

**The Salt Lake County Hazardous Chemical Local Emergency Planning Committee
(LEPC)
September 13, 2023
Meeting Minutes**

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
I. Welcome	Ron Lund- Roll Call	Quorum: Yes
II. Public Comment	None	
III. Business		
A. Discussion		
1. UFA Hazmat Station 126 crew introduction	The Unified Fire Authority Hazmat Station 126 crew introduced their program and capabilities. The full crew are all trained in Hazmat. Dedicated Hazmat rigs, including a hydrocarbon response vehicle and a Decon trailer for mass decontamination. Response level A is the highest response requiring Class A PPE. Partner programs Hazmat Valley Alliance and the CST (Civil Support Team). A question was proposed to the team: How can the LEPC improve collaboration and awareness? Response: Public education and partnerships planning and prevention. Open line of communication. LEPC needs to improve the reporting and ensure it gets to the responders.	
Rocky Mountain Power mitigation presentation	Wade Skinner presented Rocky Mountain Power mitigation efforts for preventing wildfires. Infrastructure improvements and equipment hardening are being made, and Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) will be conducted only when necessary. They have hired five meteorologists to help with better situational awareness in mitigating wildfire starts.	https://www.rockymountainpower.net/outages-safety/wildfire-safety/public-safety-power-shutoff.html
2. Business Continuity Planning Online Course	A flyer was provided for Business Continuity online planning.	
3. EPA Training and Exercise Catalog	A list of available courses was provided for local emergency responders. These are potential training courses that we can offer the group. If anyone is interested in any of the courses, please reach out.	
4. Wasatch Thunder TTX Recap	Tara Behunin reported this TTX was regarding a radiation response. Looking at facilities on the U of U campus and different radiation sources. The TTX tested processes within a response. Partners included in the exercise were	

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	UofU police, UofU EM, SLC EM, SLCo EM, SLCo Health Department, and Federal partners. Several questions were asked regarding our role in the response and our situation awareness as an LEPC of radioactive hazards and risks in the valley. DEQ does have a waste management and radioactive control division. Tara indicated that we must strengthen our partnership and increase awareness while maintaining confidentiality. Tara stated it was a great opportunity to discuss gaps and discuss actions to resolve those.	
B. Approval of Meeting Minutes	Approval of meeting minutes from the 8/9/2023 meeting	A motion was made by Mac Lund and a second by Emily Pasket to accept the minutes as written. The motion was unanimous.
C. Appointments by SLCo Council 9.12.2023	The SLCo council has approved the reappointments of Kevin Arther and Ron Lund. And the appointment of Emily Paskett.	
VI. Round Table Reports		
1. State Fire Marshal Office	(Unable to join) Tara stated she posed a question on behalf of the LEPC to the State Fire Marshal's Office when the most recent flow study was conducted. Feedback was there has not been one conducted in Salt Lake County. Ongoing efforts are being made to work with UDOT to see if we can get one done. There is a study on what is being transported by rail, and Tara is working to obtain that information.	
2. DEQ	Robin Osterhoudt reported on the upcoming Utah Chemical Industry compliance workshop. Tom Daniels reported that the SERCA and CERC meetings are next week (9/19/2023)	
3. SLCo Environmental Health	Ron Lund reported they have had a few incidents they have responded to this month that will result in 40 Clean Water Act violations. The number of violations after remaining a little lower is now increasing and they are seeing numbers comparable to 2019 again.	
4. State of Utah DEM Liaison		
5. Other	Scott Horrocks with Kennecott reported their smelter shut down in May for large-scale maintenance and after experiencing a few setbacks they are finally back up and running.	

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	Tal Ehlers, with UTA, recently came across information on EPA.gov regarding Lithium battery incident reporting and EPCRA requirements. Incidents will be increasing, and the LEPC should have this on the radar. LEPC needs to know reporting requirements for hazmat reportable incidents pertaining to these lithium batteries. SLC Fire has recently responded to a lithium fire incident and may be a good outreach for information.	
V. Schedule		
A. Training Opportunities	1. UDOT Transportation Conference Oct 24-26, MAEC Sandy	https://utahtransportationconference.com/
	2. Utah Chemical Industry Compliance Workshop In-person Session Multi-Agency State Office Building, 195 N 1950 W, Salt Lake City DEQ Board Room Wednesday, September 27, 2023 1:00 – 5:00 pm MDT Register Here Virtual Session Thursday, September 28, 2023 1:00 – 5:00 pm MDT Register Here	
B. Next Meeting	October 11, 2023, @ 10:00 a.m.	
C. Action to adjourn		A motion was made by Mac Lund and a second by Emily Paskett to adjourn. The motion was unanimous.