

To: State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

From: Jeff Beattie, OEPA-RTK through Cindy DeWulf, DAPC & SERC Co-Chair

Subject: August 11th, 2010 SERC Meeting Minutes

Date: September 30th, 2010

The August 11th, 2010 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) meeting was called to order at the Ohio State Fire Academy by Mel House, SERC Co-Chair (Ohio EMA).

15 Voting Members were present:

Cindy DeWulf, Ohio EPA, SERC Co-Chair
Mel House, Ohio EMA, SERC Co-Chair (Alternate)
Randy Van Dyne, Environmental Representative
Tim Kern, AG Office
Brian Gallagher, EMA/LEPC Representative
Frank Conway, State Fire Marshal's Office
Willie Brantingham, Volunteer Firefighters' Association
Al Phillips, Ohio Department of Transportation
Dan Fisher, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Rick Hoffman, Professional Firefighters' Association Representative
Mike Taylor, Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Raenell Nagel, Environmental Representative
Nancy Osborn, Ottawa County Health Commissioner, County Interest
Jack Pounds, Ohio Chemistry Technology
Robert Owen, Ohio Department of Health

4 Voting Members were absent:

Industry Representative (Vacant)
Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association (Vacant)
William Bishilany, Elected Official Representative
Jeff Dickey, State Highway Patrol

Mel House started the meeting by discussing the format of today's meeting to those in attendance and then had each SERC member formally introduce themselves.

Waive the 24 Hour Rule:

Willie Brantingham made the motion, seconded by Randy Van Dyne, that the 24-hour rule be waived.

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

Approval of June 9th, 2010 SERC Meeting Minutes:

Mel House asked for a motion to accept the June 9th, 2010 SERC meeting minutes. A motion was made by Rick Hoffman. Motion to accept was seconded by Al Phillips.

Record of Vote: 10 -For
 0 -Against
 0 -Abstain

SERC Committee Reports:

Executive:

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

The SERC membership has two current vacancies. There has been no activity from the Governor's Office of Board and Commission's regarding the industry vacant spot. The Fire Chief's Association has made recommendations for the fire spot previously held by Chief Al Gruber.

Cindy mentioned that the program is working with Tim Kern (AGO) regarding a public information request made by the federal Department of Homeland Security. Tim stated that he has drafted a letter to accompany the statewide chemical inventory database whereby the information will be withheld from any FOIR that the DHS may receive. The draft letter is being reviewed by Cindy at Ohio EPA.

Mel House then discussed the pending status regarding the exercise issue(s) that the SERC and Ohio EMA have been discussing over the past year or so. Mr. House mentioned that Ohio EMA has drafted a "white paper" on the subject and is now ready to introduce the document to a committee for further review and discussion. This committee shall be put in place between now and February 2011.

Cindy stated that the Committee discussed the issue of what the SERC needs to do if there is a non-performing LEPC that continues their non-performing ways. Cindy wants the Administration and Funding Committee to discuss this issue at their next meeting. Possible funding impacts could be a tool to get the LEPC back up and moving in the right direction.

Mel House mentioned that his Ohio EMA Grants Branch is working hard to update the HMEP Grant Program due to USDOT making significant changes to the program. Kathleen Nelson is scheduled to address these changes at the upcoming LEPC Conference.

Administrative & Funding:

Cindy DeWulf stated that the Committee did not meet prior to this meeting due to the change in SERC meeting start time for this meeting.

Operations & Issues:

Brian Gallagher stated that the Committee met in July with a conference call by the members.

Committee discussed making a few changes to the LEPC Excellence Award Program. The changes are to adjust the time line slightly to account for the entire year, have the committee recommend their top 3 to the Executive Committee, and that the 3 LEPCs give a presentation to the Executive Committee.

Brian then mentioned that the Committee did talk about the issue of what to do with a non-functioning or difficult LEPC. Committee does not feel that a policy needs to be put into place but should just be handled by a case by case basis.

Training and Education:

Willie Brantingham discussed that the Committee has spend a lot of time planning for today and tomorrow's LEPC Conference. If anyone has any suggested topics for future Conference's please let SERC or myself know. Wille also asked all in attendance to please critique the 2-day Conference so we can improve on what we deliver.

Agency Reports:

EMA

Mel House stated that there are **17 LEPC Exercises up for SFY 2010 Exercise Concurrence**. Jack Pounds made a motion to approve **Resolutions 2010-94 thru -110** as documented. Nancy Osborn seconded the motion. No discussion.

Record of Vote: 15/14- For
0- Against
0/1- Abstain

Willie Brantingham abstained on Columbiana County.

EPA

Cindy DeWulf introduced **LEPC 2009-11 LEPC Membership Appointment, Resolutions 2010-111 thru -122**, appointing LEPC memberships to **12 planning districts** as documented. Nancy Osborn made a motion to approve. Brian Gallagher seconded the motion.

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

LEPC meeting minutes were provided for Defiance, Huron, Trumbull, Warren, and Wood counties.

ODNR

ODNR is dealing with blue/green algae at various state lake's. Few questions were asked by members or audience.

PUCO

No Report.

Health

No report.

SHP

Not n attendance.

SFM

Frank Conway mentioned that the SFY 2011 training plan is posted on the SFM web site. New web site address <http://www.com.ohio.gov/fire/fmacMain.aspx>

ODOT

Al Phillips stated that a lot of construction projects still on-going and that ODOT received a grant to upgrade their MARCS radio system.

AGO

No Report.

Other

Raenell Nagel, SERC Environmental representative briefly mentioned her contacting Troy Anderson (Auglaize County LEPC) regarding the issue of fertilizer releases and run-offs that has been a recent issue in their county. Effort to try to educate homeowners and farmers to improve their reporting and reduction efforts.

Cindy asked the members in the audience if they had any questions to/for the SERC and there were none.

Meeting adjourned.