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Minutes of the
South Dakota Emergency Response Commission Meeting
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State Capitol Building
Pierre, SD

Department of Transportation
Brooking, SD

Rapid City/Pennington County Emergency Management
Rapid City, SD

Mitchell Technical Institute
Mitchell, SD

June 26, 2017
10:00 a.m. CT

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Chairman Bob McGrath called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Central Time. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

Chairman McGrath announced that this meeting is streaming live on SD.net, a service of South Dakota Public Broadcasting.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert McGrath, Becky Pitz, Paul Merriman, Mike Carter, John Forman, Tina Titze, and Kim McIntosh.

COMMISSION MEMBER ABSENT: Andrew Canham, Patrick Snyder, and Dustin Willett.

PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL: Lori Reed, EPA Region 8, and Jim Williams, Department of Homeland Security.

OTHERS PRESENT: See attached attendance sheets.

INTRODUCTIONS: Participants introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 27, 2017: Motion by McIntosh, seconded by Forman, to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2017, State Emergency Response Commission meeting. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

FEDERAL UPDATE: Jim Williams, Department of Homeland Security, introduced himself and noted that he is looking forward to establishing relationships in South Dakota to provide information about the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program.

Lori Reed, EPA Region 8, reported that regarding Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO), EPA was sued by several organizations and EPA lost in district court. The court ruled that EPA needed to require that CAFOs report on their hazardous air emissions. EPA is now working to determine how CAFOs can calculate their emissions.

Ms. Reed stated that the SPCC regulations, which in the past EPA has interpreted them as only being for oil for spill prevention and control. EPA also lost in court on this matter with the court ruling that EPA needed to include hazardous chemicals in that the spill prevention planning and control. EPA is working on those regulations to determine how that should be implemented.

Ms. Reed noted that it is interesting that in an era where regulations are being reduced, the two things EPA is currently working on changing are increasing the regulations. She stated that EPA will keep the State Emergency Response Commission on the progress of these two matters.

Ms. Reed also reported that EPA is providing free Cameo training. If there is any interest in this training in South Dakota, please let Ms. Reed know. EPA also has a table top exercise for hazardous materials in relation to emergency plans. For LEPCs that have emergency plans and they want to evaluate these plans, this table top exercise is designed for that. It is a two-hour process, and if there is an interest in this exercise, EPA is willing help.

Ms. Reed noted that South Dakota has three EPA on-scene coordinators that would be involved in an oil spill in South Dakota: Paul Peronard, Martin McComb, and Shun-Ping Chau, who goes by the name Ping.

Ms. Reed answered questions from the SERC members.

LEPC ROSTER APPROVAL: At the March meeting, the SERC approved rosters for 53 LEPCs, and it was decided that four counties would have members appointed to serve as the LEPC.

At that time, Ms. Kindt indicated that she was expecting rosters from three counties in April or May.

Ms. Kindt reported that rosters for Day, Edmunds, and Sully LEPCs were submitted since the last SERC meeting. She requested approval of the rosters.

Motion by Titze, seconded by Merriman, to approve the LEPC rosters for Day, Edmunds, and Sully LEPCs. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Kindt noted that since the March meeting, Bennett County has submitted a revised roster. She requested approval of the revised roster.

Motion by Forman, seconded by McIntosh, to approved the revised roster submitted by Bennett County. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

MARCH 2017 LEPC WORKSHOP TURNOUT/RESPONSE: Ms. Kindt reported that March 28-31, 2017, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) hosted four workshops in communities across the state. Thirty-four people attended the workshop in Mitchell, 25 attended in Aberdeen, 12 attended in Pierre, and 19 attended in Rapid City.

Staff from DENR, OEM, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) presented information pertaining to the origin and purpose of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA). Other topics included tasks required of LEPC's and the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), online resources, reimbursement programs, grants, rule updates, and strategies for energizing LEPC's.

Workshops were attended by SERC members and LEPC members representing law enforcement, fire departments, city and county governments, hospitals, chemical storage facilities, the Salvation Army, and other organizations from across the state.

Ms. Kindt stated that the overall response regarding the workshops was positive. Staff may have spent too much time discussing on-line databases, but the background information on why LEPCs are necessary was good. Attendees liked hearing strategies for how to keep LEPCs active. Ms. Kindt noted that in the future we need to expand on that part of the workshops.

HMEP GRANTS, TRAINING AND PLANNING REPORT: Tina Titze, OEM, presented a quarterly review of the HMEP training and planning grant activities.

HMEP Grant Year 2015

All projects are complete, all reimbursement requests have been received and paid, and the final narrative and financial reports to DOT/PHMSA have been submitted.

HMEP Grant Year 2016

Numerous applications were submitted by local emergency management and fire departments for grant funding, including:

- Five county hazmat trainings
- Three commodity flow studies
- One hazmat exercise
- Four hazmat plan revisions/updates
- Numerous trainings/conferences requested from the Task Force 1 teams (Aberdeen, Sioux Falls, Rapid City, and Watertown fire departments)

Ms. Titze noted that 100 percent of the funding for this grant year has been allocated. Personnel, fringe benefit, supply, equipment, and indirect costs for administering the grant are being charged to the grant as well.

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In April county emergency managers/LEPCs and the Task Force 1 fire departments were given the opportunity to apply for funding for FY 2017. Applications for projects were due April 28th.

REGIONAL HAZMAT TEAM UPDATE: No report.

OTHER BUSINESS: The next meeting will be September 12, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time at the Holiday Inn Express in Deadwood. The meeting will be held during the SD Emergency Management Conference.

ADJOURN: Motion by Titze, seconded by Forman, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Robert B. McSouth 9/12/2017
Chairman Date

Kim McSouth 9/12/2017
Witness Date

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