrease from 2008. For more information on the 2009 TRI analysis, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/tri>
- A TRI workshop is likely to be scheduled in Omaha during the April/May 2011 timeframe. Web-based training sessions are also planned for April/May 2011.
- 16 chemicals have been added to TRI reportable list (effective November 26, 2010). Based on a review of available studies EPA concluded that these 16 chemicals could cause cancer in humans and therefore meet the listing criteria. For more information visit: [http://www.epa.gov/tri/lawsandregs/ntp\\_chemicals/final.html](http://www.epa.gov/tri/lawsandregs/ntp_chemicals/final.html).
- A TRI comparative analysis tool has been added to the ECHO website which offers users a quick and easy way to compare TRI data with facility-level data from other EPA data sources. TRI data can be compared with data from the Agency's Air Facility System (AFS), Permit Compliance System (PCS), Integrated Compliance Information System for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (ICIS-NPDES), and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Information system (RCRAInfo). The tool can be accessed from the TRI Homepage at [www.epa.gov/tri](http://www.epa.gov/tri) or directly at [www.epa-echo.gov/echo/tricomparative](http://www.epa-echo.gov/echo/tricomparative).
- Two new tools designed to improve access to TRI data and information on the health effects of TRI chemicals are now available. [myRTK](#) is an application for mobile devices and is currently available in a test version. myRTK allows users to map nearby TRI facilities and large permit holders in the Air, Water, or Hazardous Waste programs, compare TRI chemical releases among facilities, identify facility noncompliance, and obtain information on human health effects associated with TRI chemicals. [TRI-CHIP](#) is a searchable database system containing hazard information on TRI chemicals from multiple information sources. For more information visit <http://www.epa.gov/tri/>.

#### Use of TRI Information by the Public Workshops to be Planned for the Kansas City Area in February/March 2011

Two workshops are being planned for the Kansas City area in February/March 2011. The purpose of these workshops is to introduce the public to where to find TRI information on the internet. The workshops target urban and rural communities, grassroots organizations, academic institutions, businesses, youth, elderly citizens, and many other demographic categories, especially low income and ethnic minority populations. When available, information will be posted at: [http://www.epa.gov/region7/news\\_events/events/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region7/news_events/events/index.htm). For more information contact Steve Wurtz at 913-551-7315 or [wurtz.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:wurtz.stephen@epa.gov).

#### New Versions of CAMEO and Tier II Submit Are Available

- CAMEO 2.2

- What's changed: Added a New Record button to the toolbar; Added a lat/long check in the Facilities module (compares the lat/long values against a bounding box area that approximates the area of the county listed on the facility record's street address); Added ability to link to documents within the Resources module (similar to site plans in the Facilities and Special Locations modules); Enhanced search capabilities in the Resources module; Allows import of Tier2 Submit 2010 files; Fixed minor bugs.
- Note: If you're upgrading to CAMEO 2.2 from a previous version of CAMEO, follow the instructions in the guidance document (provided on the download page) to ensure that you don't lose your current data.
- Download at <http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/cameo/cameo.htm>.
- **Tier2 Submit 2010**
  - What's changed: Updated state-specific fields and fixed minor bugs.
  - Download at <http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/epcra/tier2.htm>.

### **Omaha Area Chosen for 2011 Region 7 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)/ Tribal Emergency Response Commission (TERC) Conference**

Scheduled for July 28-30, 2011 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in LaVista, NE the conference tracks include LEPC 101, Health and Medical, Industrial Facility Preparedness and Planning, Hazmat Response, and Chemical Transportation and Security Awareness. The following all-day training courses will also be provided on Thursday July 28: Hazmat Refresher, Hazmat IQ, DuPont Isotainer (hands on), social media, and EPA/Coast Guard Oil Spill Boom (hands on). To register or for further information please visit [www.marc.org/gti/lepc-terc/](http://www.marc.org/gti/lepc-terc/).

### **Clean Air Act (CAA) 112(r) - Risk Management Program**

- 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](mailto:blunk.terri@epa.gov).
- 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, George Moody, at 913-551-7806 or [moody.george@epa.gov](mailto:moody.george@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.

