



Missouri Emergency Response Commission

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Missouri Emergency Response Commission
State Emergency Management Agency
Hilton Garden Inn
3300 Vandiver Drive
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9:30 a.m.

MERC Commissioners

William Brinton,
Chairman

Brian Allen, Vice-
Chairman

Ronald Walker

Dave Hinson

Bob Dixon

Brian Munzlinger

Bill Halmich

Lisa Cardone

Cory Jorgensen

Bill Ransdall

October 01, 2016

Welcome/Introductions –

Commission members Present: Bill Brinton, Senator
Brian Munzlinger, Lisa Cardone, and Gabrielle Fee
for Bill Ransdall

Staff Present: Paul Kirchhoff , Patti Tye, Lisa Jobe,
Karen Eagleson, Lana Nelson, Kermit Hargis, Scot
Gibson

Guests: Terri Blunk, Kent Edge, Dave Hensley,
James Roberts, Cindy Arbuckle

Minutes from previous meeting: A motion to
approve meeting minutes from previous commission
meeting as well as a phone conference on August
10, 2016 was made by Lisa C. seconded by Brain M.
and passed unanimously.

MERC Staff

Paul Kirchhoff

Patti Tye

Karen Eagleson

Lana Nelson

Lisa Jobe

Reports:

EPA report presented by Dave Hensley.
Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Preliminary Dataset for
Calendar Year 2015 Now Available.

The TRI preliminary dataset for calendar year 2015 is now available. This dataset
contains the most current TRI data on toxic chemical releases and pollution prevention
activities at U.S. industrial facilities. For more information see <https://www.epa.gov/tri>

On June 13, 2016 a federal register was published amending 40 CFR part 370
(EPCRA 311/312) to conform to the revisions of OSHA's HCS due its adoption of the
GHS classification and labeling of chemicals. Facilities will be required to report the
new information on their CY 2017 Tier II reports (due March 1, 2018). For
information on OSHA's changes to the Hazardous Communication Standard see
<https://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/HCSFactsheet.html> . The next conference is
scheduled for July 20-22, 2017 in Overland Park, Kansas. If you would like to
contribute to the planning or have any questions about the conference, please contact
Patricia Reitz, Planning

www.hazmat.dps.mo.gov
800-780-1014

Committee Chair, at reitz.patricia@epa.gov or (913) 551-7674. Federal and state representatives responsible for EPCRA (both 313 & non-313) and other chemical safety & security regulation implementation will meet to discuss updates, successes, challenges, and potential outreach for the next year. All are welcome – please contact Terri Blunk at blunk.terri@epa.gov or 913-551-7013 if you want to attend.

EPA has redesigned its websites to organize information around environmental topics instead of organizational structure, make them easier to view on mobile devices more easily, and give more browsing options with better search results. Updated websites include: EPCRA: <https://www.epa.gov/epcra> ,TRI: <https://www.epa.gov/tri> Risk Management Program: <https://www.epa.gov/rmp> ,Emergency Response: <https://www.epa.gov/emergency-response>

DNR Report was included in packet.

DNR-Section 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. Staff also attended the EPA EPCRA and CRIB meeting at the EPA Region 7 office on March 9, 2016 and participates in other meetings such as Region 7 RRT and associated sub-area committee meetings.

Currently, the department is coordinating with other state and federal agencies on the topical issue of Avian Influenza. Outbreaks last year at two separate concentrated animal feeding operation facilities impacting turkeys were a concern and the possibility of another outbreak is being monitored because of the natural migration of waterfowl. Continued planning for Harmful Algal Bloom occurrences is continuing for this year's summer season.

For the period of FY16 (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016), 1389 incidents have been entered (354 meth-related; 1035 non-meth) into the Missouri Environmental Emergency Response Tracking System (MEERTS) and State On-Scene Coordinators (SOSCs) have made 221 responses. SOSCs generally respond to 20-25% of non-meth related incidents received on the spill line in any given year to ensure adequate and appropriate cleanups are undertaken. In addition to the incidents documented in MEERTS, staff have logged and managed 444 technical assistance inquiries into the spill line and logged participation at 442 outreach events for FY16. The Department is also implementing enhancements to web postings, including incident data, to better serve the public and stakeholders interested in that data.

Currently, the Department is coordinating with other state and federal agencies on the topical issue of Harmful Algal Blooms. The Department is responding for and assisting local, state, and federal officials with this summer's season of incidents. Planning for Harmful Algal Bloom occurrences is continuing.

DNR planned and is assisting with six pesticide collection events in 2016 through funds resulting from a federal settlement. These events are at Portageville, Poplar Bluff, Fairfax, Canton, Montgomery City, and Bolivar. The Portageville event was on March 12, 2016 and 32,659 pounds of pesticides were collected. Details on the program and future events may be viewed at <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/env/hwp/pesticide/> (on the DNR website).

DNR staff maintain a daily presence in St. Louis County to conduct continuous air monitoring, support twice-daily screening checks, and assist with sampling associated with the Bridgeton Landfill.

Division of Fire Safety report was included in the packet.

A report from DHSS was not received.

