



# Missouri Emergency Response Commission

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Missouri Emergency Response Commission Agenda  
State Emergency Management Agency  
Governors' Conference Room  
2302 Militia Dr.  
Jefferson City, MO 65109  
Conference Call Number 573-526-4747 or 866-716-0236

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

Robert Derickson

Bill Ransdall

September 18, 2015

Welcome/Introductions –

Commission members Present: Bill Brinton, Bill Halmich, Senator Brian Munzlinger, Brian Allen, Lisa Cardone, Cory Jorgenson and Dawn Warren for Ron Walker

Staff Present: Dean Martin, Tina Brown, Patti Tye, Lori Blatter, Karen Eagleson, and Kermit Hargis

Guest Present: Scot Gibson, Keith Henke, Alan Cortvrient, Andrew Stein, and Patricia Reitz

Chair and Vice-Chair Elections Bill Brinton called for nominations for the Chair and was promptly nominated. A motion was made by Cory. to accept the nominations and seconded by Bill H. and passed unanimously. A nomination for Brian Allen to stay as vice-chair was made. A motion to accept Brian as Vice Chair was made by Cory, seconded by Bill H. and it passed unanimously.

Minutes from previous meeting: A motion was made by Brian M. to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Brian A. and passed unanimously

## **Reports:**

EPA report was given by Patricia R. Regional LEPC/TERC Emergency Planning and Response Conference - Thank you to those who supported this conference by participating in planning, being or providing presenters, and attending. If you attended, you should have received a very short survey requesting your feedback on the conference. If you haven't taken the survey, please look for it in your email inbox (or perhaps Spam box). Your honest feedback is taken seriously by the planning committee who will incorporate the feedback to make the 2017 conference better. The EPA Press releases for the Award Winners are expected to post any day. 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](mailto:reitz.patricia@epa.gov) or (913) 551-7674.

## MERC Staff

Dean Martin

Tina Brown

Patti Tye

Lori Blatter

Karen Eagleson

Joshua Fischer

Mimi Diaz

Kerry Schnieders

Kermit Hargis

EPA Reorganization - Effective October 1, 2015, the Chemical Risk Information Branch (CRIB) is merging with the Storage Tanks & Oil Pollution (STOP) Branch to form a new Branch called Chemical Oil Release Prevention (CORP) Branch. Some of the CRIB personnel may be asked to take on new or different duties. We will inform you of any duty changes.

Clean Air Act (CAA) 112(r) - Risk Management Program New OSHA PSM Rule OSHA has recently changed the requirements within the Process Safety Management (PSM) Standard, which affects fertilizer retailers. It requires all fertilizer retailers to participate in the PSM program. This decision may affect the Risk Management Program by requiring all fertilizer retailers to report under Program 3, depending on what EPA Headquarters decides. Currently fertilizer dealers are in Program 2, unless they mix chemicals on-site, which places them in Program 3. OSHA is providing a webinar on September 29<sup>th</sup> to explain these changes which affect fertilizer retailers. You may register for this seminar by typing in your search engine the title of the webinar, "ARA Webinar: OSHA Process Safety Management (PSM) Requirements."

Risk Management Plan Database (RMPInfo) SERC and LEPC members may have access to Risk Management Plan facility data for official use. If you would like access to the Risk Management Plan database (RMPInfo), please e-mail your name, title, agency/company name, address, phone number, and e-mail address to Patricia Reitz at [reitz.patricia@epa.gov](mailto:reitz.patricia@epa.gov).

Risk Management Program Webinars EPA Region 7 has developed two Risk Management Program Webinars; one on Program 2 and one on Program 3, providing a detailed presentation for each program. For additional information about these webinars and availability of webinar materials, please contact Jodi Harper at [harper.jodi@epa.gov](mailto:harper.jodi@epa.gov).

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) - For information on removal actions completed by EPA, please visit <http://www.epaosc.org>

October 2015 Region 7 Regional Response Team Meeting - The next Region 7 Regional Response Team meeting will be held October 7-8, 2015, in Kansas City, MO at EPA Region 7's Training and Logistic Center: 8600 NE Underground Rd, Pillar 253; Kansas City, Missouri 64141. Please follow this link to register: <http://www.ttemidev.com/rrt-r7/meeting/>

Dept. of Natural Resources was read by Alan Cortvrient. 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 participate at MOP3 and federal agency-led planning efforts, such as Region 7 RRT and associated sub-area committee meetings. The department participated in the St. Louis Metro Cross Jurisdictional PREP Exercise sponsored by Marathon Petroleum on August 24-26, 2015.

Section staff continues identifying and updating risks to public drinking water intakes related to potential threats of releases from nearby industry/commercial activities. This involves partnering with other state agencies for their assistance (DPS and MDC). This effort is related to the West Virginia incident to help ensure awareness, preparedness, and communication between water systems, industry, and local/state officials.

For FY15 (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015) 1,588 incidents were entered (537 meth-related; 1051 non-meth) into the Missouri Environmental Emergency Response Tracking System (MEERTS) and State On-Scene Coordinators (SOSCs) made 222 responses. For FY16 (July 1, 2015-September 15, 2015) 261 incidents have been entered (42 meth-related; 219 non-meth) into the Missouri Environmental Emergency Response Tracking System (MEERTS) and State On-Scene Coordinators (SOSCs) have made 44 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 has logged and managed 609 technical assistance inquiries into the spill line and logged participation at 476 outreach events for FY15. Staff have logged and managed 99 technical assistance inquiries into the spill line and logged participation at 33 outreach events for FY16 so far.

