

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

PENDING MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2022 - 1:00 p.m.

Department of Environmental Quality
MASOB Red Rock Room 3132 – Third Floor
And Via Google Meet
Salt Lake City, Utah

Attendance List:

Everett, Brent Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR
Hammer, Kim Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM

Also Attending:

Bitton, Doug SERCA Chair / Layton City Fire Marshal
Daniels, Tom Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR
Lund, Ron Salt Lake County Health Department
Millican, Hans Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR
Nelson, Jennifer Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR
Osterhoudt, Robin Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR
Root, Chris EnviroServe

Via Google Meet:

Bockstahler, Bre U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/Region 8
Chavez, Luke U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/Region 8
Deyo, Art State of Utah Fire Marshal's Office
Sharaf, Ben U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/Region 8

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Brent Everett

Brent Everett, Director, Division of Environmental Response and Remediation (DERR), welcomed attendees to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) meeting and thanked them for their participation. He thanked the members of the SERC Advisory Committee for their service.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of September 20, 2022 Minutes

Brent Everett

Minutes from the September 20, 2022, SERC meeting have been reviewed by the SERC. No comments or changes need to be made and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Kim Hammer, Outreach Bureau Chief, Department of Public Safety, and seconded by Brent Everett, and unanimously approved.

Approval of Nomination SERCA Vice Chair 2023-2024

Brent Everett

Doug Bitton, State Emergency Response Commission Advisory Committee (SERCA) Chair, brought forward to the SERC that Ron Lund, SERCA Vice Chair, by secession in the SERCA

will serve as the 2023-2024 Chair beginning March 2023. Brock Carter, Marathon Petroleum Corporation, was nominated by Neil Taylor, SERCA Public Representative, to serve as the 2023-2024 SERCA Vice Chair beginning March 2023. Ms. Hammer motioned Brock Carter for approval, and seconded by Mr. Everett, and unanimously approved.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

SERCA Updates

Doug Bitton

Mr. Bitton reported good membership attendance at the SERCA meeting earlier in the day. Mr. Bitton introduced Chris Root, EnviroServ, to the SERC meeting as an outside public interest observer.

LEPC Conference Survey Results

Doug Bitton

Ms. Hammer reported to the SERCA on the Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) Conference. There was an app-based survey component. Only 21 responses were received; however, the survey was only open for 2 hours after the conference ended. Survey responses included:

- More handouts with the addressed topics.
- More case studies and legal information.
- Want quarterly newsletter from the SERCA. Mr. Taylor was assigned this task as an action item in the SERCA.
- More private sector involvement.
- Want a question and answer session with the SERCA.
- Spill notification questions regarding calling 911.

Mr. Everett thanked all those involved in putting together this conference, and looks forward to future conferences.

LEPC Emergency Response Plans Report

Doug Bitton

Art Deyo, State Fire Marshal, was given the action item in the SERCA to review the LEPC Emergency Response Plans. Mr. Taylor has offered himself as a relief to Mr. Deyo to assist in this action item as needed.

SERCA Membership Reports

Doug Bitton

The SERCA has two potential nominations for a trucking industry representative. One from Maverik that has been recommended through Justin Needles, and one through John Hart from the Trucking Association.

Carmen ValDez, Environmental Interest Group Representative, HEAL Utah, identified that San Juan County is doing a good job on community cleanup of hazardous materials.

Craig Bellow, Utah National Guard, will be serving the SERCA as the Utah National Guard Representative.

DEQ Updates

Tom Daniels/Robin Osterhoudt

The Libson Valley Radon Mine has been regraded so it has less of a slope. A culvert has been installed, and the site was riprapped to decrease erosion. All surface contaminated material was removed. Work at the Columbia Shaft Mine will begin in January 2023.

Field work was performed October 3-5, 2022, at the Big Cottonwood Canyon Assessment. Surface water and sediment were collected at locations upstream and downstream of the water treatment facility. Additional sampling up Cardiff Fork requires access from property owners; the DERR was not given access. The DERR will work to obtain access over the next year.

The DERR is tabling all further work at the Reilly Tar, a former coal tar processing facility. Sampling of Land Farm material did not show any significant reduction of contaminants. Research into the effectiveness of landfarming for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) contamination is not promising.

