

To: State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

From: Cynthia DeWulf, OEPA/DAPC

Subject: June 8, 2016 SERC Meeting Minutes

Date: July 27, 2016

The June 8, 2016 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) meeting was called to order at the Ohio Emergency Management Agency in Columbus, Ohio by Ohio Department of Public Safety Director John Born.

15 Voting Members were present:

John Born, Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS), SERC Co-Chair
Craig Butler, Ohio EPA, SERC Co-Chair
Michael Idzkowski, Ohio Attorney General's Office (alternate)
Randy Van Dyne, Environmental Representative
Don McDonald, County Interest Representative
Chad Wissinger, State Fire Marshal (alternate)
Dan Fisher, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Tim Flock, LEPC/EMA Representative
Kevin Crist, Environmental Representative
Larry Lindrose, Industry Representative
Willie Brantingham, Volunteer Firefighters' Representative
Jennifer Klein, Industry Representative
Doug Johnson, Ohio Department of Natural Resources (alternate)
Tamara McBride, Ohio Department of Health
Tammy Eallonardo, Municipality Representative

3 Voting Members not present:

Leslie Bricker, Ohio Department of Transportation
Cliff Mason, Fire Chief's Association
Staff Captain Kenneth Kocab, State Highway Patrol

1 Member(s) not appointed by Governor

Professional Firefighters' Representative (Vacant)

Director Born introduced Tammy Eallonardo from Chillicothe as our newest SERC member. She replaces Jack Everson as the municipality representative.

Waive the 24 Hour Rule:

Willie Brantingham made the motion, seconded by Dan Fisher that the 24-hour rule be waived.

14- For
0- Against
0- Abstain

Approval of April 13, 2016 SERC Meeting Minutes:

Director Born asked for a motion to accept the April 13, 2016 SERC meeting minutes. A motion was made by Don McDonald to accept. Motion to accept was seconded by Tim Flock.

Record of Vote: 14 -For
 0 -Against
 0 -Abstain

SERC Committee Reports:

Executive:

Director Butler stated that the committee discussed the voluntary disclosure audit (VAD) law. Ohio EPA has their own VAD protocol and procedures to address such audits whereby facilities can seek audit privilege and immunity from enforcement when they voluntarily discover, disclose and correct their violations. Director Butler noted that Ohio EPA receives VAD requests that disclose SERC violations, and SERC VAD requests should be acted upon by the SERC Executive Committee, and not Ohio EPA. Ohio EPA drafted a SERC VAD protocol and procedure document for the Executive Committee's consideration. A few comments were received by the committee members and incorporated into a final draft. The VAD document was voted on and approved by majority vote of the members. The document will be posted on the SERC web page. The Executive Committee reviewed a VAD request from Duke Energy, and voted to send a letter acknowledging receipt of the letter and indicating that no further action is needed.

Director Butler reported that the committee continued discussing the of the 60/90-day notification language. In certain sectors, chemicals are brought on site, used in a short time frame. The issue has been raised a previous SERC meetings. The committee decided to form an ad-hoc sub-group to review this issue and identify potential changes to address the notifications requirements for one-time, short term use of chemicals by the oil and gas industry. Tim Flock has accepted to chair the ad-hoc workgroup and Tim asked for volunteers from the SERC. Larry Lindrose, Kevin Crist and Willie Brantingham volunteered. Tim Flock will seek out a few LEPC representatives as well.

Administrative & Funding:

Jennifer Klein stated that the Administration and Funding committee spent their time discussing the issue of electronic reporting. In Ohio, we have about 40% of the facilities reporting using the Tier2 Submit software and 60% reporting on paper. This leads to a lot of manual data entry on part of the state and locals. The University of Texas, who developed the E-Plan web based reporting system under a federal grant years back has options for both web-based reporting at cost to the SERC, and housing the information for free. The E-Plan group out of Texas have made adjustments to the cost and would like Ohio to consider the use of the system. Cindy mentioned that they may have an interest in attending a future Ohio SERC meeting to meet with us and give a presentation on their system.

