

IOWA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

May 2, 2002

9:00 a.m.

Stanley Conference Room
First Floor - Iowa Workforce Development
1000 E. Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT

Julie Bell
Mahala Cox
Jim Kenkel*
Deb Madison
Frank Magsamen
Brad Robinson
Chris Scase
Tom Sever*

MEMBERS ABSENT

Donald Flater
Ellen Gordon*
Anne Jackson*
John Krogh
Susan Lagneaux*
Pat Paustian

*denotes voting member

STAFF PRESENT

Paul Sadler
Kathy Lee

GUESTS PRESENT

Bob Goldhammer
Eugene Evans, EPA
Stanley_____ EPA

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Chris Scase. No quorum.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the July 30, 2001 and January 3, 2002 meetings could not be approved for lack of a quorum. No formal minutes for March because there was no quorum at that meeting.

Correspondence, Speeches, Conference Reports

Chris said a review of the statutes revealed that Workforce Development must continue to staff the Tier 2 input position, EMD must continue to do planning and DNR must continue to do spill reporting. Ellen Hester will not do secretary function. Over the long term, we need to have a mailing address and contact for the IERC.

Chris said there were no conferences or presentations to report on. Upcoming events were:

- EPA has asked for a review of the draft OECD Guiding Principles for Chemical Accident Prevention, Preparedness and Response (2nd edition).

- National Governor's Association conference in Park City Utah, for SERC chairs only. Chris cannot go.
- State Coordinators meeting in KCMO on May 7-8
- Tom Sever provided a hand out and reported on the April 24th Transcaer meeting held at DNR. There were about 14 people at the meeting and only 3 people represented industry. They are offering free training to LEPC and first responders. We need to let LEPCs know about Transcaer and Industry.
- Kathy Lee talked about the Solar Transport cost recovery issues in Northwest Iowa. They are doing two things: Outreach activity by DNR and Hazmat task force; secondly DNR has requested an AG opinion.
- Frank Magsamen talked about training.....training center..... senate bill.... Capital improvements..... Cher-cap exercise this weekend....
- Julie Bell went to an Iowa Ag Business Association meeting and was asked to bring some concerns to the SERC. They feel they are being targeted in Region 7 EPA. Had two review of RMP. Are other groups being scrutinized as the ammonia business is? Also, they are finding that LEPCs and planners are not using the RMP that they are providing. Why are they being put through a different standard of review than other EPCA regions. Gene Evans addressed these concern, saying that the reviews are in the regulations, just that different regions are enforcing them differently. They found that two reviews were necessary because of inconsistencies in volumes, addresses, capacities.... Lots of disparities. After this process should b straight. Propane, water will be two of the four areas targeted next.
 - Kathy Lee said John Wipple's crew from Ag is reviewing plans - using a phased approach to RMP review. Data, etc. Second phase will be training. Mahala - Bob Goldhammer -
- Gene Evans said grant season is coming up and could write a grant proposal for inters to go out and do planning like we did a couple of years ago.

Committee Updates: Membership / Reports

New committee assignments for:

Executive

Information Education

LEPC Support

Tom Sever volunteered to be on the LEPC Support Committee and Frank Magsamen volunteered to be on the Education Information Committee.

LEPC Activity- Regional Planning Districts

Paul Sadler provided a map showing the current districts and the proposed ones. He told the committee that an application was being prepared for Southeast Iowa Regional Planning District but it had been delayed. He was not sure what the reason for that. He has offered assistance to Rhea Huddleston.

Sadler also talked about the Region 6. The application that was submitted needed a little more work but it is expected to be presented at the next IERC meeting. He said that the issue of non-contiguous counties in a planning district was an issue the IERC was going to have to address.

EMD Annual Conference - LEPC Track

Kathy Lee talked about the EMD upcoming Annual Conference at the Embassy Suites on June 3-5, 2002. On Wednesday of that week, at 8:30 a.m. there will be a Breakout Session: for LEPCs by Dan Lee, Kathy Lee. It is intended to be a Hazmat emergency Preparedness 101 Introduction/review. Some of the topics that will be discussed are:

- Fixed Site Hazard analysis and the legal basis

- CAMEO
- RMP
- Chemical Reactivity Worksheet
- DNR Emergency Response Unit
- Basic On commodity Flow: What, Why, How - presented by Matt Woody
- Information resources
- Cost recovery issues/info

Chris Scase wanted to have as many IERC members at that session as possible. We will find out if EMD will waive any registration fee. The IERC also would like to target invitations to specific groups and individuals. Julie Bell said she could cover mailing costs to industry. Frank Magsamen said he could e-mail information out to his LEPC members. Bob Goldhammer and Mahala Cox asked that we let them know if we are not going to do this, as they will go ahead and do it themselves.

Agency Reports

Section 301 – Emergency Management Division

-LEPC membership – Appointments and Resignations. Paul Sadler reported that there were five new members appointed and that there was one who wants to resign. That will have to be held over until a quorum can vote on it.

-LEPC Membership Report - each county has at least two appointed members.

Section 303 – Emergency Management Division

-Plan Submissions - Paul Sadler provided a map that showed the current status.

Section 304 – Dept. of Natural Resources

-Emergency Notifications - Kathy Lee reported on the current spill report.

Section 305 – Emergency Management Division

- Training Funds and Courses - no report

Section 302 & 312 – Division of Labor

- Tier II Reporting & facility Submissions - no report

Section 313 – Dept. of Natural Resources

- Form R Reporting - no report

EPA/FEMA Reports

Gene Evans said that they were working on a grant application from Workforce Development to fund a position to input Tier 2 reports. He said that surplus computers was on hold because they cannot erase hard drives. New Grant Season for RMP. Might be on the Website. They have done 400+ RMP inspections for prevention.

Public Comment

Polk and Linn are having great difficulty in working with Qwest in getting 911 addresses and phone data. It is not just in Iowa.

Kathy Lee wanted to know who keeps track of area codes and prefixes - especially for cell phones.