

**STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION ADVISORY  
AND  
STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION**

**PENDING MEETING MINUTES**

September 16, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

Utah Department of Transportation

Traffic Operations Center - Emergency Coordination Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

2060 South 2760 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84104

And Via Google Meet

**SERC Attendance List:**

Hamlet, Kris..... Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM  
Everett, Brent ..... Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR

**SERCA Attendance List:**

Johnson, Kelly ..... SERCA Vice Chair  
Kennington, Ladd ..... LW Miller  
Lund, Ron ..... Salt Lake County Health Department  
Mixco, Joaquin ..... Utah Department of Transportation/SERCA Representative  
Skinner, Wade ..... Rocky Mountain Power/SERCA Representative  
Taylor, Neil .....SERCA Public Representative

**Also Attending:**

DaBell, Scott ..... Lehi City Emergency Management/Utah County LEPC  
Daniels, Tom ..... Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR  
Greensides, Valerie.....Salt Lake County Emergency Management  
Hammer, Kim..... Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM  
Henderson, Ron ..... EnviroCare  
Herrick, Ember.....Davis County Emergency Management  
Lake, Jeremy.....Emery County Emergency Management  
Millican, Hans ..... Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR  
Mortensen, Amber ..... Utah Department of Transportation  
Nelson, Jennifer..... Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR  
Pearmain, McKenzie.....Davis County Emergency Management  
Phillips, Brandon..... Marathon Petroleum  
Slater, Brett..... Utah Department of Transportation  
Smith, Elisa ..... Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR  
Sperry, Trevor ..... Spanish Fork Emergency Management  
Whitehouse, Bucky .....Tooele County Emergency Services

**Via Google Meet:**

Boynton, Anna .....Tribal Liaison/DEM  
Deyo, Art.....State Fire Marshal  
Lundberg, Heidi ..... Uintah County Office of Emergency Management  
Miller, Mechelle..... Region 5 Liaison/DEM

Needles, Justin. Carbon County Emergency Management/SERCA Rural LEPC Representative  
Norris, Branden ..... Private Sector Liaison/DEM  
Watkins, Harley .....Utah Highway Patrol/SERCA Representative

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Kris Hamlet**

Kris Hamlet, Director, Utah Department of Public Safety (DPS), Division of Emergency Management (DEM), welcomed attendees to the combined State Emergency Response Commission Advisory Committee (SERCA) and the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) (herein referred to as “Committees”) meeting and thanked them for their participation. The SERC is represented by Mr. Hamlet for the DPS Commissioner, Beau Mason, and Brent Everett, Director, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), for the DEQ Executive Director, Tim Davis.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Approval of the June 17, 2025 Committees Meeting Minutes**

**Kris Hamlet**

Minutes from the June 17, 2025, Committees meeting have been reviewed by the SERCA and the SERC. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mr. Everett, and seconded by Mr. Hamlet, and unanimously approved.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**UDOT Emergency Coordination Center Overview**

**Brett Slater**

Brett Slater, Director, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), Division of Traffic Management, led a tour of the UDOT Traffic Operations Center for those attending in person.

**SERCA Updates**

**Kelly Johnson**

An overview of the Committees and Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) was provided. Ms. Johnson presented, and solicited volunteers, for three subcommittees: Plan Review, Planning, and LEPC Support. The reclassification of counties as Rural or Urban for the SERCA Liaison was discussed. Potential locations for the next LEPC Conference were reviewed. Justin Needles, SERCA Rural LEPC Representative, provided a subcommittee update for plan review. A discussion was held regarding plan reviews.

**2025 HMEP Grants, HazMat, and Training Update**

**Art Deyo**

The U.S. Department of Transportation has not yet approved the Utah Fire Marshal’s Office Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant, so the LEPC applications are unavailable at this time. Applications will be mailed once funding is approved.

**SERCA Representative Updates**

**Utah Department of Transportation**

**Joaquin Mixco**

The Utah Transportation Conference will be held October 28-30, 2025, at the Mountain America Exposition Center in Sandy. All are welcome to attend.  
<https://utahtransportationconference.com/>

Amber Mortensen joined regional Departments of Transportation (DOT) representatives to discuss potential collaboration strategies for response and recovery efforts.

**Local Health Departments**

**Ron Lund**

Local Health Departments are holding their Fall Conference at the DEQ this week.

**Hazardous Chemical Transportation Industry**

**Ladd Kennington**

Nothing to report at this time.

**Environmental Clean-Up Contractors**

**Ron Henderson**

There have been 168 reported spills in the past 90 days, primarily involving petroleum products, with the majority being diesel and a smaller number involving gasoline. A discussion was held regarding fixed facility spills and reporting rules.

**Fixed Site Regulated Industries**

**Wade Skinner**

A presentation of Rescue Games Competition 2025 Highlights was given.

**Public**

**Neil Taylor**

The Utah SERC Meeting Minutes on the Public Meeting Notice website was discussed.

**Urban LEPC Representative**

**Kelly Johnson**

- Uintah County LEPC continues monthly meetings with strong participation.
- Davis County LEPC added two Board members. They plan to hold a full-scale earthquake exercise on November 21, 2025, and invite other counties to participate.
- Utah County LEPC toured the Provo Fire Station to view rope rescue equipment. Lindon City will hold an earthquake exercise on October 3, 2025. A discussion was held regarding policies and procedures in emergency response plans concerning man-made threats.
- Salt Lake County LEPC will conduct a tabletop exercise and plan review on October 8, 2025; and a Tier 2 conference specific to Salt Lake County industry and responders on February 11, 2026.
- Tooele County concluded a seven-month Hazardous Materials Assessment.

**Rural LEPC Representative**

**Justin Needles**

Mr. Needles has been in contact with the Grand County LEPC. Nothing else further to report.

**Established Environmental Interest Group**

**Vacant**

This is an open position. Members were asked to notify the SERC if they have potential candidates to fill the role.

**Utah National Guard**

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No representative present.

**Utah Highway Patrol**

**Harley Watkins**

Tooele County successfully managed a recent hazmat incident on I-80, involving lithium batteries. No other significant incidents were reported. Currently, Utah does not require permits for hazardous materials transported into or through the state; therefore, no permits are being issued by our DOT partners at the ports of entry.

**DEQ Updates**

**Tom Daniels**

Spill response line incidents increased last quarter, particularly in July, with 70 incidents recorded. The majority involved gasoline and fuel, with a few reports of harmful algal blooms (HABs). Salt Lake County reported 30 incidents. Davis, Weber, and Uintah counties each reported fewer than 10.

The Division of Environmental Response and Remediation assisted Salt Lake County on a mercury-related call in Holiday to assess a situation in which a resident had placed a mercury thermometer in the dryer along with clothing. The call was made two weeks after the incident occurred.

**DPS Updates**

**Kim Hammer**

A rail representative expressed interest in joining the SERCA. Their membership is pending review and rule updates.

**OTHER ITEMS**

**Other Items of Discussion**

Commissioner Mason, who is newly appointed, and Director Davis, were discussed in terms of future participation. Commissioner Mason has expressed interest in attending all commissions and committees assigned to him as part of his role with the Department of Public Safety.

**Next Meeting**

**Kris Hamlet**

December 8, 2025

**Adjourn**

**Kris Hamlet**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:13 p.m.