

# IOWA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

## Minutes of January 8, 2004 Hoover Level A Conference Room Hoover Building Des Moines, Iowa

### Members Present:

Chris Scase  
Susan Lagneaux\*  
Julie Bell  
Frank Magsamen  
Don Flater  
Dan Rogers  
Thomas Sever\*  
John Whipple

### Staff Present:

Paul Sadler  
Joe Chandler  
George Hess

### Members Absent:

Elizabeth Christiansen\*  
Julie Cooper  
Anne Jackson\*  
David Miller\*  
Brad Nocita  
Jim Kenkel\*  
Kathy Lee

### Approval of Minutes: November 6, 2003

There was a lack of quorum to vote on the approval of the minutes. Deferred until later.

### Correspondence, Speeches, Conference Reports

Chris Scase reported on a letter she received from EPA about an investigation into a release by Koch Pipeline Company. George Hess said it was a significant spill under CERCLA and EPCRA that was released into the Des Moines River. The litigation was on-going and DNR is involved. He said that reporting was timely.

The Governor's Homeland Security Conference planned for July 13-15, 2004, so far, does not have anything specifically for LEPCs. Paul Sadler related a discussion he had with Dave Hempen, HLSEM Training Officer where it was revealed that the conference was being planned as a Homeland Security conference but there was not an LEPC element. The IERC members agreed that LEPCs and EPCRA are a part of chemical aspect of homeland security and should have some consideration. Chris Scase said she will talk with Ellen Gordon or Dave Miller to see if there can be room for an LEPC conference element too.

George Hess provided handouts on the Midwest Security and Preparedness Conference and Exhibition “Bringing People Together for Safer Drinking Water Systems, May 3-6, 2004. For more information, go to [www.mwsecurityconf.com](http://www.mwsecurityconf.com)

Chris Scase provided postcards that announced the 17<sup>th</sup> International Hazardous Materials spills Conference San Antonio, TX May 4-6. For more information go to [www.hotzone.org](http://www.hotzone.org)

Chris reported that a Stakeholders meeting is to be held February 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the HLSEMD Conference Room with EPA and EPCRA Coordinators in Iowa. This was done last year and provides an exchange of ideas and issues.

A roster of the current IERC members was provided, with the request to look it over and update as needed and return to Paul Sadler.

#### **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.

Tom Sever suggested that we coordinate, combine or partner with TRANSCAER in training since we both appear to be trying to accomplish the same goal. Paul Sadler offered to contact Wayne Shaw, Co-Chair of TRANSCAER to offer the IERC's support in the overlapping aspects of our mutual training goals.

#### **Agency Reports**

##### ***Section 301 – Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division***

Paul Sadler reported Clinton County has two new nominations and three resignations. No action could be taken on the resignation for lack of a quorum.

To the best of knowledge, there are at least 2 members in each LEPC. The list of LEPC chairs and contacts are listed on the HLSEM website.

##### ***Section 303 – Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division***

Paul Sadler reported two counties do not have completed EPCRA plans – Fremont and Adams Counties. There are 97 Counties in Iowa that have completed all aspects of their Response, Mitigation and Recovery plans.

##### ***Section 305 – Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division***

No report

##### ***Section 302 & 312 – Division of Labor***

Anne Jackson reported by way of e-mail that she would not be able to attend today because she was finishing up the entry of the 2002 Tier II data. She hopes to finish this week and begin generating mailing labels for the 2003 mailing.

### **Section 304 & 313 - *Department of Natural Resources***

No report. Rodney Tucker has activated as a part of the National Guard. With a number of personnel also gone from the section, Kathy Lee is no doubt busy filling in for those positions.

In relation to radiological transport, Don Flater reported the IERC, that fees have been raised. For low-level waste it is \$100. High-level has remained the same. Movement of high-level is fairly slow. DOE is going forward to get a license for a repository and a private storage facility near Salt Lake City is proceeding. If that proceeds, more high-level shipments could increase. The private storage site would be an interim storage site until Yucca Mountain is implemented. Some large cobalt sources for radiators have moved through Iowa in the past year. The sterilizer on the campus of ISU is electronic not radiological.

Tom Sever reported that the new Emergency Response Guidebooks are expected between April and July of 2004. Assistance in the distribution of the ERGs will be appreciated. Perhaps they would arrive in time for the Governor's Homeland Security Conference. If not, they will be distributed as best they can.

### **EPA/FEMA Reports**

#### **EPA**

George Hess reported that Tina Lowery will be on temporary rotation and that he will be attending the IERC meetings. The Stakeholders meeting for Iowa has been set for February 4th. TRI workshops will be May 5 in Cedar Rapids. RMP update Agency turned in the final proposed changes - have 90 days to review before it comes out publicly. There were about 80 comments to the proposed changes and the Agency did take notice and did incorporate some changes. The proposed changes are expected to go through as proposed. Next quarter some inspectors will be in Iowa following up on RMPs. Grant to DNR has been finalized which will be passed through to The Iowa Waste Reduction Center to provide assistance to small businesses on the five year update.

#### **FEMA**

Joe Chandler - January 21st will be bringing States in to Kansas City for Emergency Management Program Grant (EMPG) guidance. Monona County has applied for a HazMat Grant with FEMA to conduct a CHERCAP type program. This will be a hazmat preparedness program. Bret Voorhees and Joe talked to coordinator this morning to get it set up. Full scale exercise this year. Black Hawk County has been through this. Fire grants are continuing. State of Iowa has received \$14.6 million in the Fire Grant Program. Regional LEPC Conference meeting next Monday at the Adams Mark in Kansas City. The 2005 Conference will be in Kansas. Looking at the third week in August 2005.

**Public Comments**

No public interests present.

Chris Scase said that she is considering cutting out the May meeting because of all the other hazmat related conference and activities going on at the same time.

**Meeting Adjourned**