

UTAH COUNTY LEPC Meeting Minutes

Utah county Emergency Management Building
364 W 3200 N
Spanish Fork, UT 84660
September 18, 2025 @ 14:00 - 15:00



Board Members Present

Dave Ulibarri- Chair

Andrew Christensen- Co Chair

Scott DaBell- Secretary

Derrick Valerio- Info. Coordinator

Others Present:

Open the Meeting:

1. Welcome & Introductions- LEPC Chair

General Meeting Items:

1. General LEPC Business-
2. Action Items- Review and approve of meeting minutes:
Motion: Andrew Christensen
2nd: Trevor Sperry
Motion Carries: Meeting minutes approved for 7/17/2025

Presentation:

1. Kern River Gas Presentation From Eagle Mountain

Highlights:

Pipeline Overview

- Operates critical **natural gas transmission lines** across Utah County and surrounding regions.
- Infrastructure includes **high-pressure pipelines** supplying both local utilities and interstate systems.

Safety Systems in Place

- **Automated shutoff valves** and **remote monitoring** ensure rapid response to leaks or ruptures.
- **24/7 monitoring** from the control center.
- **Routine inspections** (aerial and ground) to detect risks such as erosion, construction, or tampering.

Emergency Response Protocols

- **Immediate contact** with Kern River if a release is suspected.
- **Specialized response teams** available for deployment.
- Joint **drills with fire, EMS, and emergency management** strengthen readiness.
- **Pipeline maps and access points** provided to responders.
- Reminder: **Do not operate Kern River valves** during an incident.

Community & Public Awareness

- **“Call Before You Dig (811)”** program prevents accidental damage.
- Outreach includes **schools, businesses, and landowners** near pipeline routes.

Key Takeaways

- ✓ Strong **partnership with local agencies** is critical.
- ✓ **Rapid information-sharing** reduces risk to public health & safety.
- ✓ **Preparedness exercises** strengthen joint response efforts.

Briefings:

None

Other Business:

Adjourn Meeting: Motion: Jake Catmull

2nd: Brent Belnap

Motion Carries: Meeting Adjourned