



STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC)

DRAFT Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

Location: Virtual / Vermont Emergency Management Offices, Waterbury

1. Call to Order - Chair, Kim Lapierre, called the meeting to order at 10:00
2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda – An addition to the agenda was made by Chair Kim Lapierre to add an item regarding identification of contacts for the county based annexes of the LEPC Plan.
3. Roll Call – included below.

Name & Seat	Present	Absent
Kim Lapierre, Chair - Transportation Entity Reporting Chemicals	X	
Victoria Littlefield, Vice Chair - Regional Planning Commission (RPC)	X	
Erica Bornemann, Secretary – Vermont Emergency Management		X
Mike Desrochers – Division of Fire Safety		X
Patrick McLaughlin - Department of Public Safety	X	
Tim Cropley - Agency of Natural Resources	X	
Andy Shively - Agency of Transportation	X	
Dan Batsie - Department of Health		X
Linda Boccuzzo - Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets	X	
Dan Whipple - Department of Labor	X	
Carl Rogers - Local Government	X	
Erik Rosenbauer - Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)	X	
Christopher Dube - Fire Service	X	
Prescott Nadeau - Emergency Medical Service (EMS)	X	
Kate Hammond – Hospitals	X	
Law Enforcement (vacant)		
Entity Reporting Extremely Hazardous Substances (vacant)		

Members of the public: Joe Aldsworth, Andrew L’Roe, Josh Cox, Christine Forde, Charles Colley, Jon DeLaBruere, Caleb Gefken, Grace Vinson, Emily Harris, Scott Jobeless, Rose Mastrocola, Len Wallace, Tyler Diercks, Kevin McAllister

4. Approval of May 19, 2021 SERC Regular Meeting Minutes & July 8, 2021 SERC Special Meeting Minutes

- a. A motion to approve the May 19, 2021 SERC Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Carl Rogers. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor. The motion is adopted.
 - b. A motion to approve the July 8, 2021 SERC Special Meeting Minutes was made by Victoria Littlefield. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor. The motion is adopted.
5. LEPC Bylaw discussion – A motion to accept the LEPC Bylaws was made by Carl Rogers.
Discussion: Len Wallace (EPA) – SERC has no authority to approve LEPC bylaws. SERCs only review the bylaws. Current LEPC membership list does not meet the federal regulations for LEPC membership. There is no indication that the Governor approves of the consolidation of the LEPC into one statewide LEPC.
Kim Lapierre - Bylaws are being stood up to ensure there is a structure for the new LEPC until they get up and running on their own. The autonomy of the LEPC from the SERC was discussed further. Guidance from Len Wallace is that the SERC does not have the authority to vote on LEPC bylaws or membership.
Dan Whipple – Could we have a department attorney review this issue? Kim Lapierre Suggested the SERC table this matter and seek counsel advice. A Motion to table the issue until the next SERC meeting and legal counsel can review the issue was made by Victoria Littlefield. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor. The motion to table is adopted.
6. Team Reports
 - a. Tier II Submissions/Financial Report & HAZMAT Team Report – (Chief Patrick McLaughlin, Division of Fire Safety) - Membership increased by one new member. 2 members are on leave. No training in July. Drill in August with Global Foundries is planned. Closing out 2020 Homeland security grant. September – Mass decontamination training planned in Hartford. October – Site visit at Vermont Yankee. Not much summer training. Most training occurs in Spring and Fall. 58 calls so far this year. Similar response rate as 2020. Equipment acquisitions and capabilities were reviewed. Hazchem fund reporters were discussed. 50 sites for the 2020 payment that have received second and third notices. Going all digital as it relates to Tier II reporting. DFS central office moving in November to DPS HQ in Waterbury.
 - b. Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) Spill Team Calls – (Tim Copley, ANR) Lost one spill team member to retirement. Steve Simoes retired. Team is at seven members now. 122 spills from May 1 to July 31. On 5/22 – report of a tar like substance on the Williams River. Still unidentified substance but a clean-up contractor has been retained for the purpose of clean up.
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance Committee Report
 - i. Report on LEPC financials (Caleb Geffken, DPS) – SERC '21 ended in June. Still processing reimbursements.
 - b. LEPC / SERC Liaison Committee Report

- i. Update on LEPC consolidation (Victoria Littlefield) – First statewide LEPC meeting took place. Tory is the interim Chair until the LEPC elects a different chair. Bylaws, meeting schedule, and membership were discussed. Quarterly meetings were decided upon. Still awaiting REMC guidance and hopeful that DFS will be able to bring a contractor on board soon to support the LEPC.
8. Request for gathering county contact information for IEM: County based contacts were discussed. Data comes into Tier II submissions by county and LEPC. Kim and Victoria (Tory) will continue work on identifying the contacts.
9. Public Comments - None
10. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn was made by Victoria Littlefield. The motion was seconded. Unanimous all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

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