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COLORADO EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2016

The Colorado Emergency Planning Committee (CEPC) met on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, 9195 East Mineral Ave., Centennial, CO 80112.

Attendees

Commission Members Present:

John Hahn
Roy Rudisill
Steve Riner
Patricia Williams
Tim Gablehouse
Barry Cress
Mark Quick (via phone)
Dave Hard

Others in Attendance:

Carol Way, JeffCo LEPC Contractor
Amy Shish, DHSEM
Fran Santagata, DHSEM
Ezzie Michaels, DHSEM
Dana Reynolds, DHSEM
Derek Boer, CDPHE

Commission Members Not Present:

John Shober
Greg Stasinos

Welcome

Dave Hard called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. Roll call proceeded with attendance as noted above.

Approval of March 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Co-Chairs

Motion to approve the minutes from March 16, 2016, by Roy Rudisill

Motion second by Pat Williams

Motion carries

Old Business

Tier II Sites on READYColorado Website – Feasibility Report from State, Discussion

Dave Hard

The CEPC has requested feasibility information from DPS for a proposal that would add a layer under the “My Hazards” mapping tool on the READYColorado website that indicates Tier II reporting facilities’ name and address within a specified radius of the location entered in the tool by the user. The user would be directed to the appropriate Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for more information about a specific facility. Dave Hard will arrange the stakeholder meeting where the feasibility study of adding a layer to the mapping tool will be presented: he will email the Commission a Doodle Poll with potential meeting dates. The Feasibility Study is tied to the Geographic Information System (GIS) capabilities and is being discussed in the monthly CDPS GIS Working Group. Dave will have more information by the end of the first week in June.

2015 Tier II Reports – One Stop Reporting Implementation - Status Update

Dave Hard /Derek Boer

Kathie Atencio expressed some concerns with whether the CEPC was fully living up to EPA’s federal statutory requirement on One-Stop Reporting. That federal statute requires that the CEPC should be more immediately (by the March 1st deadline) making the information available to LEPCs and fire departments.

After discussion, the CEPC agrees that it would nice to be faster but that absent funding, perhaps from EPA that was simply not feasible yet. Motion to continue to use the March 1st deadline for facilities to report to the State, April 1st deadline for State to get Tier II reports to LEPCs, ask the EPA to make the fire district field mandatory, make the field for the site plan unlimited, CDPS/CEPC will develop a guidance document for LEPCs on how to do updates to the data once they find errors, and update the regulation on Tier II Submit, by Tim Gablehouse

Motion second by Roy Rudisill

Motion carries

Tim will generate a draft updating the regulation.

The State has funding to sponsor a CAMEO class in Colorado before the end of the fiscal year. A 3-day CAMEO class will be scheduled and completed by June 30, 2016 with travel and per diem to be reimbursed to attendees. Carol will survey the LEPCs to find a suitable venue and interested participants. Amy will work with the instructor and the determined course location to arrange lodging. More information to follow.

LEPC Conference Planning

Subcommittee

Five potential venues submitted bids for the 2016 Conference. Discussion about the potential issues with the distance traveled and the increase in cancellations and the decrease in attendance on Friday at last year’s conference. Carol will include questions in her survey to the LEPCs to help determine the most desirable location. The decision on the venue is to be made by Friday May 20th. The agenda will include LEPC 101 on

Wednesday and multiple topics on Thursday and Friday morning. This year, ignite sessions may be included which are 15 minute roundtable discussions repeated multiple times during the conference. Please submit roundtable discussion ideas to Carol. She will send out the summary of the subcommittee meeting to the CEPC. The next meeting is planned for June 29th from 12:00 – 2:30 pm.

New Business

Response to EPA's RMP Proposed Rule

Tim Gablehouse

The Presidential Executive Order, post West Texas, required the EPA to revisit its Risk Management Program (RMP) rule. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was over a year ago to which NASTTPO responded to at length. The EPA then proposed this rule. There has been a lot of interaction between NASTTPO and industry in response to this letter. One of the fundamental problems with this proposed rule is that it creates mandatory LEPC/facility interactions; exercises, planning, and other activities all of which create a significant burden on LEPCs. NASTTPO believes that facilities must be required to provide certain information to LEPCs and responders when requested and with recognition that they are going to do community preparedness planning based on the needs of the community, not on the needs of the EPA. One of the controversial provisions deals with whether or not they are going to have non-responding facilities and determining facility responsibility if they have a release. Rather than mandating any specific hazmat capacity, NASTTPO believes that facilities must cooperate with the community when planning for an incident that affects the community. Tim has drafted a letter on behalf of NASTTPO; he is asking the CEPC to file a comment that acknowledges and supports the letter. Dave has agreed to log in on Friday May 13th and file that comment. The EPA will issue a final rule in 60 days. Please send any questions and/or comments to Tim Gablehouse.

