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Minutes of the  
South Dakota Emergency Response Commission Meeting  
Conducted via Digital Dakota Network  
Matthew Training Center, Joe Foss Building, Pierre, SD

December 17, 2024  
10:00 AM Central Time

The meeting was streaming live on SD.net, a service of South Dakota Public Broadcasting.

Commission Vice Chairman Dustin Willett called the meeting to order. Attendees introduced themselves and the roll was called. A quorum was present.

State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Members Present: Andrew Canham, Doug Hinkle, Trish Kindt, Sean Kruger, Tina Titze and Dustin Willett.

SERC Members Absent: David Ackerman, Jason Humphrey, and Chairman Kaitlyn Sherer.

Others Present: John Groen, South Dakota Office of Homeland Security (HLS) and Supervisor for Task Force 1; Rhett Howard, South Dakota Office of Emergency Management (OEM); Kelsey Newling, South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) Sara Title III Coordinator; Stephanie Silbernagel, DANR Administrative Staff; Bre Bockstahler, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 8; Craig Conway and Matt Mitrovich, United States Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA); and Dan Richards, United States Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Office of Hazmat Safety.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Dustin Willett asked for a motion to approve the September 10, 2024, minutes. Motion Titze, seconded by Hinkle to approve the minutes. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried 6-0.

### FEDERAL UPDATES

1. Region 8 EPA - Bre Bockstahler discussed several topics.

In November there was a multi-region functional exercise dubbed "Operation Salt Shaker." The exercise scenario brought together Incident Management Team

members and key leadership positions from EPA Regions 8, 9, and 10 and focused on a theoretical earthquake near the Salt Lake City Wasatch Front in Utah. The exercise purpose was to identify coordination and operation activities across the regions and document and pre-plan some procedures.

EPA held a Regional Response Team meeting in November. Jackie McGuire with DANR attended.

The SERC was advised that the Subarea Contingency Plans are being updated for worst case discharges within a water shed for FRP (large oil storage) facilities. Plans have been sent out for comments.

SERC members were encouraged to attend the Western States Meeting to be held January 28-29, 2025, in Salt Lake City, Utah. EPA will provide a link for those who cannot travel to attend.

The new SCCAP (Safer Communities by Chemical Accident Prevention) regulation, which may be effective May 2027, is an update to the Risk Management Program (RMP) and the Clean Water Act Facility Response Plan (RPP).

Finally, EPA is available and offers many training opportunities. EPA is beginning to plan for assisting with Chemical Facility Workshops this summer.

2. CISA - Craig Conway reported that the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program is pending authorization in the meantime CISA has reoriented their chemical security inspectors to bolster the Protective Security Advisor (PSA) Program. They are focusing on: Water (removing chemical storage locations from websites, planning, vulnerability management, participated in an exercise, etc.); Hospitals (Incident planning, etc.) and K-4 schools (Shelter in place, encouraging them to reach out to Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC), etc.).
3. PHMSA - Dan Richards reported that there have been structural changes to PHMSA's outreach structure. The lithium battery guide has been updated they worked with Canada and Mexico to try to develop a more globally harmonized approach.

### LEPC GRANT APPLICATIONS

Kelsey Newling, DANR Sara Title III Coordinator, reported on the LEPC Grant applications and summarized the results of the review process. The SERC received 31 applications. Two counties, Tripp and Custer, submitted applications, but did not meet the quarterly meeting requirement. Funds available total \$52,021.84. Ms. Newling recommended all counties, excluding Tripp and Custer, be approved for LEPC grants.

Vice Chairman Willett serves as the Pennington County LEPC Coordinator. For this reason, he abstained from participating in the vote.

Commission member Kruger moved to approve awarding LEPC Grants for the 29 counties. Commission Member Canham seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The Motion carried 5-0.

#### REGIONAL HAZMAT TEAM UPDATE

John Groen updated the board members on training efforts over the last quarter. There was an eight-day structural collapse training in Sioux Falls. Aberdeen sent 2 team members to Florida for additional training. Responses were very limited – they did assist over the phone, in a grain elevator fire incident.

#### HMEP GRANTS, TRAINING, AND PLANNING REPORT

Rhett Howard updated the board members on the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant funds for the HMEP22 – HMEP24 grant cycle. The 2022 HMEP grant funds remaining did not change, \$17,740.04 is left over, but all but \$3,000.00 is allocated and will be used for HMEP24 grant- activities, Fall River County has \$3,000 remaining and Rhett will work with them to get this money spent. The 2023 HMEP grant funds have a modest sum remaining, \$9,052.00, one remaining activity (Walworth County Hazmat plan update) is yet to be completed in the amount of \$5,000.00. The HMEP24 grant funds were approved for \$110,330.00.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comments were made.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Kelsey Newling reported that the next meeting is planned for March 25, 2025.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Dustin Willett declared the meeting adjourned.

Approved March 18, 2025