EPCRA Report was given by Karen Eagleson. 300 Non-compliance reviews complete. Letters mailed for non-compliance-48

From June through September I assisted the planners with CEPF applications and trained Patti and Lana on how to review the CEPF applications.

Assisted with the planning of the Hazmat Symposium

I reviewed Flow studies for Dade, Daviess, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Linn and Meramec Regional Emergency Planning Committee

Hazmat Planners reports were provided in the packet.

Training numbers were included in the packet.

**HMEP TRAINING REPORT
JULY 1-SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

COURSE NAME	# COURSES	# PARTICIPANTS
Hazmat Incident Response Operations	2	18
Ignitable Liquids & Class B Foams	1	16
Hazmat Incident Response Awareness	5	82
MC 306 Tanker Rollover	6	123
Hazmat IQ	1	27
Ignitable Liquids & Ethanol Blended Fuels	5	113
TOTALS*	20	379

Directors report was given by Paul Kirchhoff. 2016 HMEP Training Federal authorized-training \$287,767.00. Federal expenditures-training of \$282,697.92. Leaving balance of \$5,069.08, which will be expended on books. 2016 HMEP Planning Federal Authorized-Planning \$138,165.00, with Federal Expenditures of \$97,771.16. That leaves a balance of \$40,393.84. We do have the option of requesting that balance be moved to Training as we can use the funds for training purposes.

For 2016 CEPF SFY Beginning cash balance \$826,207.78

Tier II receipts- \$867,053.54

Penalties- 23,192.41

Interest- 3,479.41

Total Revenue \$1,719,933.14

Expenditures- \$851,797.50

Cash balance-\$868,135.64

2016 HMEP grand funding has been extended to December 31, 2016.

2017 HMEP grand funding has been approved in the amount of \$429,232.00

Old Business:

Tier II Update- Paul reported that Lana sent 48 1st notice letters for nonpayment, receiving 24 back with payment. 24- 2nd notice for nonpayment, with 17 of those returned with payment.

Paul reported that he attended a group presentation given by the FFA on the use of drones (UAS). There are some positive uses for Unmanned Aircraft Systems. The FAA is still working on regulations. There are very little laws regarding the use of UAS, such as privacy, and freedom of use. Air safety is another concern. There is very little legislation regarding use in public areas such as public areas and government buildings. While there is very little to govern the use of drones, there is the concern that if you damage a drone belonging to another, you can be charged with property damage, even though that drone may be hovering over your home. There are also regulations for operating a drone; Pilots are required to go through certification and pass an Aeronautical test. They must hold a pilots certification and be vetted by the TSA.

The cost range for the type of UAS that we would use in our field could be from \$1000.00, which would have very limited capabilities, up to \$10,000.00. Another concern would be liability. If we were to assist in the purchase of these drones, we could be liable for civil complaints. There is also concern of governmental monitoring.

Paul made the recommendation that the discussion of the use of drones be tabled until such time as more grant guidance is given and federal legislation is more defined.

Brian M. made a motion that any UAS purchase requests be denied until further legislative guidance is available. Gabriella F. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

Paul addressed the issue of Remote training for rural areas. The MERC has a 15 student minimum requirement for our classes. The reason being is that we must justify the cost per student in order to meet grant requirements in our funding. Rural areas sometimes have difficulty in filling classes, so it can appear that the MERC is focusing training on the larger urban areas. With businesses and colleges providing more online training, we are looking to explore the possibilities of providing training that is more like what the colleges are doing. Paul proposed a feasibility study on alternate type of training that would meet the needs of the students as well as meet our funding requirements.

Brian M. expressed concern over the costs involved with a feasibility study. Paul K. stated that the study would be done in house, therefore eliminating extra expense.

Brian M. made a motion to approve a feasibility study on the MERC training classes. Lisa C. seconded. Motion carried.

Paul K. informed the commission that we have received a letter of resignation from Bob Derickson. Bob came onto the commission in 2008 and represents the Transporters of Hazardous Materials. The governors office has been notified. Paul recommends the commission accept the resignation. Lisa C. made the motion to approve the resignation. Brian M. seconded. Motion carried.

Paul requested approval of LEPC membership lists for the following:

2013- Clark, Macon

2014- Clark, Macon

2015- Bollinger, Madison, Perry

2016- Adair, Andrew, Barry, Benton, Buchanan, Callaway, Cass, Clay, Clinton, Dade, Daviess, Greene, Harrison, Henry, Hickory, Jackson, Lafayette, Lawrence, Linn, Morgan, Nodaway, Pettis, Platte, Ray, St Louis City, St Louis County, Stone

Lisa C. made a motion to approve membership lists for previously listed counties.

Brian M. seconded. Motion carried.

Shannon/Reynolds/Carter LEPC are now defunct. Carter County has joined the Howell/Oregon/Carter LEPC. Shannon and Reynolds are now operating independent LEPCs. Paul K. recommended approval for Shannon and Reynolds to operate as independent LEPCs. Lisa C. made the motion to approve Shannon and Reynolds as independent LEPCs. Brian M. seconded. Motion carried.

Next MERC Meeting –is on January 13, 2017.

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

Motion to adjourn by Lisa C., Brian M. seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Tye

