

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Louisiana Emergency Response Commission (LERC)**

Meeting Title Louisiana Emergency Response Commission Meeting
Date of Meeting May 14, 2018
Where Crowne Plaza of Baton Rouge
Samuel Clemens Room, West Wing
4728 Constitution Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Start Time 10:02 a.m.

1. Lt. Col. David Staton called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
2. Tara Guidry, LSP/Right-to-Know Unit, called roll as follows:

Lt. Col. David Staton, Department of Public Safety, PRESENT
Dr. Chuck Brown, Department of Environmental Quality, NOT PRESENT
Dr. Brent Robbins, Designee for Department of Agriculture and Forestry, PRESENT
Casey Tingle, Designee for Governor's Office of Homeland Security, NOT PRESENT
Command Technician (CT) Taylor Moss, Department of Public Safety, PRESENT
James "Jim" Polk, Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association, PRESENT
Cecil "Keith" Bennett, Carroll L. Herring Fire and Emergency Training Institute, PRESENT
Marty Chabert, Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinators Office, NOT PRESENT
Edward "Ed" Flynn, Louisiana Chemical Association, PRESENT
Chief Bobby Black, PRESENT
Joel "Joey" Dugas, Dow Chemical, NOT PRESENT
Jennifer Reynolds, Webster Parish Office of Homeland Security, NOT PRESENT
Travis Perrilloux, St. John the Baptist Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness, PRESENT
Nissan Patel, Assistant HazMat Director, Jefferson Parish Fire Services, PRESENT
Obed "Obie" Cambre, Jr., ExxonMobil, PRESENT
Sgt. Kenneth "Scott" Bowman, Baton Rouge Police Department, PRESENT
Chris Guilbeaux, Governor's Office of Homeland Security, NOTPRESENT
Senator Mike Walsworth, NOT PRESENT
Senator Mack "Bodi" White, NOT PRESENT

The records reflect that the following visitors were present:

Joseph Booth, Thompson Booth LLC
Jeff Dauzat, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LADEQ)
Jan Herrington, Positive Results Inc.
Xiaoping Nie, Department of Health and Hospitals
Dee Pidgeon, Industrial Emergency Services, LLC
Clay Trachtman, Department of Health and Hospitals

The records reflect that the following LSP/Emergency Services Unit personnel were present:

Gene Dunegan
Tara Guidry
Alisa Monroe

Paul Schexnayder, Office of Legal Affairs

3. Lt. Col. Staton thanked members for their faithfulness to carry out the commission's work. He also asked members to review the updated membership list, and to submit any changes to Ms. Guidry or Ms. Alisa Monroe of the Right-to-Know Unit.
4. Lt. Col. Staton asked the commission to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2017 LERC meeting. A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Jim Polk to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.
5. **Committee Reports:**

Long Range Planning: There was no report submitted by the Long Range Planning Committee.

Emergency Plans Review: Lt. Col. Staton passed the floor to Mr. Gene Dunegan who presented the report from the Emergency Plans Review Committee on behalf of Mr. Chris Guilbeaux, who was not present. Since the previous meeting, the committee has reviewed plans from the following parishes: Caldwell, Jackson, Natchitoches, and Vernon. Caldwell, Jackson, and Natchitoches Parishes met all EPCRA requirements. The ESF 10/Annex H for Vernon Parish will need further review. The next quarter plan reviews will include Lincoln, St. Helena, Union, and Washington Parishes.

Training and Resources: Lt. Col. Staton passed the floor to Mr. Keith Bennett for the report from the Training and Resources Committee. Mr. Bennett said that in just the first quarter, which is usually not that busy, they have had 46 classes between LSU and JESTEC with over 800 students. He also updated members about a recent fire at the Fire and Emergency Training Institute that damaged the burn building.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Service: Lt. Col. Staton passed the floor to Mr. Jim Polk for the report from the LEPC Service Committee. Mr. Polk said that he has sent out an introductory email to each LEPC Chairperson in Louisiana on the help offered by LEPA and LERC, including online training that is open to anyone.

Public Information: There was no report submitted by the Public Information Committee.

Emergency Notification: Lt. Col. Staton passed the floor to Mr. Ed Flynn for the report from the Emergency Notification Committee. For the past several years, industry has met with DEQ, DNR, DHH and State Police. Mr. Flynn stated that one helpful resource has been the Frequently Asked Questions section on the State Police Right-to-Know website, which is adding new information about the requirement for industry to notify State Police if there is a Category 3 hurricane or higher.

6. Old Business

The only item of old business concerned Tier II filing. Mr. Gene Dunegan stated that the Right-to-Know Unit has received over 18,000 Tier II inventory filing reports for the annual Tier II

filing period. A reminder letter has been sent out to those facilities that have yet to file, and a final reminder will be sent out by June. When a company fails to file a Tier II inventory report, most of the time it is due to personnel changes, where the previous filer has left the company and the remaining employees have no idea what to do. If no filing has been made after the second letter, troopers will visit the locations to investigate if the facilities are still operational and why the annual inventory report was not completed. CT Taylor Moss remarked that in 2010, 15 thousand facilities in Louisiana submitted a Tier II report. Mr. Dunegan added that the number of facilities increases on average about 1000 per year.

7. New Business

The first item of new business concerned LEPC membership updates for eight parishes: Acadia, Bienville, St. Helena, St. John, St. Mary, Tangipahoa, Union, and Webster.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Jim Polk to approve the updates. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

The other item of new business was an announcement from Lt. Col. Staton that this was the final meeting that CT Taylor Moss would attend. CT Moss, who retires in July after over 28 years of service with Louisiana State Police, served on the commission for 8 years, including as Chair for 2 years. Lt. Col. Staton thanked CT Moss for his commitment to industry, to public safety, and to the LERC in particular.

8. Lt. Col. Staton asked if there were any questions or announcements from the audience.

Ms. Jan Herrington with Positive Results Inc. acknowledged the work of Mr. Travis Perrilloux of the St. John the Baptist Office of Emergency Preparedness in thoroughly preparing the LEPC membership updates for St. John the Baptist.

Mr. Gene Dunegan acknowledged LEPA representatives in the audience who were attending the conference, and Lt. Col. Staton acknowledged former Louisiana State Police Deputy Superintendent and former LERC chair Joseph Booth.

Mr. Ed Flynn asked if any commission members were using drones and what their experiences were. CT Taylor Moss answered that State Police has four drones in HazMat that they have trained with, and called them a phenomenal asset that could be deployed over an incident area rather than risking a helicopter. Mr. Jeff Dauzat with the LADEQ said DEQ uses drones frequently with an FAA trained pilot, and remarked that the real-time video from drones gives responders a view of areas that ten years ago was impossible to do. Mr. Obie Cambre with ExxonMobil said that ExxonMobil has a tethered drone that goes up to a 400-foot level, and if they had it earlier, he could have used it to check out a plant structure during a storm without risking four employees. Mr. Travis Perrilloux described how St. John the Baptist Parish uses their drone to go over the East-West Canal to search for obstructions that could lead to flooding, and could be used to fly over railroad tracks should there be a train derailment.

9. Lt. Col. Staton gave the floor to Mr. Gene Dunegan to discuss scheduling of the LERC's next quarterly meeting which normally occurs on the 2nd Wednesday of the 3rd month of the quarter. The next LERC meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12th, at 10:00 AM at the Louisiana State Police Headquarters in Baton Rouge

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Jim Polk to accept the next meeting date. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

10. A **MOTION** was made by CT Taylor Moss to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition. The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.