

Nebraska State Emergency Response Commission Meeting

Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Board Room

1800 N 33rd, Board Rm., 1st Floor

Lincoln, Nebraska

April 6, 2010

1:00 P.M. CST

- I. Call to Order; Introduction of Members – Dick Christensen, Chair
Chair, Dick Christensen mentioned the availability of the Open Meetings Act – 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)

Members Present:

Member	Affiliation	Present
John Baroni	County Elected Official	[]
Al Berndt	NE Emergency Management	X
Richard Christensen	Chairman, Chemical Industry	X
Steven Danon	Small Business	[]
Keith Deiml	Education	X
Don Eisenhauer	Agribusiness	X
John Falgione	State Fire Marshal	[]
Joe Francis	Department of Environmental Quality	X
Gary Gandara	Labor	X
Keith Hansen	Community Health	[]
Tim Hofbauer	Local Emergency Management	X
Larry Johnson	Trucking	X
Judd Lyons	ARNG	[]
Mac McMeen	City Government	X
Dana Miller	Vice Chair, Fire	X
Kimberly Plouzek	Environmental Protection	X
Jim Schmailzl	Department of Roads	X
Jason Dean	State Patrol	X
Sue Semerena	Health and Human Services	X

Other Attendees:

Tonya Ngotel, NEMA
Angela Hammond, NEMA
Mark Lohnes, NDEQ
Denise Bulling, Public Policy Center
Janell Walther, Public Policy Center
Donnie Johnson, Nebraska Pipeline Assoc.
Trista Newcomb, Nebraska Pipeline Assoc.
Jerry Jacobsen, Nebraska Pipeline Assoc.
Dan Maschka, Nebraska Pipeline Assoc.
Bill Elliott, Red Willow Rural Fire

Troy Hughes, Grand Island Fire
Darin Clark, Hastings Fire Department
Brian Daake, Beatrice Fire
Paul Pedersen, North Platte
Terri Blunk, EPA Region 7
Amal Khattak, UNL Transportation Center
Terry Miller, Saunders County LEPC

- II. Approval of Agenda for April 6, 2010 – Dick Christensen, Chair
The agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus via voice vote.
- III. Approval of Minutes from October 13, 2009 and January 5, 2010 – Gary Gandara made a motion to approve both the October 13, 2009 and January 5, 2010 Minutes. Mac McMeen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consensus via voice vote.
- IV. New Business - There was no new business to report.
- V. Old Business
 - a. LEPC Membership Approval – Tonya Ngotel, SERC Coordinator
The following LEPC members were approved by the SERC;
 - Mindy, Mangus, Hall County LEPC
 - Kim Plouzek, Tri County LEPC
 - Randy Stranberg, Saunders Co LEPC
 - Levi Durnal, Saunders Co LEPC
 - Jeff Morris, Saunders Co LEPC
 - Sheri Henderson, Saunders Co LEPC
 - Terry Miller, Saunders Co LEPC
 - Kelly Dinslage, Saunders Co LEPC
 - Sara Elliott, Saunders Co LEPC
 - Roger Klasna, Lincoln Co LEPC
 - Richard Thompson, Lincoln Co LEPC
 - Gary Lopez, Lincoln Co LEPC
 - Susan Mulligan, Lincoln Co LEPC
 - Ginny Martin, Lincoln Co LEPC
 - Sandee Kroon, Lincoln Co LEPC
 - Wanda Cooper, Lincoln Co LEPC
 - Justin Watson, Lincoln Co LEPC
 - Dennis Thompson, Lincoln Co LEPC
 - Dan Swanson, Region 23 LEPC
 - Tony Serbousk, Region 23 LEPC
 - Everette Langford, Region 23 LEPC
 - Misty Skavdahl, Region 23 LEPC

