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COLORADO EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2016

The Colorado Emergency Planning Committee (CEPC) met on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, 9195 East Mineral Ave., Centennial, CO 80112.

Attendees

Commission Members Present:

John Hahn (via phone)
Roy Rudisill
Steve Riner (via phone)
John Shober
Tim Gablehouse (via phone)
Greg Stasinis
Barry Cress
Mark Quick
Dave Hard (via phone)

Others in Attendance:

Brie Bockstahler, EPA Region 8
Kathie Atencio, EPA Region 8
Carol Way, JeffCo LEPC Contractor
Amy Shish, DHSEM
Fran Santagata, DHSEM
Ezzie Michaels, DHSEM
Derek Boer, CDPHE
Heather McDermott, Adams County
Wayne Belohlavy, North Metro Fire Rescue

Commission Members Not Present:

Patricia Williams

Welcome

Greg Stasinos called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Roll call proceeded with attendance as noted above.

Approval of January 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Co-Chairs

Motion to approve the minutes as amended by Dave Hard from January 13, 2016, by Barry Cress

Motion second by John Shober

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 at the May meeting.

2015 Tier II Reports – One Stop Reporting Implementation

Dave Hard /Derek Boer

Tier II reports were due March 1, 2016 and the collection of data is going well. CDPHE is engaged in the LEAN process to increase efficiency and timeliness in how they receive and process Tier II reports. The numbers are similar to last year: 14,700 facilities from about 925 companies. Last year was about 15,500 facilities from 975 companies. The decrease could be due to the downturn in oil and gas production. The Division’s plan is to set the data up on a SharePoint site and give access to the LEPCs and fire departments. If SharePoint is unavailable to local jurisdictions due to web capabilities, the data will be distributed using USB thumb drives to be loaded into CAMEO to utilize the data. Tim Gablehouse has offered to assist with this USB distribution if DHSEM is not prepared with SharePoint by April 1, 2016; the Division will not be ready by the deadline. SharePoint will be ready by the LEPC Conference in September. Dave will initiate a conversation with Tim, Greg, and Derek about the release of data. Thumb drives to be available soon after April 1st; the data will be divided by County. County data will be shared with the fire districts that serve that county because of the concerns related to mutual aid/regional hazmat teams, etc. Dave will compose a fact sheet with the process for Tier II data distribution then Tim and Carol can share it with the LEPCs.

CEPC Annual Report

Carol Way

Carol has shared a draft of the report with the Commission. She asked the Commission to review the document and send any corrections/comments to her by close of business on Friday March 25th. She will finalize, distribute, and post the report on the CEPC website by the end of March. Thank you to Carol for all of your work on this project.

The Conference was a great opportunity to connect with the LEPCs across Colorado. Carol was able to connect with over 75% of the LEPCs within the state over the 3 day period. There is great interest in a CAMEO 3 day intro class and possibly a CAMEO Instructor class. The Commission discussed hosting a class in several areas across the state and including a scholarship fund for travel expenses for those who don't have travel funds. Several LEPCs voiced concerns with the notification process from the State on a spill to the locals; receiving it by email after the fact was concerning. Several possible solutions are discussed, including a subcommittee and improving relationships at the local level. The EPA is updating the Regional Response Team (RRT) notification procedures for the RRT Contingency Plan; Greg and Dave will submit changes for Colorado. An EPA notification exercise is planned for later in March. The notification process will be reviewed internally at DHSEM and include CSP and CDPHE. Dave and Greg will update the Commission on the response to the EPA at the May meeting.

New Business

Update of HB 16-1046

Tim Gablehouse

HB 16-1046 is on the governor's desk and is expected to be signed anytime. Tim has committed to generating a one page to be used for the purpose of implementing the new procedures and he is asking for help to distribute the document.

EPA's Proposed RMP Regulatory Changes

Tim Gablehouse

NASTTPO will likely oppose most of the provisions of the Risk Management Plan (RMP) Proposed rule due to the increase of burden on LEPCs. There will be no extensions; it will be finalized and issued 60 days after the comment period unless something significant happens. NASTTPO will deliver the message to the EPA at the meeting scheduled for April 6th. He would like to have the Commission members to read the proposed rule and let Tim know their thoughts. He will circulate NASTTPO's comments and ask for the CEPC to weigh in their agreement. The EPA website <http://www.epa.gov> has the proposed regulations and frequently asked questions.

2016 LEPC Conference

Dave Hard

The process is different this year due to state Procurement rules; it will require potential venues to bid on the Vendor Self Service (VSS) website. Hotels will be contacted and directed to the VSS site to submit a bid. Conference Planning Committee Members this year are: Dave, Amy, Carol, Kathie, Fran, Pat, and Ezzie. Dave will send a Doodle poll for potential meeting dates for the Planning Committee. The Committee will also meet the hour before the scheduled May and July CEPC meetings.

Standing Reports

EM Director Update

Dave Hard for Dana Reynolds

- The Emergency Management Conference March 8 -10th was well attended with over 500 registrants.
- The Cripple Creek/Victor Gold Mine round table discussion and tabletop is March 29th at the Double Eagle Hotel Conference Center - RSVP by Saturday March 19th Dave will forward the flier to the committee members and stakeholders.

