



## RECAP OF OCTOBER 2, 2009 STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION MEETING

The items of business were:

- **Approval of July 10, 2009 SERC meeting Minutes**
- **Approval of new/revised Local Emergency Planning Committee Appointments.** *The only District 8 modification approved this Quarter was the replacement of Dr. Cynthia Lewis-Younger by Mr. Martin Dorsey as a Primary member under the "Health" category ( for Tampa General Hospital ). Dr. Lewis-Younger has retained the Alternate member designation.*
- **Hazards Analysis Working Group Establishment.** *A teleconference was held on September 9, 2009 with those volunteering to serve on a Hazards Analysis Working Group. The objective of the Group was to identify the most critical information obtained from conducting the Hazards Analyses (HA) as well as the most time consuming aspects of the conducting Hazards Analyses (HAs). Ms. Shanti Smith briefed the SERC that the Working Group members indicated that familiarity of the site gained through the conduct of HA site inspection is the leading factor in reducing accidents and that cell phone towers constitute a significant number of the annual HA requirements. A Motion was approved by the SERC to modify **future** HA Contracts to exempt/exclude the requirement for site inspection of all cell phone tower site inspections except for new installations and/or the tower is located within 1,000ft. of habitable structure(s) or a school facility. This revised provision does not affect the requirements of the 2009-10 HA Contracts.*
- **Hazard Mitigation Information System (HMIS).** *Rob Stoner (DEM Staff) indicated that it is the future intent of FDEM for the Tier 2 Chemical Inventory reporting to go "paperless." There has been and will continue to be a concerted effort for electronic filing of Tier 2 forms and collection of annual registration fees. Acknowledging that electronic filing will be available on January 1, 2010, it is anticipated that such reporting will be progressively staged with the facilities previously filing Tier 2 forms leading the way starting with next year's reporting effort.*

### Benefits/Characteristics of Electronic Filing:

- ▶ *companies can update information more frequently, if desired;*
- ▶ *completed forms are turned into "PDFs" that can be additionally e-mailed and/or printed;*
- ▶ *electronic records will be simultaneously transmitted to the SERC/FDEM, the LEPC, and local fire department; and*
- ▶ *requirement to identify maximum amount of chemical(s) in terms of pounds rather than Range Code.*

### Future Requirements/Considerations:

- ▶ *requirement for identification of United States National Grid coordinates rather than the current Latitude/Longitude coordinates;*

- ▶ requirement for identification of the number of tanks of particular chemical(s) rather than just the reporting in pounds;
- ▶ requirement to indicate storage container type; and
- ▶ requirement for facility Site Plan.

*Lt. John Scott (Jacksonville Fire Rescue) has attested that he has been requiring the electronic filing of all Tier 2 forms for facilities within the City of Jacksonville/Duval County for the past three years as part of their permitting process. Chapter 633, F.S. requires the filing of such information but does not specify a particular format for submittal. Lt. Scott has insisted on electronic submittals without objection from facilities.*

- **Approval of LEPC Plans.** *The SERC approved a Motion to accept the Hazardous Materials Emergency Plans as revised in 2009 by each of Florida's 11 Local Emergency Planning Committees.*
- **Thomas Yatabe/SERC Awards Nominations and Certificates of Appreciation.** *The SERC approved a Motion to accept the nominations made by each Local Emergency Planning Committee concerning the proposed recipients of the annual Thomas Yatabe Awards as well as Certificates of Appreciation. Each year the LEPCs designate one party within their respective District to receive the Thomas Yatabe Award, exemplifying their "outstanding contributions made in the implementation and support of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act." This year's LEPC District 8 nominees, in alphabetical order, were: Chief Michael Gonzales (Tampa Fire Rescue), Mr. John Hess (U.S. Department of Transportation), Mr. Doug Meyer (Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services) and Chief Byron Teates (East Manatee Fire Rescue District). The name of the LEPC District 8 recipient of the Thomas Yatabe Award is intentionally being withheld from this Recap.*
- **Air Monitoring/Sampling at Schools.** *The SERC approved a Motion to request the coordination of the Florida Department of Health, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and DCA Legal Counsel to determine hierarchy authority regarding Air Monitoring issues which may arise at schools following chemical incidents.*
- **Hazardous Materials Awareness Week.** *The SERC approved a Motion to designate February 14-20, 2010 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week.*
- **Subcommittee on Training Officers Election.** *The SERC voted to retain Doug Wolfe as the SOT Chair and named Charlie Boyd as the SOT Vice Chair for the next year.*
- **Subcommittee on Training Meeting Highlights.** *SERC's Subcommittee on Training (SOT) Chair Doug Wolfe provided the following highlights of the October 1, 2009 SOT meeting:*
  - ▶ Chemistry in the High Schools. *It was recognized that a teleconference was conducted on August 5, 2009 to further the initiative of promoting the expansion of the Science curriculums available at the Public High School level, particularly in the areas of chemistry and hazardous materials. While scheduling conflicts precluded many from attending, additional teleconferences will be scheduled to further these efforts. Although Statewide and/or LEPC-specific initiatives have not yet been determined and/or identified, this topic will be the theme for Hazardous Materials Awareness Week. It was subsequently determined that Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) funds can not be utilized to fund scholarships.*
  - ▶ Biological and Hazmedic/Toxmedic Protocols. *The status of various identified working group*

initiatives were described. More details regarding these particular initiatives will be provided within future SERC Recaps as further progress occurs and/or SERC action is required.

