Missouri Emergency Response Commission
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11:00 a.m.
January 19, 2018
Welcome/Introductions –
Commission members present: Bill Brinton, Brian Allen, Senator Brian Munzlinger, Lisa Cardone, Bill Halmich, Cory Jorgensen, Ron Walker

Staff Present: Paul Kirchhoff, Patti Tye, Karen Eagleson, Lisa Jobe, Lana Nelson

Guests: Dave Hensley, Keith Henke, Kim Fitzsimmons, Brad Harris, Alan Cortvrient, Sara Davis-Hensley, Jeff Alton, Mark Dietrick

On The Phone: Gina Akins, JJ Travis

Minutes from previous meeting: A motion to approve meeting minutes from previous commission meeting was made by Bill H. seconded by Brian M. and passed unanimously.

Reports:
EPA report presented by Dave Hensley.

Farmers Need to Report Air Releases of Hazardous Substances from Animal Wastes
On December 18, 2008, EPA published a final rule that exempted most farms from reporting air releases of hazardous substances from animal waste under CERCLA and EPCRA. On April 11, 2017, the DC Circuit Court of Appeals vacated this final rule. Farms with continuous releases will need to submit their initial continuous release notification once the DC Circuit Court of Appeals issues its mandate, which is expected to occur on January 22, 2018. At that time, all farms (including those previously exempted) that have releases of hazardous substances to air from animal wastes equal to or greater than the reportable quantities within any 24-hour period must provide notification of such releases.

Initial continuous release notifications of air releases from animal wastes must be made to the National Response Center via a temporary email address at farms@uscg.mil. A streamlined follow-up written report then needs to be submitted to EPA within 30 days after initial notification or 30 days after the mandate, whichever is later.

www.hazmat.dps.mo.gov
800-780-1014
For guidance on estimating and reporting air releases of hazardous substances from animal waste at farms visit: www.epa.gov/animalwaste. For questions please review the guidance at the website above, then call the EPCRA, RMP & Oil Information Center at 1-800-424-9346.

Region 7 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)/Tribal Emergency Response Commission (TERC) Conference Updates
Planning for the 2019 conference is starting. Please contact Terri Blunk at blank.terri@epa.gov if you’d like to join the planning committee.

Update to CAMEO and MARPLOT Now Available
In December 2017, numerous improvements were made to the MARPLOT program. In January 2018, numerous improvements were also made to the CAMEO program, including the addition of new physical and health hazard categories found on Safety Data Sheets. For more information or to download the updates visit www.epa.gov/cameo/marplot-software and www.epa.gov/cameo/cameo-software

Risk Management Program Training Now Available On-line
Region 7 has developed modules discussing the requirements of CAA 112(r)(7), common compliance pitfalls, preparing for inspections and the Region 7 inspection process, and case studies. Though the modules are geared for regulated facilities anyone who wants to learn more about the Risk Management Program would benefit, including emergency planners. Pdfs of the webinars can also be downloaded from the site. The training is posted at www.epa.gov/rmp/region-7-risk-management-program-webinars

Dave also provided the commission with an EPA guidance on "CERCLA and EPCRA Reporting Requirements for Air Releases of Hazardous Substances from Animal Waste at Farms".

DNR Report was given by Alan Cottrell.

The EER staff continues to engage and support local planning efforts through regular attendance at LEPC/LEPD and RHSOC meetings, either as standing committee members or in an Ex-Officio capacity. The EER staff also represents the Department at the Regional Response Team meeting and participates in other meetings such as Region 7 EPCRA and associated sub-area committee meetings.

The following efforts have been documented in the Missouri Environmental Emergency Response Tracking System (MEERTS) and other databases.

FY18 (July, August, and September):

575 incidents (70 meth-related; 505 non-meth)
128 responses (25%)
213 technical assistance inquiries into the spill line were managed by EER staff
127 outreach events were participated in by EER staff

In an effort to serve the public and stakeholders better, the Department has implemented enhancements that have updated the ability for the public to search for incident data on our website at https://dnr.mo.gov/env/esp/meerts/.

Department staff continues to work closely with other state and federal agencies on the topical issue of Harmful Algal Blooms. Online reporting and information will be available through the Department’s website soon.
Modular Emergency Radiological Response Transportation Training (MERRIT)
The Department, along with partners in the Departments of Public Safety and Health and Senior Services, continues to provide MERRIT to response agencies along Missouri's radiation transportation corridors. The EER staff continues to be engaged with planning additional classes. The Moberly Fire Department sponsored a class presented on December 14, 2017. Presenters taught 16 registered participants. Agencies that successfully complete the MERRIT training become eligible to receive radiation-monitoring equipment.

Pesticide Collection Events
The Department has planned and will assist with six pesticide-collection events in calendar year 2018 through funds resulting from a federal settlement. Events are scheduled at Portageville, Bethany, Palmyra, Perryville, Nevada, and Jefferson City. Details of the program and future events may be viewed at http://www.dnr.mo.gov/env/hwp/pesticide/.

Chemical Suicide Training
The EER staff has been trained through an arrangement with MERC to instruct Chemical Suicide training to local officials. Classes are scheduled through the SEMA training website located at http://training.dps.mo.gov/sematraining.nsf/TrainingSchedule?OpenForm. SOSC Roarke Holzschuh delivered five classes in 2017. Four EER staff attended a Chemical Suicide Train-the-Trainer course sponsored by MERC on January 10, 2018, for staff to expand our support of training local agencies.

