

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Louisiana Emergency Response Commission**

Meeting Title Louisiana Emergency Response Commission Meeting
Date of Meeting March 14, 2012
Where Louisiana State Police Headquarters
7919 Independence Blvd, Conference Room C and D
Baton Rouge, LA
Start Time 10:00 a.m.

1. In the absence of Major Adam White, Captain Taylor Moss called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Wanda Colletti, LSP Right to Know Unit, called roll as follows:

Colonel Mike Edmonson, Colonel of Department of Public Safety, NOT PRESENT
Major Adam White, Department of Public Safety, NOT PRESENT
Peggy Hatch, Department of Environmental Quality, NOT PRESENT
Tim Knight, Designee for Department of Environmental Quality, PRESENT
Dr. Mike Strain, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, NOT PRESENT
Dr. Brent Robbins, Designee for Department of Agriculture and Forestry, PRESENT
Kevin Davis, Governor's Office of Homeland Security, NOT PRESENT
Chris Guilbeaux, Designee for Governor's Office of Homeland Security, PRESENT
Captain Taylor Moss, Department of Public Safety, PRESENT
Richard Webre, Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association, PRESENT
Jeffrey Gleason, LSU Firemen and Emergency Training Institute, NOT PRESENT
Michael Donahue, Representative for LSU Firemen and Emergency
Training Institute, PRESENT
Roland Guidry, Representative of Environmental Interest, PRESENT
Steve Dennis, Representative of the Louisiana Chemical Association, PRESENT
Chief Bobby Black, PRESENT
Mayor Hiram Copeland, NOT PRESENT
Chief Jeremy Cryer, NOT PRESENT
Samuel Halphen, Jr, PRESENT
Sheriff Willy Martin, NOT PRESENT
Paul Naquin, PRESENT
Lieutenant Chris Rushing, PRESENT
Colonel Pat Santos, PRESENT
Senator Mike Walsworth, NOT PRESENT
Representative Mack "Bodi" White, NOT PRESENT

The records reflect that the following visitors were present:

Joel Domangue, Coordinator of Emergency Services Haz-Mat Task Force
Duval Arthur, St Mary Parish Government
David Schlotzhauer, Governor's Office of Homeland Security

Lennie LaFleur, Governor's Office of Homeland Security, New Calcasieu OEP
Peter Ricca, Emergency Response Manager for DEQ statewide operations

The records also reflect that the following LSP-RTK Unit were present:

Gene Dunegan
Susan Shows
Wanda Colletti
Cindy Neames
Paul Schexnayder, LSP, Legal Staff

3. Captain Taylor Moss began the meeting by asking the commission to approve the minutes and the addendum of the December 14, 2011 LERC meeting. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Roland Guidry to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2011 LERC meeting. The motion was seconded by Richard Webre. No opposition. The motion passed.
4. Captain Moss advised LERC members to review their contact information and update any changes to the information by speaking with Mrs. Wanda Colletti.
5. **Committee Reports:**

Long Range Planning: No Report

Emergency Plans: Colonel Pat Santos stated there was no Report, because they are reorganizing the emergency planning. Mr. Dave Schlotzhauer, introduced Mr. Lennie LaFleur as the new Calcasieu OEP, and he will be doing Hazmat Plan Reviews.

Training and Resources: Mr. Michael Donahue stated that Mr. Jeffrey Gleason has retired. This is one of three positions on the LERC that are vacant. Mr. Donahue stated that LSU FETI is going through reorganization. In order to fill classes the number of training classes has not been decreased, but has been changed from monthly to quarterly. The curriculum is also being revised for Haz-Mat operations to meet EPA standards. LSU FETI has planned an open house at the end of April for the local members of the oil and gas industry to show them the FETI facility and what they are capable of teaching. This could lead to a partnership that would help funding for pipeline training. Mr. Samuel Halphen inquired about aspects of future training. Discussion started about the training lead by Mr. Donahue. Captain Moss asked Mr. Donahue to provide the number of classes during each quarterly meeting to be submitted for the next LERC meeting. Mr. Roland Guidry spoke about the Oil Spill Management course available for training.

LEPC Service: There were two conflicts with the EPCRA that needed to be addressed and sent out to the LEPC chairs: one conflict was with protected critical infrastructure and the other conflict was with hydraulic fracturing. The first conflict was resolved with the help OEP director from St. Charles Parish. The second conflict required the LEPC chairs to send out information to the general public if they requested it. The first

document for LEPC Service was the letter sent to the committee and the second document came from the Department of Natural Resources. The second document states that there are two places that the LEPC chairpersons can get information. They can contact the department directly or go to the website at fracfocus.org. Mr. Webre stated that vendors have been contacting LEPC chairpersons asking about one chemical that they can sell. Mr. Webre inquired on how to handle this situation. Mr. Gene Dunegan stated that historically when these vendors call about Tier II filing, we are obligated to give them information because it is considered public information. The LEPC chairpersons can contact the Right to Know Unit regarding this issue. Mr. Webre requested an electronic, non PDF document that had a list of the LEPC chairs for all 64 parishes.