Motion to send a letter of support for NASTTPO's letter, by Tim Gablehouse

Motion second by Steve Riner

Motion carries

CEPC Outreach Meeting

Co-Chairs

Several counties have offered to host an outreach. Carol will contact Summit County and Roy will contact Weld and Logan counties for potential dates for this summer and fall.

RDD Pilot Fort Collins May 26th

Fran Santagata

The Radiological Dispersal Device (RDD) pilot was offered to the state from a combination of FEMA, Department of Defense, and the Department of Homeland Security and is designed to help a jurisdiction put a plan together for the first few hours of a response to an RDD. Three workshops are scheduled; May 26th, July 27th, and August 25th. The plan is to be finished by the end of September and the document is to be shared widely once it is complete.

EPA's Federal Requirements

Kathie Atencio

No new updates; covered with Tier II discussions earlier.

Standing Reports

EM Director Update

Dana Reynolds

- Emergency Response Guides have arrived. A distribution plan is in the works for local and state agencies. We will need to order additional books to meet demand, however.
- Emergency Management Academy kicked off this week with over 40 students from across Colorado. This is the largest academy to date. DHSEM's training & exercise section and OEM Field Services are co-leading the Academy.
- Severe weather has arrived in earnest in Colorado. Recent tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, and localized flooding have caused damages and some injuries. Rate of snow melt remains a flooding concern, especially when combined with high precipitation events.
- DHSEM is supporting multi-day wildfire exercise in north central region May 19-21st. Wildfire risk is below average this year, per DFPC, but need to evaluate moisture through May into June.

State Hazmat Working Group Update

Captain Hahn

The Commodity Flow Study (CFS) for US-6 went well despite the snowstorm. The data is being analyzed now and will be shared with the CEPC and posted on the CSP Hazmat website when complete. The methodology from this CFS will be used to see how technology can be incorporated to make the studies more efficient in the future. CSP resumed the DERA responsibilities for unincorporated roads in Larimer County. The vacancy in the Golden office has been filled by Trooper Carrie Jackson.

HMEP Grant Update

Ezzie Michaels

The budget and project narrative for the 2016/2017 grant program has been emailed to the CEPC members and the application was submitted on time. He expects the award letter in August. Funds will go to JeffCo, the LEPC Conference, CAMEO classes, and the bulk of the grant will go to training with DFPC. Starting next year he will ask for applications in January/February instead of September.

Presidential EO, Regulatory and Legislative Updates

Tim Gablehouse

No new updates; covered with discussions earlier.

Tier II Reporting Subcommittee

Co-Chairs

No new updates.

Oil/Gas Facility & Transportation Information

Roy Rudisill

Production continues in Weld County although the price of oil is down. The oil production companies have presented that their pipelines will enable 200,000 transports (back and forth to a facility counts as two transports) to be removed from the roadways in Weld County in the next year. Weld County Public Works is generating a map of commercial vehicle accident information related to oil and gas transportation including commercial vehicle information and the company name. This will be used to identify trends. The Colorado Motor Carriers Association funding has been cut back for community outreach; this may be an area to focus on from the transportation standpoint to partner with industry, CSP, Hazmat and other players. At the RRT meeting, a representative from North Dakota reported an increase in incidence of lightning strikes at produced water facilities. There have been no reported incidents currently in Weld County. CSP and the oil/gas industries have recognized the lack of community outreach regarding roadway transportation accidents; the LEPC can assist with this outreach. CSP Hazmat has been actively presenting data associated with motor vehicle crashes involving commercial vehicle transportation accidents leading to a hazmat incident. Any LEPC that would like the CSP to present this information may contact their local hazmat representative. Weld

County is updating the county code related to oil and gas facilities; it has driven good conversations. The facilities that are responsible and have good plans are going through the process faster because the LEPC has already worked with them and have a good process in place.

Approval of LEPC Memberships

Carol Way

2016 Updates

- Douglas County
- Grand County
- San Miguel County
- Southwest Region

Motion to approve these four LEPC Memberships as submitted, by Tim Gablehouse

Motion second by John Hahn

Motion carries

Other

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Carol Way – The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) has expressed interest in having the CEPC present at one of their informal lunch sessions. Dave and Tim expressed interest in representing the CEPC for the session; Carol will share the potential dates with them by email.

Dave Hard – His retirement plans for late July still stand, but he will continue to volunteer on the Conference Planning Subcommittee and attend the conference in September.

Motion to adjourn, by Tim Gablehouse

Motion second by John Hahn

Motion carries

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the CEPC on 7/13/2016;

Dave Hard (Co-Chair)

Date

Greg Stasinis (Co-Chair)

Date