



# Missouri Emergency Response Commission

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## MERC Commissioners

William Brinton,  
Chairman

10:00 a.m.

April 06, 2018

Brian Allen, Vice-  
Chairman

Welcome/Introductions –

Ronald Walker

Commission members present: Bill Brinton, Brian Allen, Senator Brian Munzlinger, Lisa Cardone, Bill Halmich, Cory Jorgensen, Ron Walker, Representative Bill Kidd

Brian Munzlinger

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

Bill Halmich

Guests: Tony Day, Darrell Brown, Chris Brandt, Melissa Duckworth, Kim Fitzsimmons, Tammy Snodgrass, Jamie Kidd, Kathy Brinton, Brad Harris, Alan Contrvient, Sharon Sheffer, Linda Hickam, Robert Hayes

Lisa Cardone

Cory Jorgensen

On The Phone: Brett Hendrix, Denise Russell, Jeff Alton

Representative  
Bill Kidd

Minutes from previous meeting: A motion to approve meeting minutes from previous commission meeting was made by Cory J. seconded by Lisa C. and passed unanimously.

Representative  
Don Phillips

Reports:  
EPA report was included in the packet.

## MERC Staff

Paul Kirchhoff

Patti Tye

Karen Eagleson

Lana Nelson

Lisa Jobe

Farmers Do Not Need to Report Air Releases of Hazardous Substances from Animal Wastes The Consolidated Appropriations Act 2018 Title XI, called the "Fair Agricultural Reporting Method Act" or "FARM Act" exempts the reporting of air emissions from animal waste at a farm under CERCI-A. When the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals issues its mandate vacating the 2008 final rule farms will remain exempt from the CERCI-A reporting requirements. For more information visit [www.epa.gov/animalwaste](http://www.epa.gov/animalwaste)

In December 2017, numerous improvements were made to the MARPLOT program (Version 5.1.1). In January 2018, numerous improvements were also made to the CAMEO program (Version 3.42), 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](http://www.epa.gov/cameo/marplot-software) and [www.epa.gov/cameo/cameo-software](http://www.epa.gov/cameo/cameo-software)

In 2017 and 2018, EPA Region 7 has deployed multiple personnel to support hurricane and wildfire responses in Texas, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, and California. EPA Region 7 conducted 62

deployments to assist Region 6 in response to Hurricane Harvey that impacted Texas. Due to Hurricanes Irma and Maria, Region 7 had approximately 45 deployments to support Region 2 in response efforts in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Finally, Region 7 had 40 deployments to support Region 9 in response to wildfires in Northern and Southern California.

EPA collects data from states and territories regarding UST performance measures. These data include information such as the number of active and closed tanks, releases confirmed, cleanups initiated and completed, facilities in compliance with UST requirements, and inspections. The data table for October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 is now available and provides data for all states, territories, and Indian country. For more information, visit [www.epa.gov/ust/ust-performance-measures](http://www.epa.gov/ust/ust-performance-measures).

DNR Report was given by Brad Harris.

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 third quarter (January, February, March):

- 207 incidents (5 meth-related; 202 non-meth)
- 57 responses (28.2%)
- 94 technical assistance inquiries into the spill line were managed by EER staff
- 28 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 is available through the Department's website to the public at <https://dnr.mo.gov/env/cyanobacteria.htm> and on the Department's intranet at <http://n-nr1ntra.ads.state.mo.us/env/esp/wqms/HAB.htm>

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/>.

In 2017, EER Staff delivered five Chemical Suicide classes.

Four EER staff attended a Chemical Suicide Train-the-Trainer course sponsored by MERC on January 10, 2018.

Classes are open to local officials and are scheduled through the SEMA training website located at <http://training.dps.mo.gov/sematraining.nsf/TrainingSchedule?OpenForm>

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

A report was not received from DHSS

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

Tier II updates were given by Patti Tye.  
Tier II reports received to date is 8,076. Reports continue to come in daily. All manual reports received by the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline have now been entered into the system. This afternoon an email will be going out to all LEPC/Ds to advise that they may log into the system and view reports for their counties. If your LEPC/D does not have user information set up, contact me and we will get them into the system. Please remember that I will need a letter or a call from the LEPC Chair to let me know who they want to have access to the system. I can set up two users per county.  
I am working to get all facilities that have filed and paid, marked as paid. Once that process is complete, we will begin Optional Distribution. As a reminder, for LEPC/Ds, the Optional Distribution is fulfilled by setting up a user id and password to the Tier II filing system.