- The Office of Emergency Management is hiring for staff vacancies that have been vacant for the last few years and finishing the transition from contracted resources to state resources for years of ongoing recovery.
- The after action from the Gold King Mine is in the final stages of review. Dana will send it to the CEPC when it is finalized.
- Dana has a DU graduate student intern that would like to complete a hazmat related research study this summer. Please email Dana with any ideas for a project at dana.reynolds@state.co.us

State Hazmat Working Group Update

Captain Hahn

The next Working Group meeting is scheduled for April 8th. Three new CSP Hazmat Technicians are trained and deployed to Larimer County, Adams County, and SE Colorado. The western Jefferson County vacancy has been filled; the Tech is currently in training.

A Commodity Flow Study (CFS) is scheduled for April 18-24th for US6 over Loveland Pass. It will be a 7 day flow study 24/7. CDOT has agreed to analyze the data; CSP will staff the study. It should produce good data for the CEPC, locals, and any others interested in that stretch of highway. CSP will use the app developed in NE Colorado.

HMEP Grant Update

Ezzie Michaels

The current grant program expires on September 30, 2016; two grants agreements were issued from the 2015/2016 grant; approximately \$27,000 is not allocated. The Denver UASI would like another Technician class for the North Central Region. If they do not hold the class, there would be funding available to host a CAMEO class before September 30th. The new grant has a 3 year performance period divided into 3 years of performance and allocated on a yearly basis. It is one grant program; not divided into planning and training anymore. The 75% pass through requirement has been removed; 75% of grant award has to be spent on programs, in addition, 25% is to be spent on administrative and management costs. The risk formula has been modified from, in the past, population, state highway miles, and Tier II facilities, etc. The new formula will be incident frequency, average cost of incident, and population. This state will receive \$445,000 each year for the following three years. The Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC), JeffCo, and the LEPC Conference will use the funding as usual, and CAMEO classes may be added. The application process is now three phases; initial application, full application, and risk and needs assessment, etc. The application is due May 2nd. Ezzie and Carol will work together to get the information out to the LEPCs so they can begin looking forward and planning.

Presidential EO, Regulatory and Legislative Updates

Tim Gablehouse

With the RMP rule being triggered by the Executive Order, CFATS is requesting the CEPC to distribute a one-page fact sheet that CFATS has prepared to interested parties within the state. Tim will send this document to the CEPC for further discussion and distribution.

Tier II Reporting Subcommittee

Co-Chairs

No new updates; covered with Tier II discussions earlier.

Activity continues in Weld County although drilling is down. The County level department heads met March 7th; revenues on oil and gas are down 40% which will restrict the 2017-2018 Budget in Weld County. Anadarko had a 20% cut across the board and smaller companies are selling off to larger companies. Product continues to be pumped, stored, and transported and building of storage facilities and pipeline infrastructure continues. The Front Range Emergency Resource Co-op group is soon to be renamed the Front Range Emergency Resource Working Group. They are working on the incident command process and integrating facility/industry response with local responders. An incident command integration course is scheduled to be presented on March 23rd to include information on acronyms that the industry/first responders use, identifying well site information, and review ICS. This is the first step with goal being to present this information to fire departments, training groups, LEPCs, and industry groups, etc.

Approval of LEPC Memberships

Carol Way

2016 Updates

- City of Aurora
- Boulder County
- Weld County
- Garfield County
- El Paso County
- Eagle County
- Mesa County
- Montezuma County
- Rio Blanco County
- San Luis Valley
- City of Colorado Springs

Motion to approve these 11 LEPC Memberships as submitted, by Greg Stasinis

Motion second by Barry Cress

Motion carries

Other

All

Kathie Atencio – Breann Bockstahler is new to the unit and was previously with the EPA in the drinking water program. She will be assisting Kathie with the EPCRA and oil work. She will be helping with the facility response plan reviews and attending the CEPC and other SERC meetings. As part of the Executive Order, the first Western States SERC Conference was held in San Diego February 2nd-4th. Tim Gablehouse and Fran Santagata attended representing Colorado. All states were present except Alaska. The roundtable sessions were successful and discussed how the different states were handling Tier II submission, fee collection, training, engaging the LEPCs, etc. The feedback was very positive; Region 8 will be hosting next year in Denver. The dates will be January 31st and February 1st, 2017. Metro area LEPCs will be allowed to attend. The first quarterly webinar based on this meeting is scheduled for April 13th from 11-1 pm. The second is July 13th. Kathie will send the webinar information to Carol and Amy for distribution. Kathie encourages the Commission to read through the RMP proposed regulations.

The EPA was sued regarding a spill in West Virginia in January of 2014; the spill went into the drinking water system. The EPA has never promulgated Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) regulations for hazardous chemicals, only oil. Those regulations require containment. As a result, the EPA will be promulgating regulations for chemical facilities similar to those in oil facilities. They have 3 ½ years to complete the regulations.

The Principles of Chemical Emergency Preparedness training is available in New Jersey April 4th-7th and Las Vegas May 16th-19th. Kathie will send the information to Carol and Amy for distribution.

The EPA Newsletter is highlighting LEPCs across the Region. Carol suggested Summit and Weld Counties.

Fran Santagata – Fran presented the Preventative Radiological Nuclear Detection Program at the SERC Conference and was invited to participate in the State of Utah’s program in late March. Programs within Colorado are progressing including the Southwest Region and Colorado State University (CSU)/Fort Collins. Mary Beth Vasco with FEMA has been working with DHS on bringing the Radiological Dispersal Device (RDD) pilot program to CSU/Fort Collins for a big event involving a radiological incident. The first planning meeting is scheduled for the week of March 21st.

Motion to adjourn, by Greg Stasinos
Motion second by Barry Cress
Motion carries

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the CEPC on 5/11/2016;



Dave Hard (Co-Chair)

5/17/2016

Date

Greg Stasinos (Co-Chair)

Date