- ▶ Hazardous Mitigation Information System. The discussion was similar to that identically titled and described above.
- ▶ Mr. David Rogers Recognition. Mr. David Rogers of the Natural Gas Industry was recognized for his contributions and efforts designed to result in better coordination of emergency response to future Natural Gas/Propane Gas Industry incidents through educating Industry officials of the Incident Command and Management Structure.
- **E-Plan Status Report.** Ms. Shanti Smith indicated that FDEM staff is testing the integration of E-Plan with the 911 Dispatch system in two jurisdictions. Ms. Smith also identified that several Florida E-Plan users will be accompanying her to a National Conference in Dallas, Texas during November 12-13 to promote the use of E-Plan. Backup material provided by Ms. Smith indicated that all 36 “SERC Recognized” Hazmat Team have now registered for E-Plan as well as Emergency Management Directors for 50 of Florida’s 67 Counties.
- **Financial Status Report.** Mr. Sam Brackett indicated that while more facilities are being detected and required to report their inventories resulting in an increase in the revenue stream, however, the overall revenues collected have been reduced due to the closure of numerous facilities and/or reductions in the workforce.
- **Hazardous Materials Incidents Reports.** While a formal Report was not provided, DEM staff did include a listing of Incidents requiring Evacuation and/or causing Injury or Death within the SERC Agenda materials. The following constitute the Hazardous Materials incidents recorded for the District involving Evacuation, Injury(ies) and/or Death(s):

County	Date of Release	Chemical	Amount Released (Lbs.)	Business Type	Evacuations	# Injured	# Killed
Hills	10/18/08	Diesel Fuel Oil	518	Traffic Accident	0	1	0
	11/10/08	Propane	Unknown	Church	70	0	0
	11/26/08	Butylamine	Unknown	College	0	1	0
	1/05/09	Sulfuric Acid (Non-Aerosol Forms)	153	Chemicals & Allied Products	0	1	0
	2/20/09	Natural Gas	Unknown	Private Residence	2	0	0
	3/25/09	Natural Gas	Unknown	Traffic Accident/Apt. Complex	12	0	0
	5/09/09	Gasoline/Diesel	Unknown	Boating Accident	0	0	5
Manatee	11/17/08	Fertilizer (Blended)	Unknown	Traffic Accident	0	1	0
	8/03/09	Diesel Fuel	222	Traffic Accident	0	0	1
Pasco	9/25/08	Gasoline	128	Aircraft Accident	0	1	0
	10/04/08	Diesel Fuel	370	Traffic Accident	0	1	0
	1/01/09	Hydrochloric Acid/ Sodium Hypochlorite	Unknown	Restaurant	6	6	0
	5/26/09	Natural Gas	Unknown	Pipeline/Traffic Accident	200	0	0
Pinellas	11/09/08	Natural Gas	Unknown	Private Business	12	0	0

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	6/01/09	Ammonia	3,500	Food Preparations	0	3	0
	6/08/09	Natural Gas	Unknown	Private Residence	3	0	0
	6/15/09	Hydraulic Oil	225	Marinas	0	0	1
	7/30/09	Hydrogen Sulfide	Unknown	N/A	0	1	0

- **Report provided on (FDEM) Staff Activities by Section.** *Supplemental information contained in the SERC Agenda included annual comparisons of: Petroleum vs. Non-Petroleum Hazardous Material incidents by LEPC District and Fixed Facility vs. Transportation Related Incidents by LEPC District. Annual comparisons of Section 311 & 312 Chemical Inventory Reports, Hazardous Material Incident Reports, and Section 313 Toxic Release Inventory Reports Statewide were also provided.*
- **Update on LEPC Activities.** *SERC Member George Danz indicated that a listing of quarterly accomplishments of each of the LEPC Districts have been provided within the SERC Agenda under the “Hazmatters” section. The identified accomplishments of District 8 were:*
  - ▶ attendance at the July 8-9 SERC meetings and conduct of the August 26<sup>th</sup> LEPC meeting;
  - ▶ Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee met on July 16<sup>th</sup> & September 17<sup>th</sup> to further efforts designed to bolster the hazardous materials component of the *Florida Business Disaster Survival Kit*. Once complete, it is envisioned that the work product will assist the business community in preparing truly all-hazards Plans;
  - ▶ participation in a series of teleconferences administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management regarding such subjects as Bio-Sampling Protocols, the Chemistry Education initiative, and the Hazards Analyses Scope of Work;
  - ▶ scheduled an Ammonia Siren Briefing/Workshop for the DeSoto Elementary School;
  - ▶ conducted Hazmat IQ® workshops (August 18-20), Confined Space Rescue for Hazardous Material Environments workshops (August 25-27), and Clandestine Drug Lab Awareness workshops (September 29-30);
  - ▶ attendance at the August 11<sup>th</sup> Tampa Bay Spill Committee meetings as well as the U.S. Coast Guard Area Committee meetings immediately following;
  - ▶ assistance in the preparation for the July 8<sup>th</sup>, August 12<sup>th</sup> and September 9<sup>th</sup> Pinellas Police Standards Council meetings; and
  - ▶ obtained the Spanish subtitled version of the “Shelter-in-Place” video.