



RECAP OF JULY 9, 2010 STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION MEETING

The items of business were:

- **Approval of April 2, 2010 SERC meeting Minutes**

NEW BUSINESS

- **Approval of new/revised Local Emergency Planning Committee Appointments (Statewide).** The SERC approved the re-certification of all existing LEPC members as may be supplemented by revisions provided by each District. New "Primary" members (i.e. Dean Armstrong/Bay Pines VA Health-Care System, Lt. Col. Larry Fernald/Civil Air Patrol, Steve Simpson/Manatee County Emergency Management, and Chief Robert Stokes/Hillsborough County Fire Rescue,) and "Alternate" members (i.e. Don Hermeijer/Manatee County Emergency Management, Greg Lindgren/Pasco County Emergency Management, Major Gene Olsen/Civil Air Patrol, Bill Orzech/Bay Pines VA Health-Care System, and Lynne Vadelund/CF Industries) were all added and approved this Quarter for District 8.
- **Audit/Inspection Work Plan for the Risk Management Planning (RMP) Program for Fiscal Year 2010-11.** FDEM staff provided the proposed schedule for conducting RMP Audits during FY 2010-11. The schedule identified 23 facilities, only one of which is located within District 8 (Hillsborough County - Van Dyke Wastewater Treatment Plant). The anticipated audit dates were not disclosed. Mr. Tim Date indicated that the primary basis for audit selection was that "the facility(ies) had a recent incident." Three RMP audits were conducted within District 8 during FY 2009-10. The facilities were Brenntag Mid South, Inc and Reddy Ice (Hillsborough County), as well as Gulf Bay Chemical Company in Pinellas County.
- **Recognition of Exemplary Performance.** Mr. Ozzie Morris was thanked and presented a plaque in recognition of his 23 years of service to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC). Mr. Morris has been employed by Mosaic for the last 37 years and had represented the Phosphate Industry on the SERC. His replacement (Mr. Taylor Abel) was recognized and introduced.

REPORTS

- **SERC's Training Task Force (TTF).** Aside from work products and efforts discussed as part of the SERC Agenda (recognized above), the following highlights of the July 8, 2010 TTF meeting were also recognized by Don Sessions, TTF Chair:
 - **Teleconferences.** Mr. Sessions indicated that teleconferences were held on May 5, 2010 and June 9, 2010. The primary topics of discussion were as follows, respectively: determination of improvements associated with the top five deficiencies identified for each hazmat team by Mr Doug Wolfe (of Response Technologies) within the Operational Readiness Evaluation ("ORE"); and updates for the Field Operations Guide ("FOG"), practices to be used as a *tool* by the Hazmat teams in the field.

- Hazwoper Certification. Chief Mike Murphy recognized his frustration that BP and EPA are authorizing reimbursement for Deepwater Horizons Oil Spill response efforts from only individuals possessing the 40 Hr. Hazwoper Certification from one of BP's two authorized training agencies. This Certification is event-specific and is contrary to the 160-Hr. course required of all hazmat responders within the State of Florida, which already included components of "booming strategies" and "managing spills" as part of their curriculum. The qualifications of individuals possessing the 40-Hr. certification were also called into question since there are no pre-requisite in terms of hazmat knowledge and/or experience prior to taking the 40-Hr. course. Following a motion and a second, the SERC unanimously approved transmittal of a letter directed to FDEM Director David Halstead (with copies provided to BP, EPA, FDEP, USCG & Governor Crist) suggesting that the qualifications of the 160-Hr. Certification be recognized as at least equivalent to (if not surpassing) the Certification endorsed by BP in regard to reimbursable Deepwater Horizons Oil Spill Response/Recovery actions expenses.
- Florida's Deepwater Horizons Response Efforts. Ms. Shanti Smith (FDEM Staff) acknowledged her extensive involvement at the State's Emergency Operations Center since activation more than two and a half months ago in regard to the BP oil spill incident. Ms. Smith indicated her responsibilities include the oversight of a Recon team consisting of members from FFWCC, FDEP, CAP, FDOT and others that has been a great asset and is designed to mobilize and stage personnel and resources prior to the arrival of oil at various locations along the Florida coastline. A concern was registered about potential ramifications that an active hurricane season may pose with oil response and recovery efforts. Ms. Smith acknowledged the variety of sources of information regarding the oil spill and recovery efforts and agreed to provide a "BP Fact Sheet."
- E-Plan Update. Mr. Matt Marshall identified that E-Plan now allows "vicinity searches" (up to five miles) and that a plume modeling component of E-Plan is now being beta-tested but will only allow for use of one person at a time. Mr. Marshall has indicated that 2008-10 records are now in E-Plan which could cause the appearance of duplication of data entry. Discussion ensued about the possibility of color-coding the data entry by year so as not to give the appearance of potential duplication of facility records. Mr. Robert Stoner said this will be considered and that there are currently monthly downloads of HMIS data entry information into the E-Plan system. Mr. Marshall indicated that the annual *E-Plan Users Conference* has been scheduled for October 20-21, 2010 at Embassy Suites in Ft. Myers and encouraged each LEPC to send at least two representatives. Mr. Tim Date verified that such conference costs can be covered as a LEPC or HMEP expense.
- Pro Board Certification. Mr. Chris Perez made a presentation on the benefits and qualifications of Pro Board Certified courses and instructors. The purpose of the Pro Board is to establish an internationally recognized means of acknowledging professional achievement in the fire service and related fields. The accreditation of organizations that certify uniform members of public fire departments, both career and volunteer, is the primary goal. The Pro Board accredits organizations that use the National Fire Protection Association's professional qualifications standards.
- Hazmat Awareness Week (HMAW). While the specifics and particular timing were not discussed, it was agreed the topic for Hazmat Awareness Week 2011 is going to be Sheltering in Place. HMAW typically occurs annually in mid-February.