Currently, the department is coordinating with other state and federal agencies on several topical issues including: Avian Influenza outbreaks earlier this year at two separate concentrated animal feeding operation facilities impacting turkeys, Ebola planning and preparedness, and crude by rail planning and preparedness.

The section is currently providing oversight to five higher profile incidents. The Missouri Better Bean facility in Bunceton had a fire at the facility on August 29, 2015 and lost glycerin water and sulfuric acid to a nearby stream. Two barges collided on the lower Mississippi River near Wolf Island with loss of approximately 125,000 gallons of a heavy oil. The USCG has the lead and the responsible party is recovering oil from the river bottom. A tractor-trailer accident near Joplin released a defoliant material that when exposed to air becomes an oxidizer. The soil along the right-of-way has experienced spot fires because of the diesel fuel involved. The cleanup is a slow and meticulous process. A spelunking group reported gasoline odors in Berome Cave in Perry County. SOSCs have investigated the situation and collected samples. The investigation is continuing. Continuing oversight is occurring at a release of gasoline contamination that is affecting businesses, residences, and sanitary sewer in the area of 31<sup>st</sup> Street and Cleveland Avenue in Kansas City.

DNR is planning and assisting with five pesticide collection events in 2015 through funds resulting from a federal settlement. Since June, three events have taken place. These events were at Mount Vernon on June 30 with 4000 pounds collected, Higginsville on July 18 with 1100 pounds collected, and Owensville on August 15 with 1795 pounds collected. The remaining event is in Kirksville on September 19, 2015. 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 maintains a daily presence in St. Louis County to conduct continuous air monitoring, twice-daily screening checks, and sampling associated with the Bridgeton Landfill.

Fire Safety was not present but information was provided in the packet.

Dept. of Health and Senior Services – Cory explained that in the future Keith may have information for the commission but does not at this time

EPCRA Specialist was given by Karen Eagleson. She reported that 611 letters have been mailed for non-compliance, 200 second notices and 32 final notices have been mailed. The MERC has added 48 facilities to the no reportable quantity list which brings the total to 1,531.

Hazmat Planners the information from the southwest planner was provided in the packet.

Hazmat Trainer 1350 responders trained 2015 grant season (estimated to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015). This is Up from 1117 in 2014 grant season. A breakdown follows:

- Awareness MERC 136
  - 210 in 2014
- Awareness Internal Delivery 370
  - 170 in 2014
- Operations MERC 72
  - 231 in 2014
- Operations Internal Delivery 116
  - 55 in 2014
- HazMat Technician 53
  - 50 in 2014
- HazMat IQ 245
  - 298 in 2014
- Ethanol 36
- Propane 36
- HMIRA/HMIRO Train the Trainer 134
- HazMat Victim Decon 55
- Pipeline Emergencies 31
- Anhydrous Ammonia 33
- Ammonium Nitrate 33

There were 384 Additional Responders trained in cooperation with other agencies (estimated to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015)

- 63 Chemical Suicide
- 321 TRANSCAER® Railroad awareness

Lori has attended PAM meetings which consisted of assisting with coordination of 2016 Pipeline exercise's

Distributing 2016 HMEP training request form by September 30, 2015

- Form now includes better course descriptions and facility requirements
- Goal is to increase LEPC participation again this year by 10%
  - Plan to make contact by telephone with non-participating LEPC's
- Due date now 11-15-15, extension available until 12-15-15
  - Begin course scheduling January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

Approved contracted courses have been submitted to fiscal officer to begin bid process

- Approved courses have been changed to 8 hours rather than 12- Increased volunteer participation

#### MERC Directors Report

##### **HMEP Training**

Federal Authorized - Training	\$292,110.21
Federal Expenditures - Training	234,772.17
Remaining - Training	<u><u>\$57,338.04</u></u>

##### **HMEP Planning**

Federal Authorized - Planning	\$140,318.40
Federal Expenditures - Planning	45,118.49
Remaining - Planning	<u><u>\$95,199.91</u></u>

##### **CEPF**

SFY 15 Beginning Cash Balance	809,045.04
Tier II Receipts	19,003.77
Penalties	0.00
Interest	566.23
Total Revenue	<u>828,615.04</u>
Less Expenditures	<u>-91,356.77</u>
Cash Balance	<u><u>737,258.27</u></u>

##### **Old Business:**

LEPC Updates – Tina Brown reported that we have 40 new LEPC's that have sent in applications that are needing approval of the memberships since June 12, 2015. A motion was made to approve the 40 LEPC's membership lists by Bill H, seconded by Cory and passed unanimously.

Tier II updates – Patricia Tye reported in 2014 there were 8,341 reports that were received and to date the MERC has received 8,541. The MERC office has sent 538 reports for the optional distribution to the fire depts. within the state and hard copies of the report to 90 LEPC/LEPD's.

2016 Hazmat Symposium After speaking with several hotels and getting the football schedule it has been decided that the symposium should be held on September 29 – October 2, 2016 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Columbia. Lisa made the motion to accept and Bill H. seconded and it passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

Courses for Approval

HMEP County Application – the application was sent to the commission for review. A question was brought up about offering the technician class in modular format which we will continue to do. A motion was made to accept the form by Bill H. seconded by Lisa and passed unanimously.

Next MERC Meeting – is on December 11, 2015.

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