

SERC Business Meeting

October 4, 2011, 1:00 PM

- I. Call to Order, Introduction of Members
Call to Order – 1:09 PM, Tim Hofbauer (chairing)

The open meeting Statute is available for review.

Member		Affiliation	Present
John	Baroni	County Elected Official	x
Al	Berndt	NE Emergency Management	
Richard	Christensen	Chairman, Chemistry	
Steven	Danon	Small Business	
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	Community Health	
Tim	Hofbauer	Local Emergency Management	x
Larry	Johnson	Trucking Association	x
Judd	Lyons	ARNG	
Mark	Lohnes	NDEQ SARA Title III	x
(empty)		City Government	
Dana	Miller	Vice Chair, Fire	
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	
Jessica	Sherwood	NDOR Alt	x

Other Attendees: Lynn Marshall, Sarpy County Emergency Management; Special Agent Jim Stefanski, FBI Omaha; Patricia Wright, Environmental Protection Agency Region 7; Carla Schreiber, Nebraska State Patrol; Jeff Joiner, Union College; Janell Walther, Public Policy Center, Tim Heimer, Grand Island Fire.

- II. Approval of Agenda
Keith Deiml made a motion to approve the agenda for October 4, 2011. Tom Schwarten seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.
- III. Approval of Minutes
Joe Francis made a motion to approve the July 2011 Minutes. Kim Plouzek seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

IV. New Business

a. Sarpy / Douglas County Recognition EPA Region 7

The SERC, EPA Region 7, and NEMA would like to formally recognize the Douglas and Sarpy County LEPCs who assisted in the planning, hosting, and coordinating of the LEPC Conference held in Omaha July 2011. Lynn Marshall accepted the award on behalf of Sarpy and Douglas County.

b. CHEMTRAC/FBI Hazmat Unit – Tonya Ngotel

While attending a TRANSCAER meeting in Washington DC, Tonya Ngotel went on a tour the CHEMTrec and FBI Hazmat facilities. Tonya presented brochures on both of the facilities and discussed how first responders in Nebraska could possibly use both resources. This information will also be shared at the upcoming 2012 Hazmat Symposium and LEPC Workshops. Special Agent Jim Stefanski gave a presentation on the FBI's hazmat capabilities at the end of the end of the meeting.

c. 2012 LEPC Workshops – Tonya Ngotel

Tonya Ngotel proposed that rather than a single LEPC Conference in 2012, that SERC provide four LEPC mini-workshops across the state as follows:

1. Scottsbluff: April 3-4, 2011 (SERC meeting & SERC Retreat)
2. Valentine: May 2011
3. York: July 12-13, 2011 (With SERC Meeting)
4. Norfolk: June 28-29, 2011

Discussion was held concerning the advantages and disadvantages of the workshops as opposed to a state wide conference. The Commission determined that the four workshops might be a way to expand the audience base.

Joe Francis made a motion to approve this plan subject to needed revisions that may arise. Keith Deiml seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

d. HazMat Response & Emergency Management Act Revision – Tonya Ngotel

An after action discussion on the anhydrous ammonia leak that occurred in Stapleton in July was held. This response required a call out of a hazardous materials team. Due to several issues in communicating needs, response time etc. the hazmat team didn't arrive on scene for several hours. A more formal after action was completed with the Stapleton Fire, the North Platte Hazmat and NEMA. One of the action items is that Al Berndt proposed to do a bill change to the Emergency Management Act to state "...and hazardous materials events" to the wildlife fire suppression section. If approved this would allow a hazardous materials response to be activated in a more timely manner. Discussion on this topic will be on-going.

e. 2010-2011 HMEP Grant Report (State & LEPC)- Tonya Ngotel

The 2010 - 2011 HMEP grant closed Sept. 30, 2011. The 2011-2012 HMEP grant began on October 1, 2011. The US Department of Transportation completed an audit and suggested several items be amended. One such change is the mini-grant process that Nebraska currently uses to pass monies down to the LEPC. Starting with the 2011-2012 years LEPC will be required to submit a application, budget and project narrative prior to the grant year starting. Applications will be reviewed and approved based on the criteria presented by the USDOT. There are limitations on what the HMEP Funding may be spent; for example, it should be spent on transportation related projects such as training, exercise, or commodity flow. SERC will have to work with the LEPCs to assist them through the application process.

V. Old Business

LEPC membership Approval

Joe Francis made a motion to approve the LEPC Applications for new and renewing members (see the attached list). John Baroni seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

f. SERC Membership Committee

Mark Maday will represent the transportation industry. Tonya has asked Shane Weidner the North Platte City Administrator and former Hazmat to serve as a representative for City Elected Official.

g. SERC Subcommittee Report

i. LEPC Conference – Tonya Ngotel

Work will begin shortly for the 2012 Conference.

ii. Public Outreach – Janell Walther, Public Policy Center

Janell Walther sent an email request for Hazmat Response images for the brochure. Please send images to Janell or Tonya as soon as possible in order to move forward with the brochure.

iii. LEPC Function

Keith Deiml prepared a SERC/LEPC newsletter called “Happenings.” The first issue is being prepared and will be sent out shortly.

h. Other

Tonya shared the work plan. Some of the items are ongoing, but we are looking for volunteers for some of the action items. SERC members should review the work plan and choose a work team to join.

VI. Report from NEMA – Tonya Ngotel

The new building is up and running on the Air National Guard Base. NEMA will be housed in the basement area along with the Nebraska State Patrol Dispatch. Approximant move-in date will Spring or Summer of 2012. NEMA is still working on flood response. Public Meetings are being held for individuals and public assistance.

