



Missouri Emergency Response Commission

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10:00 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

April 7, 2017

Welcome/Introductions –

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

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

Guests: Brad Harris, Alan Contrivent, Bill Pittenger, Tammy Snodgrass, Melissa Friel, Dave Hensley

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

Elections

Chairperson: Bill H. nominated Bill Brinton, 2nd by Corey J. Brian M motioned nominations cease. 2nd by Corey J. Nominations closed. Bill Brinton elected Chairperson unanimously.

Vice Chair: Corey J nominated Brian Allen. 2nd by Brian M. Bill H motioned nominations be closed. 2nd by Lisa C. Motion carried. Biran Allan elected Vice Chair unanimously.

Reports:

EPA report was given by Dave Hensley

Rule Modernizing Risk Management Program Regulation Effective Date Delayed Until June 19th, 2017, and proposed to be postponed until February 19, 2019

In response to a petition for reconsideration and request for a stay, EPA delayed the effective date of finalized amendments to June 19, 2017. EPA is proposing to further delay the effective date to February 19, 2019, to evaluate this and other recently submitted petitions and take further regulatory action. A public hearing will be held in Washington, DC on April 19, 2017.

MERC Staff

Paul Kirchhoff

Patti Tye

Karen Eagleson

Lana Nelson

Lisa Jobe

Curious about the history of EPCRA or its evolution into the program as we know it today – see the interactive timeline at <https://www.epa.gov/epcra/30-years-epcra>.

The next conference is scheduled for July 20-22, 2017 in Overland Park, Kansas. If you have any questions about the conference, please contact Patricia Reitz, Planning Committee Chair, at reitz.patricia@epa.gov or (913) 551-7674

On June 13, 2016 federal register 39104 FR 81 was published amending EPA's hazardous chemical reporting regulations at 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). Though EPA will immediately begin work modifying Tier2 Submit and the associated forms, EPA is providing flexibility to allow states to modify their software by January 1, 2018 to accept the new information. For questions please contact your EPCRA Missouri State Coordinator, Dave Hensley at hensley.dave@epa.gov or 913-551-7768

For information on removal actions completed by EPA, please visit <http://www.epaosc.org>
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>

The DNR report was given by Brad Harris.

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 attend the EPA RRT meeting at the EPA Region 7 office and participate in other meetings such as Region 7 EPCRA and associated sub-area committee meetings.

Through the first three-quarters of FY17 (July 1, 2016-March 31, 2017), 806 incidents have been entered (93 meth-related; 713 non-meth) into the Missouri Environmental Emergency Response Tracking System (MEERTS), and State On-Scene Coordinators (SOSCs) have made 192 responses, which is 23.8%. 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. The department is continuing to experience a decrease in methamphetamine lab seizures in Missouri. The department anticipates implementing a significant reduction of its Clandestine Drug Lab Collection Station program to correspond with the decrease in the volume of labs processed. In addition to the incidents documented in MEERTS, staff have logged and managed 254 technical assistance inquiries into the spill line and logged participation at 356 outreach events. The department has pursued enhancements to posting MEERTS data to our website, which has improved the ability to search for incident data to better serve the public and stakeholders.

Currently, the department is coordinating with other state and federal agencies on the topical issue of Harmful Algal Blooms. The department is planning for and assisting local, state, and federal officials for next summer's season of incidents.

The department will sponsor six pesticide collection events in 2017 through funds resulting from a federal settlement. Thus far, two events have occurred: the Portageville event held on March 11, collected 27,855 pounds of pesticides/agricultural chemicals, and the Fairfax event held on March 25, collected 1,392 pounds. The remaining four events are planned for St. Peters, Sikeston,

Chillicothe, and Lockwood. Details on the program and planned future events and locations may be viewed at <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/env/hwp/pesticide/>.

The EER Section was recently awarded a grant from the Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS), Office of Homeland Security to replace the department’s aging chemical warfare detection meters that were originally received in 2005. The old Smith’s Detection APD 2000 meters were replaced with Smith’s Detection LCD 3.3 meters. The replacement meters were placed into service, and staff received training on March 15, 2017.

DHSS did not provide a report this time. Corey J. announced that Keith Henke would be at next meeting with report for the commission.

Division of Fire Safety report was included in the packet.

EPCRA Report from Karen Eagleson was included in the packet.

Regional Coordinators reports were provided in the packet.

Training numbers were included in the packet.

