

Minutes of the
South Dakota Emergency Response Commission Meeting
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South Dakota Department of Transportation
Brooking, SD

Rapid City/Pennington County Emergency Management
Rapid City, SD

SD School of Mines and Technology
Rapid City, SD

Mitchell Technical Institute
Mitchell, SD

June 22, 2015
1:00 p.m. CT

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Chairman Bob McGrath called the meeting to order. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert McGrath, Becky Pitz, Doug Hinkle sitting in for Paul Merriman, Mike Carter, John Forman, Tina Titze, and Dustin Willett.

COMMISSION MEMBER ABSENT: Andrew Canham, Joe Nadenicek, and Patrick Snyder.

PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL: Mary Beth Vasco, FEMA and Lori Reed, EPA Region VIII.

OTHERS PRESENT: See attached attendance sheets.

INTRODUCTIONS: Participants at the DDN sites introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 23, 2015: Motion by Titze, seconded by Forman, to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2015, State Emergency Response Commission meeting. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

FEDERAL UPDATE (EPA): Lori Reed provided an update on recent EPA Region VIII activities.

FEDERAL UPDATE (FEMA): Mary Beth Vasco provided an update on recent FEMA Region VIII activities.

HMEP GRANTS, TRAINING, AND PLANNING REPORT: Bob Van Winsen provided a quarterly review of the training and planning grant activities.

To date, \$122,946 has been allocated for training with \$532 unallocated, and \$45,385 has been allocated for planning with \$1,967 unallocated. Mr. Van Winsen noted that \$12,500 was moved from planning to training to accommodate requests for awareness training.

Mr. Van Winsen reported that for the second quarter 56 people were trained in awareness, 12 people were trained for hazcat, and three people attended various conferences.

He noted that applications and reimbursements requests were processed as they were received.

For the planning grant, three additional requests for hazmat plans were submitted – Roberts, Yankton, and Jones. Mr. Van Winsen stated that Hanson County intended to conduct a commodity flow study, but he doesn't believe it will be completed this year.

Mr. Van Winsen noted that he attended the hazmat exercise conducted in Todd County.

For the second quarter the three new hazmat plans were added to be completed under this grant cycle. No reimbursement requests were submitted during this quarter.

The applications for the 2015 grant were sent to the LEPC's, Fire Chiefs, Local Emergency Managers, and EMS providers for the GY2015 HMEP Planning and Training grant. The return date for these applications was March 6, 2015.

The request for funding submitted by the locals was used to create and submit the State application to HMEP Grants.Gov. The State of South Dakota has been provided a preliminary amount of \$171,612.00 for the planning and training grant.

The applications submitted by the locals will be prepared and ready to send out once HMEP Grants. Gov. authorizes expenditure of the GY2015 funds. The State of South Dakota is to be notified before the performance period begins October 1, 2015.

The federal grant administrators have scheduled an audit and will be in South Dakota sometime in September.

Mr. Van Winsen noted that he had attended a NASSTPO conference in Maine. The HMEP administrators are working to change it to a two-year grant.

Mr. Van Winsen answered questions.

TRI REPORTING UPDATE/TIER II REPORTING UPDATE: Trish Kindt stated that TRI reports are annual reports that certain facilities are required to submit to EPA and the SERC.

These reports are due by July 1 every year. A TRI report needs to be filed if a facility manufactures, processes, or otherwise uses enough of a TRI reportable chemical. The report summarizes emissions, discharges, wastes that go to the landfills, wastes that go to the publicly owned treatment works, what is recycled and what is sent off site for other treatment.

In South Dakota, about 100 facilities submit TRI reports each year. To date, 35 facilities had submitted their TRI report. Ms. Kindt noted that several facilities will submit their reports during the last week of June.

TRI reporting fees assessed to date total \$31,350, but since the fee payment deadline is August 1, only a fraction of these fees have been paid.

Tier II reports are the annual reports that facilities storing bulk chemicals are required to submit to the SERC, LEPC, and the local fire department. Tier II reports summarize the bulk hazardous storage at the facility.

Since the last SERC meeting, 48 additional Tier II reports were submitted, bringing the total reports for this year to 1,689.

Ms. Kindt and other staff members continue to look for facilities that should be reporting. Staff has also been working with facilities that have not yet submitted the fees.

Tier II fees assessed to date total \$98,650. The fee payment deadline was April 1, but not all fee payments have been submitted.

SD SPILLS DATABASE: Ms. Kindt presented a demonstration on the spills database website. She answered questions from the SERC and audience. The spills database is located on DENR's website at <http://arcgis.sd.gov/server/denr/spillsviewer/>.

RALLY PLANNING: Tina Titze provided an overview of planning that has taken place during the past year for the August 2015 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

The Rally Operations Center will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. starting on July 27 and continuing through August 10.

Ms. Titze answered questions.

REGIONAL HAZMAT TEAM UPDATE: Don Rowland, assistant chief, Watertown fire department, reported that the first regional hazmat exercise for the four regional response teams will be August 2-5 in Rapid City, during the Sturgis rally. The second exercise will be from August 5- 8, 2015.

APPROVAL OF LEPC ROSTERS: There are 60 designated LEPCs in South Dakota, some of which are multi-county districts. The SERC previously approved rosters received from 51 LEPCs.

ATTENDANCE SHEET

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