

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

**Meeting Title** Louisiana Emergency Response Commission Meeting  
**Date of Meeting** May 9, 2012  
**Where** L'Auberge du Lac Resort  
777 Avenue L'Auberge  
Lake Charles, LA 70601  
**Start Time** 10:09 a.m.

1. In the absence of Major Adam White, Captain Taylor Moss called the meeting to order at 10:09 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, 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, NOT PRESENT  
Roland Guidry, Representative of Environmental Interest, PRESENT  
Steve Dennis, Representative of the Louisiana Chemical Association, PRESENT  
Chief Bobby Black, NOT PRESENT  
Mayor Hiram Copeland, NOT PRESENT  
Chief Jeremy Cryer, NOT PRESENT  
Samuel Halphen, Jr, PRESENT  
Sheriff Willy Martin, NOT PRESENT  
Paul Naquin, NOT 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:

David Schlotzhauer, Governor's Office of Homeland Security  
Lennie LaFleur, Governor's Office of Homeland Security  
Eric Deroche, St. James Parish  
Edward Flynn, LA Chemical Association

John Porter, Louisiana State Police  
Sean LaFleur, Louisiana State Police  
Christina Dayries, Governor's Office of Homeland Security  
Brant Mitchell, Governor's Office of Homeland Security  
Sonya Wiley-Gremillion, Rapides OHSEP  
Prescott Marshall, Iberia OHSEP

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

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

3. Captain Taylor Moss began the meeting by asking the commission to approve the minutes with changes of the March 14, 2012 LERC meeting. A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Roland Guidry to approve the minutes with changes of the March 14, 2012 LERC meeting. The motion was seconded by Colonel Pat Santos. 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 and Mrs. Susan Shows.
5. Captain stated that a request was submitted to the Governor's office to replace the three vacancies on the LERC.
6. **Committee Reports:**

Long Range Planning: No Report

Emergency Plans: Colonel Santos introduced Lennie LaFleur who reviewed Emergency plans for 5 parishes: Lafourche, Orleans, Sabine, Iberville, and St. Martin. Captain Moss inquired which parishes will be reviewed next. Mr. LaFleur stated that there is not a list as of now, but 4 parishes are reviewed every quarter. Colonel Santos then introduced David Schlotzhauer and stated that Mr. Schlotzhauer received a meteorology degree from Mississippi State University and has taken a position at the National Weather Service in Slidell as a hydrologist.

Training and Resources: Captain Moss stated the chair position of this committee is vacant. FETI training classes were submitted and placed in LERC folders.

LEPC Service: Mr. Richard Webre asked for a motion to approve the updated chair and members of each parish LEPC. A **MOTION** was made by Colonel Santos to approve the chair and members of each parish LEPC. The motion was seconded by Ms. Peggy Hatch. No opposition. The motion passed. Colonel Santos inquired about the procedure of

approving updated members. Mr. Webre stated that an email was sent to each LEPC chair. The chair and the new members are then approved by the LERC.

Public Information: No report.

Emergency Notification: No report. Mr. Steve Dennis stated that he is stepping down from the LERC because of a job transfer. Mr. Ed Flynn will be his replacement and will submit documentation to the Governor's Office. Mr. Flynn asked the commission to let him know if they need anything and stated that he looked forward to working with the LERC. He also spoke about the Louisiana Chemical Association (LCA) and the occupation of the LCA chair. Captain Moss stated that his predecessor, Chief White, worked hard to establish communication with the LCA.

## 7. Old Business

Captain Moss stated that Joel Domangue was unable to be present at the meeting to brief the commission on the Haz-Mat Task Force. Captain Moss will be available to provide information on the Task Force during the next meeting.