The Park City School District (PCSD) is expanding McPolin Elementary School. In the process of excavating for the foundation, they went onto the Treasure Mountain Middle School property which was cleaned up by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2016 and had an Environmental Covenant (EC). The PCSD district was not following the EC and reached out to the DERR to get back into compliance. In the process, it was discovered that contaminated soil from other properties had been stored north of the Middle School. The DERR is working with the PCSD, the EPA, and the Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control to have contaminated soil removed and ensure construction is protective of the remedy.

Field work was completed at the Vertellus Wendover site in Wendover, Utah. On November 15, 2022, 16 soil samples and two groundwater samples were collected. If results from the sampling event provide evidence that contaminants are being transported by wind into the town of Wendover, soil sampling may be expanded for further delineation.

Next quarter, Site Assessment fieldwork activities are planned at: Bauer Phase III, Milford Mill, Edison Street, Parowan Mine, and Holladay Village.

A discovery was made at Recycled Earth, located at, 3027 Midland Drive, Ogden, Utah. Strong petroleum odor in the storm water system was traced back to Recycled Earth composting facility. Recycled Earth received various liquid waste water from several companies since February 2022 including 41,500 gallons of process water from a petroleum facility. Liquid wastes seeped into a buried perforated storm pipe; initial soil and surface water samples collected on site and at the Wilson Canal outlet showed high levels of petroleum hydrocarbons. Groundwater impact is unknown. A Site Characterization Plan is in review.

A discovery was made at Salt Lake Cleaning, located at 265 East 900 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. The facility was operated by several dry-cleaning businesses from 1912-2014. During a 2021 DERR site inspection at the Edison Street Plume, elevated concentrations of chlorinated solvents were detected in a well 150 feet southwest of a former drum storage

area. The site inspection determined that this groundwater plume was independent of the Edison Street Plume. The primary concern is that contaminants are migrating via the groundwater pathway and may be exposing targets through subsurface vapor intrusion.

The DERR met with Utah County and held a table top drill exercise for emergency response coordination.

Hannah Marty and Robin Osterhoudt gave presentations at the LEPC Conference.

The DERR assisted Marty McComb and the EPA Emergency Response Branch with an extensive mercury cleanup spill in South Jordan. All carpeting and clothes in the home had to be removed. The total cost of that response was over \$100,000.00.

In another incident, a thermometer was broken in an out-building in Pleasant Grove. The DERR used their Lumex Mercury Vapor Meter to make sure there were no harmful mercury vapors in the home or the out-building.

There were many spill notifications over the last year. The majority of the notifications were petroleum related. There was a significant amount that were not petroleum related, and a small amount that were harmful algal blooms.

EPA Updates

Bre Bockstahler

Ben Sharaf has joined the EPA, Region 8, as the Regional Support Core Coordinator and will be assisting Ms. Bockstahler with Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act.

Ms. Bockstahler thanked everyone for their efforts with the recent LEPC Conference.

On December 8, 2022, there will be a regional call between the EPA, Region 8, local SERCs, and other federal partners. They will be discussing what kind of support is directly needed by the SERCs. The EPA is also wanting to hold more industry-related workshops.

OTHER ITEMS

Other Items of Discussion

April 17-20, 2023, the National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials (NASTTPO) Conference will be held at the Radisson in Salt Lake City. There is funding available from the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant to be utilized to attend the conference. Mr. Deyo will work with the SERCA tribal LNO Anna Boynton to get tribal representation at the conference.

Mr. Deyo offered drone services available through the State Fire Marshal's office.

The SERCA discussed a gap in the trucking industry in who is responsible for reporting and cleaning spills. As an action item, a steering group was formed to focus on interstate, highway, and roadway types of clean-up. A discussion was held on what the SERCA/SERC can do to improve the notification and response process.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

March 21, 2023

June 20, 2023

September 19, 2023

December 12, 2023

Next Meeting**Brent Everett**

The next SERC meeting will be held on March 21, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

The SERC Advisory Committee meeting will be held the same day at 10:30 a.m.

Adjourn**Brent Everett**

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.