VII. Report from NDEQ and EPA

Joe Francis, NDEQ: There were concerns with flooding and how scouring would affect the pipelines. There were some pipeline breaches. They will be seeing some follow-up information. NDEQ met with NEMA, FEMA, and EPA on EPA's continuing mission assignment. We ask that FEMA help the EPA out with public treatment works. The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) primary involvement will be through debris management. Sandbag removal is a large issue because of FEMA guidelines for removal and placement of sandbags.

Patricia Wright, EPA (see attached): It is important to review Tier I and Tier II Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory forms.

- i. LEPC/TERC Conference Report – EPA is requesting an evaluation response from people who did or did not attend the conference. It takes about 5 minutes to fill out. The awardees from Nebraska included 3 LEPC winners:
 1. Small LEPC: Boone County
 2. Mid-size LEPC : Seward
 3. Large LEPC: Sarpy
 4. Industry: Hamilton Sundstrand
 5. Tribe: Omaha Tribe of Nebraska
- ii. Risk Management Program – if you have facilities that need to be inspected, please let Pat Wright know. Risk Management plans revised every 5 years; the EPA will call a facility to advise them that their plan should be revised. A fine may be issued if a risk management plan is not updated.

VIII. Guest Presentations

Special Agent James “Jim” Stefanski, Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Coordinator, FBI Omaha: Special Agent Stefanski presented on the local FBI hazmat response for various events such as anthrax threats or potential terrorist threats. There is an FBI office in Lincoln and in North Platte, Grand Island, and in Iowa. FBI Omaha does not have a hazmat team – they rely on fire departments and postal inspector offices. If there is a larger event, the FBI can get their WMD Operational HQ involved. They are a 24/7 facility. Mr. Stefanski described the Hazardous Response Unit of the FBI. The FBI has 56 Field offices– 27 of those have their own hazmat teams. All have their own joint terrorism task forces.

Jeff Joiner, Union College: Mr. Joiner spoke on the Emergency Preparedness Degree that Union College offers. It is a Bachelor of Science in International Rescue and Relief Major. The program prepares professionals for humanitarian aid in times of disaster. They currently have 110 students – 25% went into medicine; 25% went into paramedics/firefighters; and others have been placed across the board. The IRR Program gets a national interest from students.

IX. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2012, 1 PM at NET in Lincoln, NE.

X. Adjourn

LEPC Member Applications Approved
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LEPC Applicant Name	Represent	Occupation	County
Allen Straub	Law Enforcement	Omaha Police Department	Douglas
Bill Bowes	Fire	Fire Chief-Papillion	Sarpy
Brad Hildebrandt	Fire	Captain-Omaha Fire Department-Spec. Ops. Coord.	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	Emergency Management	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 Deim	Emergency Management	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	Outreach Specialist, TranCanada Keystone Pipeline	Douglas
Rod Buenthe	Fire	Firefighter/EMT	Sarpy
Shane Hunter	Fire	Battalion Fire Chief, Special Ops, 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	Emergency Management	Chief Deputy Director Otoe Cty. Emergency Management	Otoe
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)

Proposed Revisions to Tier I and Tier II Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory Forms

On August 8, 2011, EPA proposed revisions to the forms under EPCRA 312 to add new data elements and revise some existing data elements. Over the years, stakeholders requested EPA add new data elements to the forms that would be useful to improve community emergency response plans. In this action, EPA proposes new data elements to make the forms more useful for state, local and tribal agencies. EPA also proposes revising some existing data elements to make reporting easier for facilities. To view the federal register or submit comments (which must be received on or before October 7, 2011) please visit:

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=EPA-HQ-SFUND-2010-0763-0001>.

Please Provide Comments on this Year's LEPC/TERC Conference

For those who attended the conference this July in La Vista, NE (or couldn't attend but would like to give feedback on what might increase the likelihood they would attend future conferences) please take a few minutes to fill out the survey that can be found at <http://questionpro.com/t/ABCYOZLbO8>. The survey should only take a few minutes of your time and will be invaluable to the planning committee for the next conference in 2013.

Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) Updates

- ❖ The initial 2010 TRI dataset is available through downloadable data files and in Envirofacts. This is an early opportunity to review and analyze the most current TRI information prior to the publication of the TRI National Analysis, planned for December 2011.
- ❖ This is a "Call for Abstracts for Oral Presentations, Posters and Electronic Demonstrations" for the National Training Conference on the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) and Environmental Conditions in Communities that will be held on April 11-13, 2012, in Washington, D.C. This year's conference will focus on pollution prevention and using Toxics Release Inventory data to promote sustainability. It will also include sessions on environmental data and conditions and trends in ecological and human health. Abstracts will be accepted through November 19, 2011. This is your opportunity to present knowledge, share experiences, and voice expectations and aspirations related to TRI topics and your vision for a sustainable future. Please submit abstracts via the form available at the following URL:
<http://www.chemicalright2know.net/tri-conference/2012-tri-national-conference/2012-abstract-submission-form/>. For up-to-date information on the Conference, please visit:
<http://www.chemicalright2know.org>

A New Version of MARPLOT is Now Available

Among other modifications MARPLOT version 4.2 now includes data from the most recent census. To download the new version or for a full list of changes please visit:
<http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/cameo/marplot.htm>.

Emergency Response and Removal Update

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

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 have concerns about any Risk Management Program facility or know of one that has closed, contact Patricia Reitz at 913-551-7674 or reitz.patricia@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.
- ☛ 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 Patricia.

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. 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.

Misc.

Location of EPA Region 7 Regional Office Likely Moving in 2012

Due to the end of the current lease the EPA Region 7 office is likely moving to Lenexa, KS during 2012.