



Missouri Emergency Response Commission

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Missouri Emergency Response Commission Agenda
State Emergency Management Agency
Governors' Conference Room
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Jefferson City, MO 65109
Conference Call Number 573-526-4747 or 866-716-0236

10:03 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

Robert Derickson

Bill Ransdall

March 18, 2016

Welcome/Introductions –

Commission members Present: Bill Brinton, Senator
Brian Munzlinger, Brian Allen, Lisa Cardone, Cory
Jorgenson, Ron Walker, and Gabrielle Fee for Bill
Ransdall

Staff Present: Patti Tye, Lori Blatter, Karen Eagleson,
Lana Nelson, Kermit Hargis, George Albert, and
Andrew Stein

Call In: Scott Hayes, Brian Allen

Minutes from previous meeting: A motion was made by
Lisa C. to accept the minutes as written, seconded by
Gabrielle F. and passed unanimously

MERC Staff

Patti Tye

Karen Eagleson

Lana Nelson

Lisa Jobe

Reports:

EPA is proposing to amend the Accidental Release Prevention Requirements of Risk Management Programs under the CAA Section 112(r)(7). The proposed revisions aim to modernize its chemical safety and security regulations, guidance, and policies are required under Executive Order (EO) 13650. EO 13650 directs the federal government to carry out a number of tasks intended to prevent chemical accidents, such as the explosion in West, Texas on April 17, 2013.

The proposed revisions include several changes to the accident prevention program requirements, including:

- An additional requirement for the process hazard analysis required for Program 3 processes,
- Enhancements to the emergency preparedness requirements,
- Increased public availability of chemical hazard information, and
- Several other changes to certain regulatory definitions and data elements submitted in the RMPs.

Comments will be due 60 days after the date of publication in the *Federal Register*. A pre-publication copy of the proposed rule can be found at the following website: <http://www.epa.gov/rmp/proposed-changes-risk-management-program-rmp-rule>.

We are gearing up to begin planning for the 2017 conference. If you are interested in having input into the 2017 conference, you are welcome to join the planning committee. Please contact Patricia Reitz, Planning Committee Chair, at reitz.patricia@epa.gov or (913) 551-7674.

To ensure that this nation is better prepared for environmental emergencies, EPA is working with other federal partners to prevent accidents as well as to maintain superior response capabilities. One of our roles is to provide information about response efforts, regulations, tools, and research that will help the regulated community, government entities, and concerned citizens prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. If you are interested in learning more about this effort, please visit: <http://www.epa.gov/emergency-response>.

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.

For FY16 (July 1, 2015-March 15, 2016) 1003 incidents have been entered (290 meth-related; 713 non-meth) into the Missouri Environmental Emergency Response Tracking System (MEERTS) and State On-Scene Coordinators (SOSCs) have made 146 responses. SOSCs generally respond to between 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 326 technical assistance inquiries into the spill line and logged participation at 242 outreach events for FY16 through March 15, 2016. 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 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.

The Department was actively engaged with requests for assistance from statewide flooding that began about December 26, 2015. Flooding impacted many citizens, business owners, property owners, and public areas. Regional offices actively assisted local officials concerning drinking water, waste water, solid waste, and hazardous waste issues. Dam Safety staff assisted local officials to assess multiple damaged impoundment dams deemed at risk. EER staff engaged the U.S. EPA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Missouri National Guard, and the U.S. Coast Guard in emergency assistance and cleanup. EER SOSCs were engaged in the St. Louis area, supporting the U.S. EPA's FEMA-assigned missions to remove debris, orphaned containers, household hazardous waste, and e-waste .

Division of Fire Safety report was included in the packet.

DHSS reports the program inspected 8 Radiation shipments this past quarter

The program provided internal training for Rad Team volunteers in the areas of air, water, and vegetation sampling for nuclear power plants. In addition, personal protective equipment, source identification, and equipment use were practiced.

The program attended a RAC meeting, RRT meeting, several local meetings, and 3 Bridgeton Business Coordination meetings.

-One displaced radiation device was investigated this past quarter.

-One exercise was attended on December 10 for the Callaway Plant.

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.

EPCRA Specialist was given by Karen Eagleson. She reported that 9 letters have been mailed for non-compliance. The 12 final notices that had been mailed from last Commission meeting have all filed. The MERC has added 25 facilities to the no reportable quantity list which brings the total to 1,571. After the archive, 497 facilities are being researched for letters to be mailed. Mailed our 487 Manual reports in December.

LEPC CEPF reviews completed were Dade, Cole and Saline counties.

Hazmat Planners reports were provided in the packet.

Training numbers were included in the packet.

MERC Directors Report was given by Dawn Warren. She advised of Dean Martins' resignation, stating that she would be stepping into the role to assist the MERC, until new Director is found. Director Walker spoke in regards to the hiring process.

HMEP Training

Federal Authorized - Training	\$287,767.00
Federal Expenditures - Training	76,155.53
Remaining - Training	\$211,611.47

HMEP Planning

Federal Authorized - Planning	\$138,165.00
Federal Expenditures - Planning	20,351.65
Remaining - Planning	\$117,813.35

CEPF

SFY 15 Beginning Cash Balance	826,207.78
Tier Ii Receipts	778,914.64
Penalties	22,636.34
Interest	2,248.05
Total Revenue	\$1,630,006.81
Less Expenditures	-688,763.46
Cash Balance	\$941,243.35

Dawn requested that the Commission release \$50,000.00 as a sub-grant to counties who are interested in completing a commodity flow study. Counties would have to send in a grant application, and provide what their proposed expenditures would be. Funds would then be obligated by the commission at the next meeting.