Jennifer Klein introduced SERC Resolution 2016-46, "SFY 2016 LEPC and Training Funding Grant" that sets the funding formula to be used to determine what each LEPC shall receive for the current grant cycle; SERC Resolution 2016-47 "SFY Funding; Ohio EPA" and SERC Resolution 2016-48 "SFY 2016 Funding; Ohio EMA". Kevin Crist made a motion to approve **Resolutions 2016-46; Resolution 2016-47 and SERC Resolution 2016-48** as presented. Larry Lindrose seconded the motion. No discussion.

Record of Vote: 15/14- For
0-Against
0/1-Abstain (Butler Resolution 2016-47)

Operations and Issues:

The meeting was held May 11th in Ashland, Ohio and was attended by 7 individuals. Committee decided to meet at 9 AM on August 10th which is the same day as the next SERC meeting. The committee now has Anita Stechschulte (Ohio EMA Field Liaison) as their new co-chair to the committee.

Tim Flock stated that the committee also discussed the E-Plan system and some LEPCs felt it met their needs, while other LEPCs preferred other systems. In addition, the committee continues to work on getting the LEPC Handbook updated.

Training and Education:

Don McDonald stated that the LEPC Conference is taking shape and most if not all speakers and topics have been finalized. Jeff Beattie is updating the agenda that we shall finalize the agenda at our August 10 meeting. The conference is scheduled for October 13th at the State Fire Marshal's Training Academy in Reynoldsburg.

Agency Reports:

Department of Public Safety/EMA

Ohio EMA Deputy Director Russ Decker indicated that there are **22 LEPC Exercises recommended for SFY 2016 Exercise Concurrence**. Jennifer Klein made a motion to approve **Resolutions 2016-49 through -70**. Dan Fisher seconded the motion. No discussion.

Record of Vote: 15/14- For
0-Against
0/1- Abstain (Flock-Crawford; Van Dyne-Hancock)

EPA

Cindy DeWulf provided the update. Cindy introduced **LEPC SFY 2015-17 LEPC Membership Appointments; Resolutions 2016-71 through -83**, appointing additional members to the Allen, Clark, Lawrence, Lucas, Mahoning, Marion, Miami, Morrow, Portage, Preble, Ross, Stark and Tuscarawas County LEPCs. The names for the county LEPCs were submitted respectively by the County Commissioners. Willie Brantingham made a motion to approve. Randy Van Dyne seconded the motion.

Record of Vote: 15- For
0- Against
0- Abstain

LEPC meeting minutes were provided for Coshocton, Erie, Fairfield, Knox and Portage County designated planning districts.

Statement(s) from SERC Membership

Randy Van Dyne mentioned that the crude oil response training is being scheduled and events are scattered across the state. The Ohio EMA newsletter has the schedule and sites. The University of Findlay is coordinating all scheduling.

Jennifer Klein stated that an ethanol cracking facility is going to be built in western Pennsylvania. The site should have ground breaking in 18 months with production scheduled for the 2020.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources has added new oil and gas well pad information on their dispatchers computers. This information has been added for SHP and Ohio EPA.. A new CAD system with multiple layers contained within is being put into play that shall benefit the dispatchers. Any agency that is making use of the MARCS can access it.

Director Butler stated that the local emergency responders in Monroe County are going to be receiving \$100,000 in funds to support countywide response activities. This is a result from the large well pad incident months ago that happened in that county.

Scott King (ODNR) reported that the new ODNR emergency response and planning activities are now in a 15-month build-up since its inception. There have been 12 exercises with locals and oil and gas sector featuring notification, plume modeling, data flow, reviews, response, and recovery. There have been 20 safety training meetings between company personnel and local responders. His staff has attended 58 LEPC meetings for question and answer type sessions and have had meet and greets at 32 local EMA offices in the eastern area of the state. The ODNR team continues to discuss resource coordination with other state agencies and has 9 ODNR oil and gas emergency responders along with the oil and gas inspectors.

Statements from Attendees

No comments were offered.

Other Business

Meeting adjourned.