MERC courses scheduled:

Course	County	Date	Status
Hazmat Tech	Jefferson	3/18-19, 3/25-26, 4/8-9, 4/22- 23	In progress
Pipeline Emergencies	Maries	3/25	Cancelled-low enrollment
Chemical Suicide	Buchanan	3/28	Completed
Chemical Suicide	Buchanan	3/29	Completed
Chemical Suicide	Buchanan	3/30	Completed
Awareness	Carter	4/1	Cancelled-low enrollment
Handling LP Gas	Hickory	4/1	Completed
Hazmat IQ	Audrain	4/5	Completed
Ethanol	Randolph	4/8	Scheduled
MC 306	Washington	4/11 & 12	Scheduled
Handling LP Gas	Miller	4/15	Scheduled
Hazmat IQ	Putnam	4/15	Scheduled
Class B Foam	Shelby	4/18 & 4/19	Scheduled
Chemical Suicide	Dade	4/20	Scheduled
Awareness (internal)	Linn	4/22	Scheduled
Awareness	St. Louis City	4/27	Scheduled
Hazmat IQ	Worth	4/29	Scheduled
Hazmat IQ	Crawford	4/29	Scheduled
Hazmat Tech 80 Hour	MARC-KC	5/1	Scheduled
Operations (internal)	Linn	5/5	Scheduled
Handling LP Gas	Livingston	5/6	Scheduled
Hazmat IQ	Boone	5/12	Scheduled
Chemical Suicide	Worth	5/13	Scheduled
Hazmat IQ	Buchanan	5/20	Scheduled
MC 306	Camden	5/23	Scheduled
Hazmat IQ	St. Louis City	5/25	Scheduled
MC 306	Bates	6/3	Scheduled
MC 306	MARC-KC	6/5	Scheduled
MC 306	MARC-KC	6/6	Scheduled
MC 306	MARC-KC	6/7	Scheduled

Operations (internal)	Buchanan	6/9, 6/10, 6/16, 6/17	Scheduled
Awareness	Daviess	6/10	Scheduled
MC 306	Scott	6/12	Scheduled
Awareness	Dent	6/24	Scheduled
Operations	Dent	7/21, 7/22, 7/23	Scheduled
Hazmat IQ	Daviess	7/22	Scheduled
Anhydrous Ammonia	Dade	9/6	Scheduled
Chemical Suicide	Saline	9/9	Scheduled
Ethanol	Laclede	9/9	Scheduled
Hazmat IQ	Polk	9/16	Scheduled
Ethanol	Caldwell	9/23	Scheduled

Director's report was given by Paul Kirchhoff

2017 HMEP Training	
Federal Authorized	\$429,232.00
Federal Expenditures	\$66,604.45
Remaining	\$362,627.55
2017 CEPF	
SFY 17 Beginning Cash Balance	\$868,154.76
Tier II Receipts	\$822,945.77
Damage Funds	\$6,690.38
Penalties	\$0.00
Interest	\$17,817.27
Total Revenue	\$1,715,608.18
Less Expenditures	\$628,612.19
Cash Balance	\$1,086,995.99

Paul assured the commission that million dollar cap had not been met by March 01, 2017. Paul spoke on the 15 student class minimum. Smaller counties are having problems meeting this requirement for training classes. Paul said there is nothing in legislation that makes that requirement. Ron W acknowledged the issue and explained the minimum requirement was in place for uniformity, and cost effectiveness. However, the commission is open to looking at altering certain course minimum requirements. Ron W. asked Paul to research the flexibility of making changes to class minimum requirements. Bill H. spoke on the fact that with rural areas, with the minimum requirement in place, emergency service personnel are missing out on training. His thoughts are that some trained personnel is better than no one receiving the training. Ron W. stated that we need to determine where we would draw the line for class minimums, based on demographics, and costs involved with course. MERC staff will develop a proposal to present to commission.

Paul K. reported that Senate Bill 515 /House Bill 1167 have been presented by Senator Brian M. The intent for this is to extend the sunset on the fee collection date.

Old Business:

Tier II updates were given by Patti Tye. Patti reported that Tier II reports received thus far are 8,072. This is somewhat lower than this time last year, but they continue to come in daily. Nonpayment letters will be going out next week. Patti also spoke about the Optional Distribution process. Comparing the initial year it began (2012) where there were 1,023 filers who chose Optional Distribution. We are now nearing 3,000 for this filing year.

New Business:

The MERC has sent 83 counties and 7 LEPC's a copy of the 2017 CEPF applications, of which made a total of 115 counties. On March 16, 2017 CEPF applications were mailed and also sent via email to individual counties as well as the Regional Coordinators. We've started to receive the 2017 CEPF application already. I did receive three 2017 CEPF packets that were returned in the mail, but tried to notify those counties by phone, to verify they've already received them by email. We've since given several counties already an extension till June.

CEPF- LEPC Membership List: Bates Mercer Barton-2017

Audrain, Bares, Cole, Jefferson, Chariton, Douglas, Polk, Saline, Shannon, Webster, Mercer-2016

Bates- 2015

Bates, Polk – 2014

Bates, Polk-2013

Motion to approve lists made by Lisa C. Second by Bill H. Motion carried.

SEMA Conference Scholarships

Paul K. asked the commission to approve 25 scholarships to LEPCs for SEMA conference. Paul suggested that these scholarships be available to LEPCs/Ds with less than \$10,000 in CEPF funds available to them. Patti T. stated that the amount per scholarship is approximately \$500.00. This covers 3 nights in hotel and conference registration.

Motion to approve 25 scholarships to SEMA conference made by Brian A. 2nd by Brian M. Motion carried.

Next MERC Meeting –is on August 22, 2017.

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

Motion to adjourn by Brian M. seconded by Brian A. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:55am.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Tye