Public Information: No report.

Emergency Notification: No report.

6. Old Business

Captain Moss stated that all LERC members received a copy of the 2011 LERC Annual Report. A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Halphen to approve the 2011 LERC Annual Report. The motion was seconded by Chief Bobby Black. No opposition. The motion passed. A local fire department contacted Chief Black for a copy of the report and Chief Black did not know if it was public record. Mr. Dunegan stated that since the document was passed by the commission, it will now become public record. Mrs. Susan Shows stated that it will be accessible on the LERC website.

Haz-Mat Task Force: Chief Joel Domangue spoke about the cooperative endeavor between fire and law enforcement that will bring Haz-Mat response together. He also discussed the progress of the Task Force. There were no meetings for three months, but they have still made efforts to continue the evolution of the Task Force. Credentialing on every Haz-Mat responder in the state of Louisiana has been a major initiative taken. With the help of GOHSEP, it has identified a fifty thousand dollar grant that will pay for the first phase of the credentialing. The Haz-mat responders, ESF-4 coordinators, and parish liaisons will be the first to be credentialed. Data capture should begin in the coming weeks by a third-party vendor who will also credential. Individual credentials for responders will be able to be seen on a computer database.

Peter Ricca, Emergency Response Manager for DEQ statewide operations, was introduced by Captain Moss.

7. New Business

Captain Moss addressed LEPA's inquiry about whether or not the Haz-Mat Alliance position needs to remain on LEPA because the Haz-Mat Task Force is now under the Fire Marshal's office. Mr. Dunegan stated that the LERC needs to approve a representative to

be on the LEPA board and the LERC also needs guidance on whether the Haz-Mat Alliance is going to still be under State Police or should be moved over to Fire Marshal's office. LEPA is ultimately asking if there should be a change in representation. Chief Domangue discussed that the representation in place currently should not be changed because a change would alter the communication established already. Captain Moss asked for a motion to nominate Major Adam White as the LERC standing position for LEPA. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Halphen. The motion was seconded by Lt. Chris Rushing. No opposition. Motion passed. Discussion ensued about moving the Haz-Mat Alliance. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Chris Guilbeaux for the LEPA board to remain as it is currently with the Haz-Mat Alliance co-chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paul Naquin. No opposition. Motion passed. Captain Moss stated that LEPA will be notified that there will be no changes made.

8. Legislature House Bill 580 was presented to the LERC members. The bill is regarding the website announcement about public meetings with any committees or commissions within the state.
9. Legislature House Bill 949 was also presented to the LERC members. This bill would make meetings open to the public after the meetings are announced on the website.
10. Captain Moss asked the commission if there was a problem having the next quarterly LERC meeting during the LEPA workshop. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Halphen to hold the second quarter LERC meeting in conjunction with the LEPA workshop in Lake Charles on May 9, 2012 at 10 A.M. The motion was seconded by Mr. Guidry. No opposition. Motion passed. Chief Black stated that he will be unable to make the second quarter LERC meeting.
11. Mr. Halphen inquired about the push for parishes to regulate home health oxygen including mandatory stickers on the homeowner's door. Mr. Naquin responded stating that the motion was denied because once the homeowner moved, the sticker could potentially remain on the door, thus causing confusion with emergency responders. Mr. Halphen debated that the ultimate premise for the regulation push was to protect fire fighters. He asked if there was a better way to approach this problem. Discussion continued about the emergency responders' safety when it comes to entering houses, both with oxygen and with other situations such as meth labs. Mr. Halphen stated that this situation should possibly be addressed from a training stand point, which could enforce education and awareness of this problem.
12. Mr. Webre opened up discussion about the EPA not having a set standard for meth lab remediation. Mr. Ricca stated that there was a law passed and is in place stating that law enforcement has to notify DEQ concerning meth lab clean-up. Documentation of the clean-up must also be provided. There is no standard for clean-up. Captain Moss stated that last year, the ATF provided funding for environmental clean-up companies to clean-up meth labs, dispose of the waste, and reestablish a safe environment. The funding stopped. Captain Moss spoke with the new director of ATF. A new program called the ATF container program has been established and Louisiana will participate in it. A

locked nine by nine container with Haz-Mat stickers will be at each of the nine troops. When a relatively small meth lab incident is found, ATF will be contacted and they will contact an environmental company to clean-up the site. A five gallon bucket will be provided by ATF to be placed in the storage container. When it is full, ATF will pick it up. If it is a large incident, ATF will contact a clean-up crew directly and they will dispose material from the site. Local parish and law enforcement will have to fund their parishes' clean-up. DEQ will not take the waste. To readdress Mr. Webre's question, Captain Moss stated that there is no universal standard for what is safe. Discussion continued about waste clean-up.

13. The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.at the LEPA workshop.

14. A MOTION was made by Mr. Webre to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Naquin. No opposition. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 P.M.

Respectfully,
Niki Yazdani