### **Ethanol Training Scheduled for February 2011**

EPA Region 7 in coordination with the Association of Nebraska Ethanol Producers (ANEPP) Environmental, Health, and Safety Advisory Committee is planning a training event discussing Risk Management Program/Plan regulations as they apply to ethanol facilities. This day long training is scheduled for February 3, 2011 in Nebraska (exact location information should be available later this week) and the target audience is ethanol facility owners/operators/employees. For more information please contact Terri Blunk.

### **Webinars offered on new RMP\*eSubmit**

Information about webinars on the new RMP reporting process, RMP\*eSubmit, is posted at [http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/rmp/rmp\\_esubmit.htm](http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/rmp/rmp_esubmit.htm). No webinar is currently scheduled but the presentation slides can be viewed at the website above. To request a webinar be scheduled please contact Terri Blunk.

### **Emergency Response and Removal Update**

- For information on removal actions completed by EPA, please visit <http://www.epaossc.org>.
- To make a claim to the U.S. Coast Guard National Pollution Funds Center (NPFC) 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/>.

### **Upcoming Training Events:**

The following training events are planned for EPA Region 7. Please either visit the indicated website or contact the person listed for more information.

- Chem/Bio Weapons Lab. Jan. 24-28, 2011, Lincoln, NE. Contact: Doug Ferguson at 913-551-7221 or [ferguson.doug@epa.gov](mailto:ferguson.doug@epa.gov).
- 40 Hour HAZWOPER Tech, January 24-28, 2011, Sioux City, IA. Contact: Pat Maxwell at 913-551-7365 or [maxwell.patricia@epa.gov](mailto:maxwell.patricia@epa.gov).
- 8 Hour Refresher. February 16, 2011 and February 17, 2011 in Hastings, NE and March 1, 2011 in Lincoln, NE. Contact: Pat Maxwell.
- Introduction to Risk Assessment Guidance. March 8-10, 2011 in Lincoln, NE and March 29-April 1, 2011 in Topeka, KS.  
<http://www.trainex.org/offeringlist.cfm?courseid=24>.
- Chemical Identification Equipment and Mercury Training Courses. March 26, 2011 (Nebraska Hazmat Symposium), Hastings, NE. Contact: Doug Ferguson.
- 40 Hour HAZWOPER SW, April 4-8, 2011, Lincoln, NE. Contact: Pat Maxwell.
- 24 Hour CSE/RR, April 11-13, 2011, Omaha, NE. Contact: Pat Maxwell.

### **Local Government Reimbursements (LGR)**

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>. Examples of reimbursable expenses include rental of special equipment, decontamination costs, laboratory costs for samples, and containerization, transportation and disposal costs. If you have questions, call the EPA Helpline at 1-800-431-9209.

### **Iowa TRANSCAER Tour**

This event provides responders with hands on training opportunities using rail, highway and farming transport equipment. The special emphasis this year is on the transportation of anhydrous ammonia. Events near Nebraska include Sioux City on April 18-20, 2011 and Council Bluffs on May 24-26, 2011. For more information contact Rodney Tucker at 515-725-0387 or [Rodney.Tucker@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Rodney.Tucker@dnr.iowa.gov). Register at [www.transcaer.com](http://www.transcaer.com).

### **EPA Provides Public with Easier Access to Chemical Information**

EPA has introduced a new web-based tool that will enable the public to search for and have easy access to health and safety studies on industrial chemicals. The chemical data access tool allows users to conduct a chemical-specific search for health and safety studies that have been submitted to the agency under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The tool will also be added to Data.Gov. For more information about the new web tool please visit: <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/existingchemicals/pubs/transparency.html>

### **New Web-based Tool for Accessing Wastewater Pollutant Discharge Information Available**

The Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) Pollutant Loading Tool is a new tool designed to help you determine who is discharging, what pollutants they are discharging and how much, and where they are discharging. The tool calculates pollutant loadings from permit and DMR data from EPA's Permit Compliance System (PCS) and Integrated Compliance Information System for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (ICIS-NPDES). The tool ranks dischargers, industries, and watersheds based on pollutant mass and toxicity, and presents "top ten" lists to help you determine which discharges are important, which facilities and industries are producing these discharges, and which watersheds are impacted. The tool can be found at <http://cfpub.epa.gov/dmr/>

