

FEDERAL UPDATES: Fran Santagata gave updates from CISA on a brand-new cyber security grant that was allocated in the 2021 infrastructure bill. Expect the notice of funding to hit the streets in the summer. The next topic is the escalating GO political tensions in the homeland, specifically the cyber-attacks. There have been escalations in the number of attacks. Thresholds for reporting suspicious activities have been lowered. Volunteer programs Chemlock and Operation Flashpoint are up and running. Fran also stated she will be retiring in June and Craig Conway will be her replacement.

Bre Bockstahler stated they had their Western Regions webinars on January 25th and 26th. They've had updates of the LEPC/TEPC handbooks, a resource compiled by the EPA headquarters. Headquarters is looking to open up the RMP rule again. They are trying to implement Clean Water Hazardous Substance Worst Case Discharge Planning Regulations for chemical releases to water. It is currently in an open comment period. Emergency Management Preparedness branch is updating the Subarea Contingency Plan where On Scene Coordinators divided the regions by watershed districts and may reach out for training that may be needed.

REGIONAL HAZ MAT TEAM UPDATE: Jon Groen gave a brief update regarding training and new equipment. Homeland grant allocation meetings are wrapping up this week.

HMEP GRANTS, TRAINING AND PLANNING REPORT: Rhett Howard gave an update on the HMEP Grants. See attached report.

TIER II REPORT SUBMITTALS: Kelsey Newling stated the Tier II reports were due March 1, 2022. They are looking to switch reports to online. Beginning of May, we will begin receiving the toxic release inventory reports.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Trish Kindt gave a brief overview on several bills that were passed during the 2022 legislative session. See attached.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: There was no public comment.

OTHER BUSINESS: Kim McIntosh stated she will be retiring on June 8, 2022.

The next SERC meeting is set for June 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Central Time.

ADJOURN: Motion by Ackerman, seconded by McIntosh, to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman

Date