

IOWA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

**Minutes of September 4, 2003
Hoover Level A Conference Room
Hoover Building
Des Moines, Iowa**

Members Present:

Elizabeth Christiansen*
Don Flater
David Miller*
Anne Jackson*
Frank Magsamen
Dan Rogers
John Whipple
Chris Scase
Thomas Sever*

Staff Present:

Brenda Boell
Paul Sadler
Kathy Lee
Tina Lowery
Doug Ferguson
Joe Chandler

Members Absent:

Julie Bell
Jim Kenkel*
Susan Lagneaux*
Brad Nocita
Julie Cooper

Approval of Minutes:

July 2, 2003

Moved approval of the minutes with approved revisions by Elizabeth Christiansen second by Anne Jackson. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence, Speeches, Conference Reports

Chris discussed the Region 7 LEPC conference in Omaha on August 22-23. Dave Miller, Paul Sadler and Chris, among others attended. Thirty-three Iowans were pre-registered a total of 300 people attended. Chris said that there were 6 simultaneous tracks and all were good programs. She bounced around from one to another to pick up on the ones that she was most interested. On Sunday morning of the conference there was a break out session that roughly 10 Iowa representatives stuck around to talk with Paul, Dave and Chris.

Regarding the conference Dave Miller announced that differing Tier II versions were discussed and will be resolved. Filing will be done at the State Level and not at the Local Level.

Tina Lowery said that she attended the Sunday session and Chris and Paul did an excellent job with the break out sessions. She also wanted to let everyone know that EPA can provide assistance to some of the local people.

Kathy Lee announced that the Iowa Hazardous Materials Symposium will be at the Starlite Village in Ames on October 23rd. Registration fee for the early bird registration

was \$100 including a lunch on Thursday and a polo shirt. The symposium is a day and a half long.

Elizabeth Christiansen attended the Governor's Conference on Homeland Security. It was a 6 hour presentation dealing with Communications Protocol and Cybersecurity and finished with a contractor that was with the CIA.

Committee Updates: Membership/Reports

Executive – Did not meet.

Information Education – Did not meet.

LEPC Support – Did not meet.

Fee Legislation Study Committee – Did not meet.

Agency Reports

Section 301 – *Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division*

LEPC Membership – Paul announced that there is 1 new LEPC member in Boone and no resignations. There are at least 2 members in each LEPC. The updated list and chairs in on the HLSEM website.

Section 303 – *Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division*

Paul reminded everyone of the October 5 planning deadline for the counties to become compliant in their plan status. He said that he distributed the Iowa Hazardous Materials Plan Status map at the conference in Omaha. Monroe County now has a plan.

Section 305 – *Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division*

Paul announced he is providing a training session for HLSEM staff in the Level A Conference Room on Monday, September 15 at 1:00 on EPCRA and how plans are reviewed. Anyone is welcome to attend.

HMEP is being put together for submission.

Section 302 & 312 – *Division of Labor*

Anne Jackson said that data entry is still in the works on the Tier II reporting. Confidential information will be removed and put on the Division of Labor website. First responders and fire fighters can access through HLSEM intranet.

Section 304 & 313 - *Department of Natural Resources*

Kathy Lee reported releases of 646 spills year to date and 312 TRI reports submitted by July 1st plus an additional 72 report since July 1st. The number of spills is down from last year but there were more than usual last year.

EPA/FEMA Reports

EPA

Tina Lowery discussed the assessment that she attended at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. Roughly 15-20 people attended the discussion on RMPs. She also discussed the proposed website changes.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources – Water Quality will be receiving \$38,000 along with UNI for a risk management program.

Doug Ferguson discussed wanting to do more outreach and build better relationships by participating in more exercises at the local level. This in turn would get

a better handle on the response community. He attended various meetings in Cerro Gordo County in an effort to build a better relationship. Doug also described what an Emergency Response Coordinator does, and their responsibilities.

FEMA

Joe Chandler said that the Fire Grants are progressing well and are in their 12th round. Iowa had 120 grants under that program totaling \$6.2 million. There are helping Johnson County conduct a CHERCAP with Proctor & Gambles support. He also suggested that for the LEPC Conference in 2004, ask for volunteers. Sarpy County, Nebraska will be posting their presentation from the conference on their website, which is, www.sarpy.com/ema/r7

Public Comments

Chris discussed having LEPC or IERC tag onto the HLSEM annual conference next year. She asked that HLSEM keep IERC in the loop on the time frame and agenda. Chris also discussed making sure that the IERC committees get together before the next meeting.

Dave Miller announced that HLSEM recently rolled out the 3 year exercise plan. It will broaden exercises to 6 districts and sponsorship will be needed for each district for larger scale exercises.

Meeting Adjourned