



State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 19, 2020
Department of Public Safety, 2nd Floor
45 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671

1. Call to Order - Kim Lapierre, Chair
2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda – Todd Sears moved that Committee reports be moved up to after the meeting minutes vote. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. Roll Call – conducted by the Secretary and included below.

Name & Seat	Present	Absent
Kim Lapierre, Chair - HazMat Transportation Seat	X	
Todd Sears, Vice Chair – Agency of Transportation Seat	X	
Erica Bornemann, Secretary – Vermont Emergency Management Seat	X	
Todd Cosgrove – Department of Public Safety Seat	X	
Dan Batsie – Department of Health Seat	X	
Anne Macmillan – Agency of Agriculture, Food, & Markets Seat	X	
Tim Cropley – Agency of Natural Resources Seat	X	
Dan Whipple – Department of Labor Seat	X	
Erik Rosenbauer – Local Emergency Planning Commission Seat	X	
Prescott Nadeau – EMS Seat	X	
Carl Rogers – Municipal Seat	X	
Christopher Dube – Fire Service Seat	X	
Victoria (Tory) Littlefield – Regional Planning Commission Seat	X	
Matthew LaRock – EHS Facility Seat	X	
Vacant – Hospitals Seat	N/A	N/A
Vacant – Law Enforcement Seat	N/A	N/A

4. Meeting Minutes – Carl Rogers moved to approve the November meeting minutes are approved without correction. The motion was seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**
5. Public Comments – The Chair noted that LEPC 9 and LEPC 10 submitted an email to the SERC. Both LEPCs voted against changing to one single statewide LEPC.
6. Committee Reports - Glenn Herrin presented the recommendations of the LEPC/SERC Liaison



Committee.

Discussion on funding of REPCs. VEM is setting up next federal grant to support REPC activities. The competitive grant would be more project based. The REPC concept would also combine the EMD Round Tables. The liability concerns of some LEPCs would also be alleviated by the REPC model. The REPCs would need to be setup as entities that could eventually apply for any other grants.

Todd Sears spoke about funding the all-hazard concerns through the REPC mechanism. Some LEPCs around the country support population bases larger than the population of Vermont. The LEPC as service provider to the REPC is appealing. This could improve coordination throughout the critical infrastructure sectors.

Carl Rogers spoke about the need to engage with municipal stakeholders, including first responders, as the REPC concept is developed.

Significant development of the Title 20 Emergency Management state statutes is in progress.

The availability of Hazchem funding to fund the statewide LEPC and the REPCs was discussed. Going to the Legislature regarding funding for additional staff was discussed. VEM perspective is to use existing funding allocated to the LEPCs via the Hazchem fund. The REPC concept - VEM's commitment is that there is funding available to the REPCs to accomplish their mission. Going to the Legislature for additional funding isn't the best answer right now. Staffing support and adequate funding of staffing support to the statewide LEPC was discussed. The HMEP contractor could be used to develop a statewide hazardous materials plan and the LEPC plan.

Statewide LEPC implementation planning was discussed, including outreach to the businesses and industries impacted.

Todd Sears moved to approve the one statewide LEPC model that was discussed in the Glenn Herrin's briefing be adopted and to task the LEPC/SERC Liaison Committee to implement this model as described in the briefing. The motion was seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

7. Team Reports

- a. Todd Cosgrove reported on Tier II submissions
- b. Todd Cosgrove reported on the HAZMAT Team
- c. Tim Cropley presented ANR Spill Team Calls Report for the previous quarter

8. E. Stefan Coutoulakis presented on using CAMEO Suite to manage LEPC data and information.

9. Len Wallace presented on EPA Tier II.

10. Additional Committee Reports



- a. Rhonda Camley reported on LEPC financials. LEPC 9's extension request was discussed regarding fiscal year '19 Hazchem funds. Todd Cosgrove made a motion that fiscal '19 unspent funds allocated to LEPC 9 not be extended. The motion was seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**
The use of funds towards a fire service regionalization study was discussed. The Commissioner of Public Safety's statutory authority regarding the use of Special Funds as defined in statute was discussed.
Dan Whipple made a motion that the SERC's intent is not to grant any extensions of fiscal '19 Hazchem fund balances. The motion was seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

11. Other Items

Todd Cosgrove made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

12. Adjournment

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