EPCRA report given by Paul K.

Karen spent most all of January, February and March opening the mail.

Facilities added to Non-Reportable Quantities List – 17 - total 1642

(These are facilities that fall under reportable quantities, closed facilities, facilities that have been sold and farms)

Letters mailed –18, Packets of information mailed – 3,

There were 14 follow-ups for facility with spills and releases.

Training Report was given by Lisa Jobe.

PAM activities

Assisting Paradigm with site selection for 2019 regional HSEEP meetings

MERC and SEMA training provided AARs for the 2018 Spring HSEEP meetings

3/6 Kansas City

3/8 Maryville

3/13 Hannibal

3/15 Jefferson City

3/20 Chesterfield

3/22 Sikeston

3/26 West Plains

3/28 Cuba

4/3 Branson

Training Activities

New Training Website <https://sematraining.com>

Beginning to schedule classes for spring/summer and fall 2018

CEPF Information presented by Lana Nelson.

Busy season for the Tier II's, are finally towards the end, I will be able to divert my attention to the 2018 CEPF applications. I've already received two 2018 CEPF applications. The 2018 CEPF applications are due on May 15, 2018, of which these were sent electronically to each county.

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There are 4 counties that have been approved by the MERC Director, since our last commission meeting. There are several counties who need Membership list approval. We will discuss those in New Business.

MERC Director's Report was given by Paul K.



## MERC Director's Report



2018 HMEP Training	
Federal Authorized	\$358,122.00
Federal Expenditures	\$74,906.01
Remaining	\$283,215.99
2018 CEPF	
SFY 18 Beginning Cash Balance	\$919,026.23
Tier II Receipts	\$823,868.04
Damage Funds	\$0.00
Penalties	\$0.00
Interest	\$3,015.67
Total Revenue	\$1,745,909.94
Less Expenditures	\$621,984.17
Cash Balance	\$1,123,925.77

As of: April 1, 2018

Paul reminded those present that money is available for those LEPC/Ds who have not yet filed their CEPF grant application. He also spoke of how the MERC is going out the LEPC/D meetings, assisting counties with back year's applications, and encouraging them to ask for assistance if needed.

Paul spoke to the commission on the use of Lotus Notes for the Tier II process. The system is out of date and needs to be replaced. There are two ways we could go. We could go with the Tier II Submit. It is a free system operated by the federal government. While it is free, we do not know how it will work with our fee based system. We also want to make sure that we own and have control over what is in there. There is also a Tier II Manager. We are sitting in on a webinar to evaluate that system. Second option is to contract out for a specially designed system for us. We will continue to gather information and evaluate what is available.

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.

Paul stated that he and Karen will be attending the NASTIPO conference in Oklahoma City in April. One of the things they will be working on is the HMEP grant application. Working on adding some additional classes.

We currently have two MERC planners. Paul is working on adding a planner. Working with MU and bring them on as an intern. Once they have worked with our current planners and Karen, they could be brought on as a contract planner.

**Old Business:**

Paul gave an update on the Flow Study applications. He proposed that the Commission approve the following 2018 Flow Study Grant applications:

Bates County: \$1,500.00

Cooper County: \$6,500.00

Livingston Co.: \$2,560.00

Meramec Reg.: \$18,200.00

Warren County: \$7,000.00

Total: \$35,760.00

Motion by Brian A. Second by Brian M. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

CEPF Update:

The following need Membership list approval:

**2017**

Sullivan County

Cooper County

Clinton County

**2016**

Sullivan County

Knox County

Cooper County

**2015**

Sullivan County

Motion to approve made by Brian A. Second by Brian M. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul spoke to the commission of how we are receiving calls regarding the upcoming SEMA conference. These scholarships would be awarded to counties with less than \$10,000.00 in their CEPF funds. The scholarships would cover the cost of conference registration and 3 nights lodging.

Motion to approve by Brian A. Second by Bill K. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Cory J. Second by Lisa C. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patti Tye