Nan Thornton, Region 23 LEPC
James Krotz, Region 23 LEPC
Don Blausey, Region 23 LEPC
Marvin Toedtli, Region 23 LEPC
Keith Zimmerman, Region 23 LEPC
Mike Darbro, Merrick & Hamilton Co LEPCs
Larry Shlebourne, Merrick Co LEPC
Bo Uhrmachten, Merrick Co LEPC
Jeff Hower, Merrick Co LEPC
Tom Cox, Hamilton Co LEPC
Kirk Hawdrup, Hamilton Co LEPC
Kathy Jennings, Hamilton Co LEPC
Kirt Smith, Hamilton Co LEPC
Aaron Nilson, Hamilton Co LEPC
Patrick Johnson, Hamilton Co LEPC
Mindy Mangus, Hamilton Co LEPC
Ben Mayes, Hamilton Co LEPC
Steven Dawley, Hamilton Co LEPC
Randy Vetter, Hamilton Co LEPC
Linda Jilg, Hamilton Co LEPC
Mike Bair, Hamilton Co LEPC
Barbara Graham, Hamilton Co LEPC
Clint Buss, Hamilton Co LEPC
Ryan Dummer, Hamilton Co LEPC
Tom Lambert, Hamilton Co LEPC
Andy Zalme, Tri-County LEPC
Chuck Magdonz, Tri County LEPC
Mark English, Tri County LEPC
Clint Rasmussen, Tri County LEPC

Several county LEPCs have combined to create new regional LEPCs. There are several LEPC's across Nebraska that refer to themselves as the "Tri-County LEPC" (i.e. Tri-Gage and Tri-Dakota), discussion was held concerning the duplication of names. Tonya reported that NEMA tracks the members by county so having several LEPCs called the same name isn't an issue. Other applications were submitted from Gage County, Adams County, and Saunders area. Tim Hofbauer made a motion to approve all pending applications. Sue Semerena seconded the motion; the motion was approved by consensus via voice vote.

- b. SERC Membership Committee – Tonya Ngotel, SERC Coordinator
There is a position open on the SERC for someone representing the Transportation industry. Applications may be sent to the SERC Office or the Office of the Governor for consideration.

c. SERC Subcommittee Reports

i. State LEPC Conference – Tonya Ngotel, SERC Coordinator

The State LEPC Conference will be held October 22-24, 2010 in North Platte, NE. The SERC Meeting will be held October 22, 2010 at 3:30 PM to be incorporated into the LEPC Conference. Sessions to be included in the conference will be a tour of Bailey Yard and a hands-on HazMat training using the decon trailers. The conference is free of charge for LEPC members. Vendors are being recruited for booths. Interested vendors should contact Tonya Ngotel. As with past years members should nominate others, industries, or themselves for outstanding LEPC awards.

ii. Regional LEPC Conference – Tonya Ngotel, SERC Coordinator

The Regional LEPC Conference will be held in Omaha in July 2011 at the Embassy Suites in La Vista. The suggested tracks for the conference include: LEPC 101, HazMat Technology & Resources, Health, and others.

iii. Public Outreach – Tonya Ngotel, SERC Coordinator

SERC Survey. Keith Hansen is reviewing the survey and will prepare a presentation on the results at the July SERC Meeting.

Safety Council Conference. Kim Plouzek and Steve Danon volunteered to staff the SERC Booth at the Trade show at the Safety Council Conference on April 14, 2010 at the Cornhusker Marriott in Lincoln, NE.

A SERC Banner and SERC Table cloth have been purchased for future outreach activities and are available for member presentations from Tonya.

Industry. SERC would like to better incorporate industry in its work and the work of LEPC's. Approaching trade and business associations working with the LEPCs may be easier if a coordinated approach is adopted. SERC would like to prepare a flyer that can be sent to industries along with letters created from common templates for the individual LEPCs to send out. SERC would like to have the information prepared by the October SERC Meeting since representatives from around the state will be in attendance. Sue Semerena volunteered to assist with this project.

PSA. The LEPCs may also benefit from common Public Service Announcements. There have been discussions on creating a 5-10 minute video and a 30 sec PSA on "shelter in place". Volunteers to assist with the PSA should tell Tonya Ngotel or Mark Lohnes. Kim Plouzek and Mac McMeen volunteered to help with this project.

