

To: State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

From: Cynthia DeWulf, Ohio EPA, DAPC

Subject: February 12, 2020 SERC Meeting Minutes

Date: March 26 , 2020

The February 12, 2020 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) meeting was called to order at the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA) in Columbus, Ohio by Ohio EPA Assistant Director Laura Factor.

12 Voting Members were present:

Laura Factor, Ohio EPA Assistant Director, SERC Co-Chair (alt)
Sima Merick, Ohio EMA Executive Director, SERC Co-Chair (alt)
Sean Miller, Delaware County EMA Director
Willie Brantingham, Volunteer Firefighters' Representative
Jonathan Fulkerson, Ohio Attorney General's Office
Randy Van Dyne, Environmental Representative
David Whiting, Professional Firefighters' Representative
Mike Fitchet, Ashtabula County EMA/LEPC
Tamera McBride, Ohio Department of Health
Leslie Prater, Ohio Department of Transportation
Jeff Hussey, State Fire Marshal
Randall Schumacher, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

7 Voting Members not present:

Kevin Crist, Environmental Representative
Doug Johnson, Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Cliff Mason, Fire Chief's Association
Captain Kenneth Kocab, State Highway Patrol
Larry Lindrose, Industry Representative
Jennifer Klein, Industry Representative
Christopher Smith, Municipality (City of Portsmouth)

Introductions

Assistant Director Factor called the meeting to order and asked the members and visitors to introduce themselves.

Waive the 24-Hour Rule:

Assistant Director Factor asked for a motion to waive the 24-hour rule. Willie Brantingham made such motion to waive the 24-hour rule. Motion was seconded by Jeff Hussey.

Record of Vote: 12 -For
0 -Against
0 –Abstain

Approval of December 11, 2019 SERC Meeting Minutes:

Assistant Director Factor asked for a motion to accept the December 11, 2019 SERC meeting minutes. Willie Brantingham made a motion to accept said meeting minutes. Motion to accept was seconded by Randall Schumacher.

Record of Vote: 12 -For
0 -Against
0 –Abstain

SERC Committee Reports:

Executive:

Ohio EPA Assistant Director Laura Factor provided the members with an overview to this morning's Executive Committee meeting.

Laura Factor noted that the April 8, 2020 meeting conflicts with the scheduled EMA Director's Spring Conference. SERC members agreed to change the date to April 15, 2020. In addition, the October 14, 2020 meeting is scheduled for the same day as the October 2020 LEPC Conference. There appears to be no apparent time sensitive issue(s) scheduled for that October meeting. It was decided upon to cancel the October 14, 2020 SERC meeting.

Cindy DeWulf provided an update as to the SERC membership and the Governor's appointed positions, as four appointments are pending an official end come March 13, 2020. Of the four pending in need of action, one position at this time is vacant, as Christopher Smith (Municipality representative) is no longer available to serve as a result of being activated to military duty outside of the United States.

Cindy DeWulf reported that the agenda is now available for the national conference of the National Association of State Title III Program Officials (NASTTPO) scheduled for April 22-May 1, 2020 in the Cincinnati area. If SERC members are interested in attending, the conference registration fee may be eligible to be paid for out of the HMEP grant fund. Interested SERC members who may want to attend should contact Andrew Elder (Ohio EMA) for information regarding this funding. Jeff Beattie will email the final conference agenda to all members.

Administrative & Funding:

The Administration and Funding Committee did not meet prior to today's meeting.

Operations and Issues:

Sean Miller provided a summary of the Operations and Issues Committee meeting held this morning. The committee's updating to the SERC Exercise and Evaluation Manual (EEM) is nearing completion following a two-year effort involving 13 plus sub-committee members. The 13 exercise objectives were all reviewed to try and ensure a consistent level of detail and expectations. Technological and references updates were incorporated. The changes are not ground breaking nor nothing new was added. The EEM has been sent to the AGO's for a legal review since they are the attorney assigned

to the SERC. After that review, the project shall be complete and ready for distribution to LEPCs.

Mr. Miller also reported that the committee is reviewing the draft spill and 30-day spill reporting palm card and fact sheet as drafted by Ohio EPA. Feedback will be provided to Ohio EPA by February 28, 2020.