Captain Moss presented House Bill 957, which is fracturing fluid legislation that provides for the disclosure of the composition of hydraulic fracturing fluids. The bill was amended by House Committee, passed House floor, and was sent to Senate Committee on Natural Resources. Mr. Webre asked if this was the first piece of legislation on fracturing in Louisiana. Captain Moss stated that it is apparently the first piece of legislation concerning fracturing. Mr. Flynn stated that he would be contacting his office to see if the LCA has any involvement in this bill. Captain Moss asked Mr. Flynn to email him if he receives any additional information concerning HB 957.

Captain Moss presented House Bill 580. This bill provides for the posting of the notice for a meeting of a public body on their official website. It was amended by the House Committee, passed the House floor, and was sent to the Senate.

Captain Moss presented House Bill 949. The bill stated that meetings become public after being posted on the website: it was involuntarily deferred.

## 8. New Business

Captain Moss requested a motion be made to replace Deputy Command Technician John Porter with Technician Supervisor Sean LaFleur on the LEPA Board. **A MOTION** was made by Lieutenant Chris Rushing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Guilbeaux. No opposition. The motion passed.

Captain Moss informed the commission that there was a request from Jackson Parish to designate Louisiana State Police as its repository for Tier Two Inventory information. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Samuel Halphen to approve Jackson Parish's request. The motion was seconded by Colonel Santos. No opposition. The motion passed.

Captain Moss submitted a request received from Entergy to disseminate an electronic copy of their *Burned CCA Wood Management Plan LEPC Alert* to all 64 Louisiana LEPCs. A **MOTION** was made by Colonel Santos to disseminate a copy of Entergy's management plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Webre. No opposition. The motion passed.

Captain Moss stated that there needed to be a wording change in the LERC bylaws. On page 6, Article 9, Section 2 of the bylaws, "...the House Committee on the Environment," needed to be changed to, "...the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment". After discussion with Paul Schexnayder, LSP Legal Staff, a **MOTION** was made by Mr. Guilbeaux to change the wording of the bylaws. The motion was seconded by Mr. Halphen. No opposition. The motion passed.

Captain Moss presented House Bill 1143. The bill concerns public meetings and provides relative to meeting agendas. It was amended by the House Committee, passed the House floor, sent to the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. Ms. Peggy Hatch asked if this legislation changes future agendas. Mr. Gene Dunegan clarified the purpose of this legislation. He stated that before, the chair would ask for comments at the beginning and/or end of the meeting, but because of this legislation, the chair must ask for public comments with each point in the agenda.

9. Captain Moss recognized the guests at the meeting. The guests then identified themselves. Captain Moss thanked them and stated that he appreciated their attendance.
10. Captain Moss announced that the LERC must schedule the next quarterly meeting. A **MOTION** was made by Colonel Santos to schedule the next LERC meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 2012. The motion was seconded by Mr. Halphen. No opposition. The motion passed.
11. Captain Moss asked the commission if there were any questions, comments, or concerns. Mr. Flynn informed the commission that there is a joint conference between the LCA and the Texas Chemical Association scheduled for June 4-7 in Galveston, Texas. Captain Moss asked if LCA is providing funds for the commission and LEPCs to come to the convention. Mr. Flynn replied stating that funds would probably not be provided this year, but promised to inform the commission of the costs of attending the conference. Mr. Webre asked if convention information should be sent out to the LEPCs and Mr. Flynn responded saying that it should. A **MOTION** was made by Colonel Santos to notify the LEPCs on the joint convention between the LCA and the Texas Chemical Association. The motion was seconded by Mr. Guilbeaux. No opposition. The motion passed.
12. Mr. Guidry reminded the commission about the Clean Gulf Conference scheduled for November 14 and 15. Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office (LOSCO) is hosting this conference. Mr. Guidry is providing a booth for LSP and Mr. Webre for LEPAs.

**13.** Mr. Flynn reported information on LCA's stance on the legislation that affects LERC. House Bill 957 is being monitored by LCA. LCA has no position on House Bill 958 and House Bill 949 is considered dead.

**14. A MOTION** was made by Colonel Santos to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Halphen. No opposition. The motion passed.

Respectfully,  
Niki Yazdani