- **Financial Status Report Update.** Ms. Shanti Smith advised that FY 2009-10 EPCRA revenues (\$2,280,281) are slightly elevated in comparison with those of FY 2008-09 (\$2,152,994). However, the increase in revenues are somewhat offset by the reported of \$13,450 reduction of RMP revenues (to \$270,600).
- **Hazardous Materials Incidents Reports.** Mr. Tim Date advised that a detailed *Hazardous Materials Incidents Report* (HCIR) was included in the SERC Agenda materials. The listing of Incidents requiring Evacuation and/or causing Injury or Death was also included within the SERC Agenda materials. Future HCIRs will include footnotes to distinguish whether deaths were attributable to hazardous material(s) or a traffic incident, if applicable.

The following constitute the hazardous material incidents recorded for District 8 between March 1, 2010 and May 31, 2010 involving evacuation, injury(ies) and/or death(s):

County	Date of Release	Chemical	Amount Released (Lbs.)	Business Type	Evacuations	# Injured	# Killed
Hills	5/17/10	Sulfuric Acid	Unknown	School//Vandalism	0	1	0
Manatee	NONE LISTED						
Pasco	NONE LISTED						
Pinellas	4/27/10	Natural Gas	Unknown	Pipeline/Construction	2	0	0
	5/16/10	Kerosene/JP-5	0	Aircraft Accident	3	6	0
TOTAL →					5	7	0

Supplemental information also contained in the SERC Agenda materials included annual comparisons of:

- *Petroleum vs. Non-Petroleum Hazardous Material Incidents by LEPC District;*
- *Fixed Facility vs. Transportation Related Incidents by LEPC District;*
- Statewide monthly and annual hazardous materials incidents tabulations;
- annual comparisons of Statewide number of Section 302 & 312 chemicals;
- *Section 313 Toxic Release Inventory Forms;* and
- annual quantification of the *Notice of Violations/Second Notices* issued.

- **Update on LEPC Activities.** SERC Member George Danz summarized the following highlights of the LEPC Staff & Chairs meeting:

- *Hazmatters.* Mr. Danz recognized that the various tasks and accomplishment of each LEPC District is identified in the *Hazmatters* section of the backup SERC materials.

The following accomplishments were identified for District 8:

- attended the April 1-2, 2010 SERC meetings and conducted a LEPC meeting on May 26th;
- tasked with incorporating an interactive hazardous material component into the *Florida Business Disaster Survival Kit* (www.fldisasterkit.com), supplementing information and resources contained on the LEPC website (i.e. www.tbrpc.org/lepc), and providing localized hazmat facility training, the LEPC's Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee (FDPS) met on May 19th and June 15th. Current initiatives include: mailing post cards to the Section 302 facilities in the District encouraging their participation in a brief, on-line, survey to assess training needs and preferred venue for such training (e.g. workshops, webinars...); and seeking grant funds to

- offset the programming costs associated with proposed FBDSK supplements;
 - participated in a series of teleconferences administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management regarding such topics as: Operational Readiness Evaluation and Deficiencies (May 5, 2010), Field Operations Guide (June 9, 2010) and progress updates to the TTT Project Tracking Chart;
 - assisted in the conduct of a full-scale exercise on May 11, 2010 to satisfy the biennial Contract requirement. The exercise included a simulated release of Methyl Bromide in the baggage area of Terminal 3 (a cruise ship terminal) at the Tampa Port Authority. Participants included an array of Tampa and Hillsborough County agencies, the U.S. Coast Guard, Tampa Port Authority, FDEP, RDSTF and others. The *After Action Report* was approved in conjunction with the June 11th meeting. All relevant exercise-related materials were submitted to FDEM before June 30, 2010 deadline, as required
 - updated the Tampa Bay Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan. Most of the updates reflect revisions to population figures, health care facilities, Section 302 facilities, Hazmat equipment and incorporation of lessons learned from the biennial exercise;
 - a Foam/Ethanol course was conducted in Hillsborough County on December 14-16, 2009. In addition, the LEPC assisted in advertising an Introduction to CAMEO course (January 19-21, 2010) and two Advanced Incident Management (ICS 400) courses (January 26-27, 2010 & February 2-3, 2010) for Pinellas County;
 - conducted the following training courses during the Quarter: a *E-Plan "Train-the-Trainer"* course on April 5, 2010 (Pinellas County); *Chemical Compatibility & Storage* and *Confined Space Rescue for Hazardous Material Environments* courses on May 3-5 & May 12-14, 2010, respectively (Manatee County); and a *Chlorine Training for First Responders/Technician Level* and *Intro to CAMEO* courses on May 10-12 & June 15-17, 2010, respectively (Pinellas County). With the HMEP Contract scheduled to expire September 30, 2010, additional courses and/or training events will be established within District 8 following coordination with FDEM staff.;
 - Staff represented the Tampa Bay LEPC at the May 4, 2010 meetings of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee and the U.S. Coast Guard Area Committee which immediately followed and
 - assisted with the March 10 and April 14, 2010 meetings of the Pinellas Police Standards Council held at the Council offices.
- **Next Meeting.** It was announced that the next SERC meeting will be held at the Betty Easley Center in Tallahassee on October 8, 2010. Members were reminded that the January 7, 2011 SERC meeting will be held in the Ft. Myers/Naples area at a location yet to be determined. SERC voted to tentatively schedule the July 2011 SERC meeting in the Pensacola area.
 - **Adjournment.** Following a motion and a second, the SERC meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.