

To: State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

From: Cindy DeWulf, DAPC & SERC Co-Chair

Subject: August 8th, 2012 SERC Meeting Minutes

Date: September 26th, 2012

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The August 8th, 2012 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) meeting was called to order at the State Fire Academy by Cindy DeWulf, SERC Co-Chair (Ohio EPA).

**12 Voting Members were present:**

- Cindy DeWulf, Ohio EPA, SERC Co-Chair
- Nancy Dragani, Ohio EMA, SERC Co-Chair
- Tim Kern, AG Office
- Dan Fisher, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
- Staff Lieutenant Kenneth Kocab, State Highway Patrol
- Randy Van Dyne, Environmental Representative
- Willie Brantingham, Volunteer Firefighters' Representative
- Frank Conway, State Fire Marshal's Office
- Jack Pounds, Chemical Manufacturer Representative
- Clyde McKenzie, Fire Chief Representative
- Raenell Nagel, Environmental Representative
- Rick Hoffman, Professional Firefighters' Representative

**5 Voting Members were not present**

- Steve Wagner, Ohio Department of Health
- Al Phillips, Ohio Department of Transportation
- Gary Obermiller, Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Richard Hughes, Industry Representative
- Brian Galligher, LEPC Representative

**Members not appointed by Governor**

- County Interest Representative (**Vacant**)
- Elected Official Representative (**Vacant**)

Cindy DeWulf asked each SERC member to introduce themselves and that the meeting was indeed public noticed.

**Waive the 24 Hour Rule:**

Jack Pounds made the motion, seconded by Clyde McKenzie, that the 24-hour rule be waived.

Record of Vote:     11 -For  
                          0- Against  
                          0- Abstain

**Approval of June 13th, 2012 SERC Meeting Minutes:**

Cindy asked for a motion to accept the June 13th, 2012 SERC meeting minutes. A motion was made by Willie Brantingham. Motion to accept was seconded by Rick Hoffman.

Record of Vote:      11 -For  
                              0 -Against  
                              0 -Abstain

**SERC Committee Reports:**

**Executive:**

Cindy DeWulf stated that the Executive Committee met prior to today's meeting.

Cindy informed the membership that Nancy Dragani, Ohio EMA Executive Director, is re-assuming her role as the Public Safety Department representative on the SERC. Mel House is leaving Ohio EMA and has taken a position with the Department of Emergency Medical Services within the Public Safety Department.

The Committee discussed the issue of SERC issuing an administrative order to the Jefferson County LEPC for their continued LEPC Plan being in non-concurrence status with the SERC. Original plan non-concurrence was issued by the SERC in April 2012. The orders are being coordinated between Tim Kern (AGO) and Ohio EMA and should be finalized before the October 2012 SERC meeting.

As previously been discussed, the SERC is forming a group of interested people to review ORC 3750, Emergency Planning and make recommendation into possible law/administrative rule changes that may be recommended to made to improve upon the over-all program. One goal is to consolidate/revise the exercise requirements between ORC 3750 and ORC 5502. Cindy DeWulf is the point person to contact if anyone from either the state agencies or locals has an interest. Interested thus far are Cindy DeWulf, Jeff Beattie, Dawn Trovato, Nancy Dragani, Dennis Tomzik, Tim Kern, Brian Gallagher, Willie Brantingham and Tammy Little.

Cindy mentioned that the Ohio EPA is moving forward looking into the reporting requirements and web based reporting capabilities. We are looking at a web based system called "E-Plan" that was developed by the University of Texas in Austin through a USEPA contract that is free and is currently being used by 7 states and the City of New York. Access can be granted to SERCs, LEPCs and fire departments and is compatible with the Tier2 Submit reporting software and CAMEO.

Cindy continued in that the Executive Committee would like SERC to have a day for SERC to establish goals for all committees for the 2013 calendar year. The committee recommends this takes place prior to the February 2013 SERC meeting. Jack Pounds will coordinate a site location.

### **Administrative & Funding:**

Cindy stated that the Committee did not meet this morning prior to today's meeting.

### **Operations & Issues:**

No Committee report due to Brian Gallagher (Committee Chair) has been on military duty and out of the country.

### **Training and Education:**

Willie Brantingham stated that the Committee was tasked with putting today and tomorrow's LEPC Conference together and setting the agenda. Unfortunately, the propane class instructor had to cancel his participation and Rich Lauffer and Jeff Beattie will replace with Ohio EMA and Ohio EPA updates shall take its place.

### **Agency Reports:**

#### **EMA**

Ohio EMA indicates that there are 40 **LEPC Exercises up for SFY 2012 Exercise Concurrence**. Clyde McKenzie made a motion to approve **Resolutions 2012-76 through -115** as documented. Lieutenant Kenneth Kocab seconded the motion. No discussion.

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

Nancy Dragani continued that there are **Resolutions 2012-116 through -118, "SFY 2012 Exercise Concurrence (60-Day Corrective Action Plan)"** for Brown, Hardin and Morrow LEPCs. Jack Pounds made a motion to approve as documented. Frank Conway seconded the motion. No discussion.

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

#### **EPA**

Cindy DeWulf introduced "**2011-2103 LEPC Membership Appointment**" **Resolutions 2012-119 through -123**, appointing new LEPC members for Erie, Gallia, Ross, and

Summit County LEPCs. Rick Hoffman made a motion to approve. Nancy Dragani seconded the motion.

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

LEPC meeting minutes were provided for Harrison, Knox, Ottawa, Van Wert and Vinton Counties.

**ODNR:** Not in Attendance

**PUCO:** No Report

**Health:** Not in Attendance

**SHP:** No Report

**SFM:** The 2012 North American Guidebooks have been delivered and ready for distribution. There is no CD, but they do have a web link for downloading. The Academy has planned a “Train the Trainer” scheduled in Findley for the “HazMat Safety Officer” training course. Plans then call for 8 regional programs in October 2012. HMEP funds can be used by LEPCs to pay for the course. The HazMat Operations Standards curriculum and manuals are being updated due to changes/updates into the NFPA standards. Looking at a roll out date in fall 2012.

**ODOT:** Not in Attendance

**AGO:** No Report

**Other SERC members and Attendees:** Jack Pounds stated that the chemical industry does appreciate the LEPCs across the state and the role they play in the emergency planning and preparedness activities. Jack introduced two individuals from the Federal Office of Homeland Security and also stated that the chemical industry values their efforts as well.

Rick Hoffman asked if anyone has knowledge of the new legislative bill that addresses the fracking issue involved with oil drilling. Jack Pounds stated that his industry has been following the legislation, but did not participate in the legislative process. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources does receive on-line information from the oil & gas drillers regarding the chemicals that emergency responders can access. The system does provide for trade secret security that is similar to EPCRA. Frank Conway mentioned that tomorrow’s agenda for the Conference has Rick Simmers from ODNR to talk on such topic.

Raenell Nagel wanted to pitch community based training programs that are available through the Ohio Environmental Council. They have a “risk based” theme course

available to bring out to counties that talk of industry's role in safety and the environmental policy and projects. They will be taking the 4 hour course to Hardin County in September.

Meeting adjourned.