

SERC

August 1, 2011

RIEMA Headquarters

Attendees:

Jim Goffey, USEPA

Mike Brazel, FEMA

Fred Stanley, RIAFC

Richard James, RISFMO

David DiMaio, LEPC-3

Jim Ball, RIDEM

Paul D'Abbraccio, RIEMA

Steven Preston, LEPC-1

James Larisa, DLT

Raymond Lapland, RIEMA

Jim Gumbley, RIEMA

E. Stefan Coutoulakis, LEPC-4

Ed Johnson, RIEMA

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. at RIEMA Headquarters by Mr. Paul D'Abbraccio.

Old Business:

The application for getting the website out of this year's money has been submitted. It is not a dead issue. There is extra money, but it

may have to be part of next year's expenditures. The Plymouth conference is squared away.

No Planning Committee Report.

Training Committee Report:

Hazmat Technician Class was scheduled to run over the summer but the minimum 10 number of participants was not reached, so the class was cancelled.

Hope Valley is doing a planned lab class.

Training money (approximately \$25K) will have to be sent back to Washington if it has not been used. The deadline for using the money looms (September 30).

Discussion of several training and other exercises that could be held to keep grant monies in the state. Possibilities:

Rad class

CAMEO class

OPS class

At the next Planning Committee meeting suggestions should be on the table for spending some of the grant money.

Tri-State Status:

The next meeting will be in Blackstone on August 9th. Moving along with the whole tri-state area. It's taking two separate tracks. The first is RI, CT and Mass (functional) moving forward for November. The contractor hired is not part of the Port of Providence exercise.

The next event is the Port of Providence drill. There is a meeting on August 10 in New London, Connecticut. They are prepping for it. There will be a meeting at the Convention Center on August 23 to go over the incident action plan. Functional exercise, originally August 9th, was cancelled. The IPC meeting is in Blackstone on August 9th at 8 o'clock. A schedule of finalized events should be sent to all members to eliminate confusion over dates, cancellations, etc. On August 10th is the Mystic event.

Mr. Preston offered to run a class on magnetic and aging slip tube repair if a flat car with rail heads has been added to the exercise. Mr. Preston could demonstrate how to change out O-rings on the pressure valves.

With the break up of the tri-state, Massachusetts will hold their own full scale next spring, paid for by fire service, and the railroad won't be participating in that because funds are not available.

LEPC-1:

Mr. Preston

Last meeting scheduled for July 20 in the North Providence Library. Working with Mr. Larisa on some of the facilities that have not complied by submitting their plans, and notices have been sent. Final notices will be going out over violations under the CFR.

Anything that should be incorporated into the 2011 Tier II format should be forwarded to Mr. Preston so that he can forward it on to Washington. Changes to requirements for validation (requiring documents) is being discussed.

Next meeting of LEPC-1: October 20th @ 1:30 pm at the North Providence Public Library.

LEPC-2:

No report

LEPC-3

Mr. DiMaio

Continuing to work on district plan. Approached by Chief Charles Hall from Airport Crash Rescue, requesting some type of hazmat awareness training for his police officers at the airport. There was a white powder incident that was not handled correctly. They are looking for some type of hazmat awareness training. Mr. DiMaio is meeting with them on Wednesday to see what they are looking for. Cannot use federal grant money for TSA.

Next meeting in September (date not determined).

LEPC-4:

E. Stefan Coutoulakis

Only issue was Plymouth Conference.

Next meeting September 8th at Job Corps

LEPC-5

Not present, however next meeting is scheduled for September 16th.

New Business:

Mr. D'Abbraccio

Email from National Response Corporation out of New York has placed a trailer of dispersant in Providence as part of a contract. Trailer contains 16 totes; each tote holds 265 gallons of dispersant for a total of 4,240 gallons. The MSDS sheet is attached (Mr. D'Abbraccio has a copy of it). The email will be forwarded to each committee member. Trailer located at Moran Environmental Recovery, 100 Water Street, Providence.

Mr. Ball has replied to an email, indicating that the use of Correxite, or any other dispersant, has to be with the permission of state and federal government. This should be brought up at the next IRT meeting.

Radiological Safety Class has been offered to SERC. This class fills an 8-hour OSHA requirement. Details are not yet available. Interest and attendance can be discussed at hazmat working group meeting.

Mr. Larissa asked about the draft letter concerning chemicals in school labs. Gina Friedman had offered to write the letter. There was

a brief discussion about what the letter would contain. Jim Ball will follow up with Gina Friedman.

Issues:

How teachers have, in the past, disposed of and/or stored chemicals from their schools.

The state needs to stay focused on the training of teachers. Training classes have been offered in the past (Dept. of Education, Labor & Training, DEM, DOH) with little interest from teachers to attend. There were also grants in the past that paid DEM to segregate and dispose of chemicals in schools.

Every school is required by state law to have a chemical hygiene plan and a chemical hygiene officer.

For the attention of Jim Ball: inspectors were asked by the Westerly fire chief to perform an inspection of the Bradford Die Corporation. There is a flea infestation as a result of feral cats nesting in the boiler room. OSHA is going to handle the situation. Employees required medical attention for the flea bites.

Steve Coutoulakis:

EMA directors and LEPC chairs were notified of newest MARLAP(?). This version corrects bugs in the program and utilizes the 2010 census information.

CAMEO chemicals research engine is going through major changes.

TEALS is changing to a “public action level.”

Mr. Coutoulakis met with a developer of the CAMEO project (script writer) and discussed the changes to Tier II submit and CAMEO. There are issues, in that the people working on this project do not understand what resource typing is. Having been given some explanation of typing, changes are being made to incorporate typing. Transportation routes are being added to the chemicals and inventory stream. This information will input directly with the Tier II submit.

A new version of “Aloha” is coming out. There will be a “tweaking” of the calculations on flammability predictions and explosion modeling, and it updates the chemical library to move again with the CAMEO chemical format. Aloha is moving toward an HTML format. In conjunction with Tier II submit, changes, the newest version will come out in October, in conjunction with the most updated CAMEO version.

The special needs registry was updated. If the hazmat teams want the special needs registry for off-site consequence, the request has to go through Jeff Stevens. There is a wheel chair icon on the map that corresponds with a data base record (name of the person and their issue at that house).

The Warwick Fire Department wished to bring the I-Cameo class in during the last week of September for LEPC-3, and then incorporate

I-Class and Aloha Class in their department. There were thirty people interested in taking these classes (enough participation for four classes). However, it was determined that the classes could not be completed by the September 25th cut off date.

The 15 laptops that were purchased for the Cameo program are obsolete. After next year, Windows will no longer support XP. Is there money available for the purchase of 16 new computers with Windows 7 platform? The cost is estimated at \$16,000.

Answer: Washington would have to approve the purchase. A request will be submitted. The old computers, which are still functional and running Windows XP, could be redistributed to other state agencies. It may be possible that training money that was going to be returned to Washington can be reallocated for the purchase of these computers.

There was a settlement with T(?) Industries in East Providence for enforcement. Part of that settlement was put into a national initiative that requires them to install ammonia sensors and alarms in all their facilities across the country. An issue to be resolved is: what do you do for shelter employees during evacuations and is it the responsibility of the LEPC. SERC should be working to put together a fact sheet.

Laptops will be spec'd out for the planning meeting (Dell).

Next meeting: September 12 @ 2:00 pm at RIEMA Headquarters.

Adjourned at 11:25 am