Bill H. made a motion to make \$50,000.00 available for a flow study for the state of Missouri. Second by Lisa C. Motion Carried unanimously.

Dawn asked the Commission to look at the items on the List of 2016 Missouri Emergency Management Conference Breakout Sessions, to determine which sessions, in addition to the MERC classes, would be an eligible expense for Hazmat funding.

Motion was made by Cory J. to add 10 MERC approved classes to the conference. Second by Lisa C. Motion carried.

2016 Missouri Emergency Management Conference Breakout Session

Wednesday, April 20th

Disaster Logistics Preparedness: Some Things to Consider - Speaker – Randy Scrivner/Sam Pherigo/Dan Harrison-Approved

The Changing World of Public Assistance – Speaker – Alan Prenger

An Update on NWS Decision Support Service in MO, the Latest Weather Events, and More – Speaker – Jim Kramper-Approved

MOEMA MoCEM Process – Speaker – Abe Cook

National Mass Care Exercise – Speaker – Deb Hendricks-Approved

FirstNet: 2016 State Consultation – Speaker – Bryan Courtney

GIS in Emergency – Speakers – Debbie Briedwell/Alexis Gieseke-Approved

*Ammonium Nitrate (1:00pm-2:30pm) – Speaker – Mike Schultz

MARCs – Communities Coming Together for Disaster Relief – Speaker – Debi Meeds/Chris Harmon

*Chemical Emergency Preparedness Fund, What You Should Know (3:00pm-4:30pm) – Speaker – Kermit Hargis

Thursday, April 21st

WebEOC: Harnessing the Power of Technology When Disaster Strikes – Speaker – Sebastian Gely-Approved

Emergency Management Performance Grant – Speakers – Amy Lepper

Social Media: The Good, The Bad & Dealing with the Ugly – Speakers – Jessica Sexton/panel-Approved

MOSWIN: Best Practices for Emergency Management – Speaker – Bryan Courtney-Approved

Floodplain Management 101 – Speakers – Karen McHugh

*Railway Transportation Resources Available (1:00pm – 2:30 pm) – Speaker – Dillon Magers

Fatality Planning and Mass Fatality Resources in Missouri – Speaker – Mark Pethan/Kevin Tweedy-Approved

Mental & Emotional Care for Responders – Speaker – Steve Martin-Approved

FAN Fair (Functional & Access Needs) – Speakers – Becky White-Approved

*Pipeline Emergency Response: A Discussion Based Exercise (3:00pm – 5:00 pm) – Speaker – Randal Duncan

A discussion ensued on the possibility of a more appropriate Flood Plain Management class being developed by DNR and Health that would be more assistive for Hazmat situations.

Old Business:

Tier II updates – Patricia Tye reported in 2015 there were 8,706 reports that were received and to date the MERC has received 7,972 for the 2016 year. While the numbers above show that we are below last year's totals, we are still processing and receiving Tier Two reports daily.

Optional Distribution continues to gain popularity with our filers, with approximately 2800 facilities selecting the option. I estimate that number to be closer to 3,000 by the time all the processing is complete.

Several of the counties have a small amount of storage space, and called to let us know they wish not to have the paper copies mailed to them. This year we will be emailing the Tier Twos to the LEPCs and Fire Departments with 5 or less reports. More than 5 will be sent on a flash drive. We will be starting that task once we have completed the processing of Tier Two reports. LEPC/LEPDs will continue to have access to the website. If user ID is needed, they can contact the MERC.

New Business:

Dawn W. addressed the upcoming HMEP grant application. Dawn stated that there are changes in the grant application. It appears that there will be a reduction in the funding amounts.

PHMSA will be here the first week of April for a technical assistance visit. Rather than approving the application now, we will wait until their visit, get their recommendations, and hold a conference call for the commission to review the grant application, and then approve it via conference call.

Bill H. voiced concern over the cost per student ratio. Dawn stated that PHMSA does comparisons to other like courses in the country. Dawn voiced concern over the pass/fail rate in the classes that are internal deliveries. We are seeing a fail rate of approximately 75% on the in jurisdiction deliveries of this class. She would like for us to look at that process to help those students be more successful.

Bill H. voiced concern over the Hazmat Tech class format. Discussion over modular set up. He suggested the Commission discuss the fail rate in internal deliveries.

Dawn suggested that these issues could be further reviewed by the Hazmat Committee.

Motion made by Bill H. to pass to Hazmat Training Committee, The review of the Awareness Class to establish guidelines for internal deliveries, as well as a Review of the Hazmat Tech class to modules. Second by Cory J. Motion carried.

LEPC membership approval requested for Barton, Carroll, Dade, Cedar, Cole, Douglas, Dallas, Shannon and Webster counties. Motion made by Cory J. Second by Lisa C. Motion carried.

A copy of the 2016 CEPF grant application was provided in the packet. Commission was requested to review application and approve for sending out to counties via email. Motion made by Bill H. Second by Brian M. Motion carried.

Next MERC Meeting –is on June 10, 2016.

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

Motion to adjourn by Bill H. Second by Lisa C. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.