



Missouri Emergency Response Commission

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10:00 a.m.

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Bill Ransdall

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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, Lisa Jobe, Karen Eagleson,
Lana Nelson, Kermit Hargis, George Albert, and
Andrew Stein

Guests: Alan Cortvrient, Terri Blunk, Paul Kirchhoff,
Krystal Stotts, Laura Brewer, Greg Carrell, Brad Harris

Minutes from previous meeting: A motion was made by
Corey J. to accept the minutes as written, seconded by
Ron W. and passed unanimously. Motion to approve
conference meeting minutes from March 18, 2016,
made by Ron W. Second by Lisa C. Motion carried.

MERC Staff

Patti Tye

Karen Eagleson

Lana Nelson

Lisa Jobe

Reports:

Dawn Warren stated that Lawrence, Meremac, Lewis, Linn, Daviess, Lincoln, and Dade counties have applied for the Flow Study Grant, totaling \$23,884.00. Dawn requested approval to award and pay these out. A motion was made by Brian M. 2nd by Lisa C. Motion Carried.

Tier II receipts this year are \$866,805.54. There is approximately \$15,000.00 in accidental overpayments to be refunded.

HMEP planning has a remaining balance of \$94,236.31. With the obligations today of \$23,884.00, funding is 100% obligated and should be expended by September 20, on our federal grant.

HMEP Training has a balance of \$128,584.26. Out of this fund, we have approximately \$150,000.00 obligated. Dawn stated that due to the minimum student requirement, classes do

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get cancelled, so we do over-obligate. Since our last commission meeting, we have delivered 2 Awareness , 1 Chemical Suicide, 4 Operations classes as well as

Well as 1 Hazmat Technician Program. She stated that in the event that we would over obligate, and deliver all scheduled classes, we then revert back to our "Damage Fund" from DNR. They pay up to 10% of all damage fund receipts into our damage fund. We hold that amount in the "Damage Fund" in case we need additional funds for training, as allowed by statute.

Dawn spoke of concerns over the pass/fail rates of "Internal Delivery" instructors. These are instructors outside of the MERC. She asks that the commission consider that if an Internal Delivery instructor has 2 classes that fall below a 75% pass/fail rate, that the MERC will not provide books, or evaluators for that class. We will, invite the instructor to a Train the Trainer course before providing course materials to this instructor again.

Motion by Ron W. 2nd by Corey J. Motion carried.

Ron Walker introduced Paul Kirchhoff as the new MERC Director, as of July 01, 2016.

Dawn Warren asked for approval of LEPC membership lists, for the following counties: Carter, Clinton and Saline for 2014. For 2015: Adair, Barry, Bollinger, Perry, St Genevieve, Clinton, Henry, Johnson and Saline. Motion made Brian M. 2nd by Lisa C. Motion carried.

EPA report presented by Terri Blunk.

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>.

EPA Region 7 has just finished revising the manual which summarizes the requirements of environmental and safety laws for anhydrous ammonia refrigeration system operators. It also includes a list of the federal laws and regulations related to process safety, accident prevention, emergency planning, and release reporting. A copy of the manual can be found at the following website: <http://www2.epa.gov/rmp/accident-prevention-and-response-manual-anhydrous-ammonia-refrigeration-system-operators>.

DNR Report was presented by Alan Cortvriert.

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 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.

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 presented by Greg Carrell. He informed us of Staff changes DFS is undergoing. Training report is included in the packet.

A report from DHSS was not received.

EPCRA Specialist was given by Karen Eagleson. She reported that she has been reaching out to counties that were missing information from their CEPF applications. A lot of that information has been returned. She is working the archive list.

Hazmat Planners reports were provided in the packet.

Training numbers were included in the packet.

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 8,310 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. We do have 55 facilities that will be receiving non payment letters.

Optional Distribution is now complete. Tier II reports went out to over 460 fire departments. We continue to set up LEPCs with user ids to access their Tier II reports.
Filing continues.

New Business:

Drones were mentioned. That discussion was tables until next commission meeting, when Paul Kirchhoff will have further information.

Next MERC Meeting –is on October 01, 2016.

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

Motion to adjourn by Ron Walker. Second by Lisa C. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.