LEPCs. Douglas County has invited SERC Members to attend their next meeting, April 7, 2010, 8:00 AM at the Extension Building, 84th & Center in Omaha. Sarpy County has also extended an invitation to their next meeting (date currently pending). SERC Members are encouraged to attend LEPC Meetings whenever possible.

d. Commodity Flow Study – UNL Transportation Center, Amal Khattak

A long-term freight study on hazardous material shipments across Nebraska has begun and will provide useful information for emergency planning duties. The study will focus on shipments within Nebraska, as well as those with outside origins and/or destinations. Highway shipments will be reviewed in Summer 2010.

e. Other

Dr. Fred Millar - an advocate for legislation to mandate the re-routing of certain hazardous materials (particularly those classified as Poisonous by Inhalation, such as Chlorine) from urban areas - has contacted NEMA recently to press his position. Questions should be directed to Tonya Ngotel.

VI. Legislative Update – review of NE or proposed legislation relevant to SERC / LEPC Activity

There is no pending legislation relevant to SERC/LEPC business.

VII. Report from NEMA – Al Berndt, NEMA

The 2010 Investment Justification Workshop for Nebraska's application for Homeland Security Grant funding is being held today, April 6, 2010. The funding will likely be available in September 2010. NEMA is rewriting the MOU agreements with HazMat teams. In Mid-April, NEMA will roll out the governor's guide for local elected officials related to understanding the state emergency response system. More information on this will be presented at the July 2010 SERC Meeting.

VIII. NDEQ / EPA Report

Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

The Tier II reporting deadline for 2009 has passed (March 1st). Tier II Reports received in hard copy form (rather than having been entered online) are being entered into the NDEQ system with the process projected to be completed by the end of April.

Incidents: In Schuyler, there was a 3,000 Gal. diesel release. The NDEQ worked with the local emergency manager until the contractor arrived to clean up the spill. In Dorchester, on April 5, 2010, there was an Anhydrous Ammonia release resulting from a traffic accident and there were apparently some issues with the reporting of this incident to all interested parties. There are federal requirements for notifications when there is a chemical incident. SERC members expressed interest in having someone discuss these requirements and how LEPC's can be involved in communications planning at a future SERC meeting.

Region 7 EPA

The Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) workshops will be held to help industry fill out the required forms. Additionally, there is an online webinar on April 21, 2010 for the new EPA system to submit Risk Management Plans online. 2010 Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention (CEPP) Grant solicitation has been posted on Grants.gov. Questions regarding the grants should be directed to Tina Wilkins (wilkins.tina@epa.gov). The Regional Response Team (RRT) Meeting will be held on May 19-20,

2010 at the Sheraton Suites Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, MO. The agenda has not yet been finalized. Karl Brooks is the new Region 7 Administrator with a variety of experience at the state level. Emergency response equipment, eligible for purchase under the Fire Service Grant, is no longer deemed to be eligible for SEPs.

IX. Public Presentations

Nebraska Pipeline Association: Donnie Johnson, Trista Newcomb, Jerry Jacobsen, and Dan Maschka. The Nebraska Pipeline Association is made up of 12 member companies. Not every pipeline operator in Neb. is a member of the NPA. The Association was formed in 2007. The five major objectives of NPA include:

1. To promote public safety and environmental protection through a cooperative effort
2. To develop an effective liaison with emergency responders and public officials to avoid pipeline emergencies
3. To ensure a safe and coordinated response when a pipeline incident does occur
4. To increase public awareness of pipeline presence, their purpose, and damage prevention procedures
5. To help everyone recognize and react to a pipeline emergency.

Northern National Gas Pipeline representatives noted that in Nebraska the pipeline sizes are between 2" and 36" in diameter with pressure ranges from 3-500 lbs. to 1000 lbs. per square inch in a pipe. Odorant is added to gas near larger population centers. An educational overview of the procedures used to ensure the pipeline is safe was provided for SERC members. The Pipeline Association completes a Level Three Response practice yearly to go through NIMs, emergency response, and inner coordination. For more information about the NPA, please visit: <http://nebraskapipeline.com/>

Saunders County LEPC, Terry Miller EM. Saunders County is a new LEPC that borders six counties and has a population base of 25,000 people. They have pipelines, railroads, a UNL Research & Development Center, water wells for Omaha & Lincoln, and more. The primary goals for this new LEPC is the recruitment of new members and public awareness. The Saunders LEPC plans on having a booth at the County Fair. Regular Meeting times have not yet been established.

X. Next Meeting – July 6, 2010, 1:00 PM at Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Board Room. The next meeting will have teleconference capabilities.

XI. Adjourn