Sean continued by asking State Fire Marshal Hussey to provide an update regarding the USDOT Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG) for 2020. Jeff Hussey reported that distribution is behind schedule due to a change in the publisher of such document and looking at a April or May release that shall also include a release of a new ERG application.

Training and Education:

Willie Brantingham and Randy Van Dyne provided updates. Willie noted that it is great to be back at a SERC meeting and reported that he has recently retired after 48 years in the fire fighting business and recently as the Columbiana County LEPC point contact person and coordinator. He plans to continue serving on the SERC. Moving forward, Randy Van Dyne will be the chair of the Training and Education Committee with both Willie and Larry Lindrose serving as co-chairs.

Mr. Van Dyne reported that Anita Stechschulte (Ohio EMA) will officially be joining the Training and Education Committee. The committee would welcome any and all additional committee members if you so wish to get involved. The committee meets at 10:00 prior to the SERC meetings. The fall LEPC Conference will be held on October 14, 2020 at the State Fire Academy in Reynoldsburg. The committee is identifying programs for the conference that will include some type of CAMEO training. There indeed is a need for more in-depth training for the CAMEO software applications such as Aloha and Marplot and the committee is looking into such. Louisiana State University contracts with the federal government to deliver a comprehensive Cameo training that encompasses a 3-4 day timeline. The committee discussed maybe going with an abbreviated 2 day CAMEO session with LSU if possible. The committee is also looking for a keynote speaker. If anyone has recommendations for a keynote speaker, please contact Randy Van Dyne.

Agency Reports:

Department of Public Safety/EMA

Sima Merick and Andrew Elder indicated that there is 1 LEPC Exercise (Fulton County) recommended for SFY 2020 Exercise Concurrence. The event was a tabletop exercise involving a chlorine release at a water treatment plant. Mike Fitchett made a motion to approve **Resolutions 2020-1**. Sean Miller seconded the motion. No discussion.

Record of Vote: 12- For
0- Against
0-Abstain

As a side note, Ohio EMA mentioned that the Wayne County LEPC did have their pipeline exercise that was a result of their variance request made and approved of by the SERC.

EPA

Cindy DeWulf provided the update. Cindy introduced LEPC SFY 2019-2021 Membership Appointments Resolution 2020-2 through -11, appointing members to Belmont, Columbiana, Fayette, Lucas, Madison, Medina, Miami, Mercer, Portage and Tuscarawas County LEPCs. The names for the county LEPCs are submitted by their respective County Commissioners. Willie Brantingham made motion to approve the resolutions as presented. Motion seconded by Leslie Prater.

Record of Vote: 12/11- For
0- Against
0/1- Abstain (Willie Brantingham- Columbiana County)

Statement(s) from SERC Membership

Jeff Hussey mentioned that the State Fire Marshal has recently awarded \$3M in grants for MARCS Radios which included Brown, Richland, Holmes, and Medina counties. Almost 70 counties now have MARCS or MARCS capable systems. This is the 6th year of the grant award and have totaled around \$15 million dollars. Jeff Hussey personally has and will travel the state and attends fire chiefs' meetings and other association meetings to promote the use of the grants. The SFM will provide assistance to counties that would like to apply for the grants and there is no risk involved.

Mr. Hussey also reported on the work of the State Fire Marshal regarding PFAS and firefighting foam. The SFM is working closely with Ohio EPA and has provided guidance and educational opportunities within the fire service in Ohio regarding the use this type of foam. Jeff Hussey is engaged in national meetings regarding the use of these foams and is monitoring future guidelines for the military and airports.

Laura Factor added that Ohio EPA has started the roll out the sampling of 1,500 public water systems and water treatment plants. She noted that the initial focus of the sampling efforts centers on the schools and day care operations. Ohio EPA has been coordinating and working with the Ohio Department of Health on this effort. The sampling will be very transparent and is a direct result of a Governor's initiative to get done. Results shall be posted on a website with a state map to see what systems were sampled and what the results were.

In closing, Sima Merick thanked Dan Endrezzi (Ohio EMA) for the work on the Wayne County pipeline exercise and congratulated him on working with the Wayne County folks to ensure a great and meaningful exercise.

Other Business

No comments were made by attendees.

Laura Factor adjourned the meeting.