Division of Fire Safety report was given by Kim Fitzsimmons. Report of Training numbers were included in the packets.

A report from DHSS was presented by Keith Henke, and included in the packets. Keith reported on the Health and Risk Assessment Program.

The HRAP is responsible for evaluating human exposure to hazardous substances in the environment and for making health-protective recommendations regarding actions needed. These evaluations are on-going and arise when environmental emergency responses take place involving the public.

The HRAP is currently working on a TCE site in Camdenton, reviewing clean up strategies at the Westlake Landfill, Coldwater Creek, and staff recently completed a review of the health effects portion of the MoDNR Registry of Hazardous waste sites.

Hazmat Planners reports were provided in the packet. Regional Coordinators reports were included in the packet.

Training report was given by Paul K. MERC training numbers were included in the packet. Contractor list was provided in the packets.
Paul spoke of how adjusting the class size requirement has already made a positive impact on classes. Already, three classes have benefited by the lowered numbers.

A list of 2018 HMEP Training Request was included in the packet.
Hazmat Technician 80 Hour Class –ST. Louis County, All first choices, if not Hazmat Tech, All Awareness, all Operations, all Chemical Suicide, all Railroad Emergency Response and Hazardous Material classes, and then the second choice if the first choice was unavailable. Motion by Brian A. 2nd by Cory J. Motion Carried unanimously.
MERC Directors report was given by Paul Kirchhoff.

MERC Directors Report

**2018 HMEP Training**
- Federal Authorized: $358,531.63
- Federal Expenditures: $9,590.37

Remaining: $348,941.26

**2018 CEPF**
- SFY 18 Beginning Cash Balance: $919,026.23
- Tier II Receipts: $53,875.61
- Damage Funds: $0.00
- Penalties: $0.00
- Interest: $3,015.67

Total Revenue: $975,917.51

Less Expenditures: $544,059.04

Cash Balance: $431,858.47

Paul spoke to the commission on the use of Lotus Notes for the Tier II process. The system is outdated and at this time, Huber and Associates has only one person who is capable of working with Lotus notes. Paul stated that we have a limited window to replace the system. Paul is going to research replacing the current Lotus system. He will follow up with the commission at the next meeting.

Paul announced that the MERC now has a Facebook page, as an outreach tool. Trainings, Tier II information and other MERC happenings are posted to the page, to better get the word out.

Paul also gave an update on House Bill 1364, and Senate Bill 626. It is going well. We appreciate all the effort of Senator Munzlingers, and Representative Kidd in this endeavor.

**Old Business:**

Tier II update was given by Patti Tye. Tier II filing season opened on January 2. Tier II reports have started coming in. To date we have received 2,397 reports.

Due to EPA required changes in the Tier II form, we have worked with Huber to update our website. We have gained additional access to be able to edit more portions of the site. Instructions and the form were updated to reflect afore mentioned changes.

Copies of new instructions as well as a copy of the new form were included in the packet.

Manual reports were sent out a little later than usual due to the changes in the form. MERC sent out 440 forms, which will start coming in shortly. That number is down from past years due to increased online filing.
CEPF Update:

Karen Eagleson gave the EPCRA report.
Facilities reviewed – all files reviewed during archive
Letters mailed – 191
Letters returned – 25
Letters returned 2nd time – 8
Packets of information mailed – 5
Payment letters mailed and phone calls -134 still waiting payment on 63 facilities
Amount still owed 2016 -$4,058.82 for 40 facilities and 2015 -3,917.31 for 23 facilities
Payment letters returned 5 – followed up with phone calls

Facilities added to Non-Reportable Quantities List – 14 - total 1625
(These are facilities that fall under reportable quantities, closed facilities, facilities that have been sold and farms)
There were 8 follow-ups for facility with spills and releases.

Lana Nelson reported on CEPF information.
2017 CEPF totals so far 69 counties out of 115 that have been paid.
2016 for CEPF was $447,354.68.
2017 for CEPF is $352,774.14.
Bootheel need to pay 3 years, waiting on more documents, of which consists of 6 counties.

Karen and Lana have been traveling to many counties to help assist the CEPF application(s).

The counties that are in a pending status and have been emailed and we are receiving a good response.
There are 11 counties that have been approved by the MERC Director, since our last commission meeting.

Karen Eagleson discussed the 2017/2018 CEPF application is ready for approval by the commission, prior to MERC mailing them out. Few typos were noted. Motion to approve as corrected by Lisa C. 2nd by Brian M. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

LEPC Membership list approval for 2017
Putnam, Audrain, Morgan, Webster, Grundy, Pike, Johnson, Montgomery, Livingston, Camden

Need Approval for 2014 & 2015
Camden- 2014, 2015
Putnam- 2015, 2016

Motion to approve by Lisa C. Seconded by Bill H. Motion carried unanimously.
Next MERC Meeting – is on April 6, 2018.

Closed Session in accordance with RSMO 610.021(1) and (3) – No closed session needed.

Motion to adjourn by Bill K. Second by Bill P. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Tye