



State of Connecticut Emergency Response Commission

Minutes of Regular Meeting September 15, 2022 at 1:30 PM

The meeting was held **online and in-person** at CT DEEP Headquarters, 79 Elm Street, Hartford.

1. Call to Order at 1:33 p.m.
2. The May 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Bob Araujo, seconded by Bill Abbott.
3. Introductions and welcomes were exchanged.
4. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Training Activities updates: Diane Duva reported that hazardous materials training continues to be funded by the grant as well as the full-scale exercise.
5. Interagency Full-Scale Exercise to be held September 17, 2022
Chairman Goudreau and Steve Foley, in his role as training exercise coordinator for DEMHS/CFPC, summarized the interagency regional preparedness training exercise scheduled for September 17, 2022. Camp Hartell is the exercise location, with a rail car incident and a tractor trailer included in the training. Chemicals from the Enfield municipal sewage treatment plant, an EPCRA Tier II reporting facility, are part of the scenario. US EPA and US Coast Guard will participate, as well as local responders, Capitol Region HazMat Team, Hartford County Fire Coordinators, and state agencies. The CT National Guard Civil Support Team will practice serving as the Incident Management Team.
6. Lithium-Ion Batteries and Emergency Preparedness and Response
On behalf of Jeff Morrisette and Paul Norwood of the CT Fire Academy, Diane Duva shared that there is a CT Fire Academy task force researching the topic of preparedness and response related to lithium-ion batteries and energy storage systems. The goal is to create training for the topic. Diane Duva also summarized and provided links to information on the topic. Bill Abbott shared that the State Building Code will be adopting the 2021 International Code Council (ICC) codes, and there are extra requirements, such as for early detection and notification, to address batteries and storage. Rob Ross shared that industry technology and information is evolving quickly and suggested we continue to revisit this topic at a future meeting.
7. Information sharing between agencies
Updates were shared, including several personnel updates from Bill Turner of DESPP- DEMHS; there will be a plume exercise at Millstone on November 1, this is an exercise. Karen Way reported that the US EPA will be starting up development of Geographic Response Strategies (GRS) for several locations along the Connecticut River in Connecticut from the Massachusetts border to Long Island Sound. The US Coast Guard will be involved in the locations from Hartford south to Long Island Sound. Work groups of local, regional, state, and federal officials

will be formed for the various locations. There is a Map Viewer being developed for the GRS and EPA's webpage will be updated. There is a link on DEEP's webpage to the EPA's GRS webpage. Suggestion was made to also link to this from the SERC webpage. Chairman Goudreau and Diane Duva recognized the service of members who have retired or resigned from the commission and thanked them for their service, presenting them with certificates of appreciation. Adam Fox of DOT and David Kallander of DPH have moved to other assignments in their agencies; Colonel Jaworski of the Military Department retired; and Carol Violette has completed her term as a public member.

8. Ideas and requests for future meeting topics were discussed, including a continuation of the lithium-ion battery topic; Jason Coite suggested it may be possible for CT DOT Geographic Information System staff to provide an update on mapping of storm drainage features.
9. There was no New Business identified.
10. Public Comments (opportunity for comments from any members of the public present). There were no public comments offered.
11. Adjournment at 2:30 p.m. on a motion by Bob Araujo, seconded by Bob Ross.

September 15, 2022 SERC Meeting Attendance

In attendance?	Member
Yes	Gerard P. Goudreau - Chairperson Facility member
Yes	Diane W. Duva , Director, Planning Office, Emergency Response and Spill Prevention Div. CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Yes	Jeffrey J. Morrisette , State Fire Administrator CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
No	David Kallander, Ph.D. , Toxicologist Environmental and Occupational Health Assessment Program CT Department of Public Health
Yes	Jason Coite Environmental Compliance, Bureau of Engineering and Construction CT Department of Transportation
Yes	William Turner , Director, Emergency Management, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
No	Jeff Saltus or Ken Tucker, CONN-OSHA CT Department of Labor
Yes	Matthew LaFayette , Budget Analyst, Budget and Financial Management Division CT Office of Policy and Management
Yes	William Abbott , State Fire Marshal Office of State Fire Marshal, Division of Construction Services CT Department of Administrative Services
Yes	LTC Benjamin Neumon Connecticut Military Department
Yes	Chief John C. Littell , Tolland Fire Department Volunteer Fire Department member
Yes	Chief Edward N. Richards , Enfield Fire Department Municipal Fire Department member
Yes	Robert J. Araujo , Facility member
Yes	Lisa Morrissey , Director of Health, Housatonic Valley Health District, member
Yes	Robert Ross , Public member
No	Anthony Salvatore , Town Manager, Cromwell, member
No	Carol Violette , Public member
No	Kyle Zimmer, Jr. , Public member

Also in attendance: **Shelly Carter**, DEMHS; **Ryan Hirt**, US DHS CISA; **Steve Huleatt**, CREPC/CRCOG; **Rick Swan**, Rich Scalora, CT DEEP, **Karen Way**, US EPA, **Steve Foley**, DEMHS/CFPC training exercise coordinator; **Bob Kovach**, environmental consultant, **Joe Cyr**, Manchester Water Department.