



Missouri Emergency Response Commission
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Missouri Emergency Response Commission Agenda
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Welcome/Introductions

Commission members Present: Bill Brinton, Brian Allen, Cory Jorgensen, and Chris Berndt, via WebEX: Patrick Seamands and Rep. Sean Pouche

Staff Present: Mike Harris, Lisa Jobe, Whitt Kellough, Sara Allen and Kiana Needy. Karla Marshall via WebEX

Guests: Aaron Schmidt, Brad Harris, Alan Cortvrient, Justin Merritt, and Keith Henke. Pete Martin via WebEX

Minutes from previous meeting:

Brian Allen made a motion to accept the January 28, 2021 minutes as written. Cory Jorgensen seconded. Motion carried.

Reports:

Environmental Protection Agency:

Contacts

Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) and Clean Air Act (CAA) 112(r) Risk Management Program

Region 7's Chemical Accident Prevention Program has moved to the Air Branch in the Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division. The new managers are:

- Tracey Casburn, Air Branch, Acting Branch Chief, casburn.tracey@epa.gov, 913-551-7016
- Dave Hensley, Air Branch, Acting Chemical Accident Prevention Section Chief, hensley.dave@epa.gov, 913-551-7768

CAA 112(r) – Risk Management Program News

- If you know of any facility that needs compliance assistance with their Risk Management Program or Risk Management Plan (RMP), have concerns about any RMP facility, or know of one that has closed, please contact your EPA RMP/EPCRA coordinator.
 - Iowa and Kansas: Jodi Harper; 913-551-7483; harper.jodi@epa.gov
 - Missouri: Dave Hensley; 913-551-7768; hensley.dave@epa.gov
 - Nebraska: Terri Blunk; 913-551-7013; blunk.terri@epa.gov
 - Tribes: Terri Blunk; 913-551-7013; blunk.terri@epa.gov
- Government employees and LEPC members with a need may have access to RMP facility data for official use. If you want access to the RMP*Info website (with/without offsite consequence data), email Jodi Harper at harper.jodi@epa.gov. She will send you the request form and procedures.

**** New Public Meeting Requirement After RMP Reportable Accidents with Off-site Impacts**

Per 40 C.F.R. § 68.210(b), RMP facilities that have a reportable accident with off-site impacts that occurs after March 15, 2021 have 90 days to hold a public meeting to provide information about the release and changes made to prevent future releases. Information to be discussed at these meetings include:

- Date, time, duration, chemical(s) released, estimated quantity, process NAICS code, type of release event and its source, and weather conditions;
- On and off-site impacts and whether off-site responders were notified;
- Initiating event and contributing factors; and
- Operational or process changes that resulted from investigation of the release.

These meetings may be stand alone or combined with other public meetings, such as LEPC meetings, as long as the facility lets the public know that the release will be discussed as part of the meeting. EPA Headquarters is working on guidance about the new requirement, which will be posted at www.epa.gov/rmp when it is available. Per the past 5 years of RMP data, Region 7 states average one accident per state per year that would trigger this new public meeting requirement.

Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) / Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) News

Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Updates

- **** New Spanish version of the TRI website.** <https://espanol.epa.gov/tri>
- **EPA Releases Updated 2019 TRI Data.** The 2019 data set contains data about chemical releases and other waste management practices and pollution prevention activities that took place during 2019 at more than 21,000 federal and industrial facilities across the country. You can use these data to identify how many TRI facilities operate in a certain geographic area

and where they are located, as well as what chemicals facilities are managing and in what quantities. The 2019 data are available in the online TRI tools and data files, including the location-based TRI factsheets. For more information, see www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/tri-data-and-tools?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

- For TRI related questions contact Sean Bergin at bergin.sean@epa.gov or 913-551-7499.

****Updates Available for CAMEO and Tier II Submit Software**

CAMEO Data Manager is a desktop program for managing data stored or transported in communities, especially data required under EPCRA. Tier2 Submit is a desktop program to help Tier II filers create digital Tier II reports. A small update has been released for both programs to resolve issues some users experienced and add some small interface enhancements. For more information visit:

- CAMEO Data Manager - www.epa.gov/cameo/cameo-data-manager-software
- Tier2 Submit 2020 - www.epa.gov/epcra/tier2-submit-software

****No Region 7 LEPC Emergency Planning and Response Conference Planned for 2021**

Due to the COVID pandemic limiting the numbers that can attend and COVID response requiring the time of those that plan this conference, it has been determined that the next conference will not be in 2021. The Missouri Emergency Response Commission will reach out to the planning committee once it's time to start planning. Please contact Mike Harris with the MERC at mike.harris@sema.dps.mo.gov with any conference related questions.

EPCRA Trade Secrecy Claims Amendment

On July 24, 2020, EPA published a technical amendment to remove the outdated substantiation form for trade secrecy claims from the Code of Federal Regulations. The most current substantiation form is posted on www.epa.gov/epcra/epcra-trade-secret-forms-and-instructions. The Agency is also including clarification within a note in 40 CFR 355.41 to make regulated entities aware that SERCs and/or LEPCs may have a specific format for the follow-up report of the emergency release notification information. For more information, please see: www.epa.gov/epcra/epcra-non-section-313-regulatory-amendments

General News

Planned Training in Region 7

The NETI eLearning Center provides online eLearning, live webinar, and classroom training opportunities to environmental enforcement personnel (including government inspectors, the legal community, and investigators) in federal, state, tribal and local governments. For more information on all learning opportunities visit www.epa.gov/compliance/national-enforcement-training-institute-neti-elearning-center

EPA and COVID-19

- EPA R7 has started a phased approach to returning to its offices in the Kansas City area while adhering to social distancing and health safety guidelines. Regional employees are continuing to telework while a small number of people are working in the regional offices. EPA staff remain available via phone and email regardless of their location.
- EPA's On-line COVID-19 Related Resources

- Guidance Documents for Field Activities - designed to supplement existing guidance to help analyze COVID-19 risk and determine necessary actions to minimize COVID-19 risk. Interim EPA COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for Field Activities & Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) for COVID-19 www.epa.gov/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-documents-field-activities
- Indoor air: www.epa.gov/coronavirus/indoor-air-and-coronavirus-covid-19
- Enforcement and compliance resources: www.epa.gov/enforcement/covid-19-enforcement-and-compliance-resources
- EPA's main website: www.epa.gov/coronavirus
- Disinfectant information: www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2
- Research on COVID-19 in the environment: www.epa.gov/healthresearch/research-covid-19-environment

Emergency Response and Removal News

- For information on removal actions completed by EPA visit <https://response.epa.gov>
- For more information about response efforts, regulations, tools, and research that will help the regulated community, government entities, and concerned citizens prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies visit: www.epa.gov/emergency-response
- **Local Government Reimbursements – Hazardous Substance Claims.** To make a claim to EPA for reimbursement of costs associated with a hazardous materials response, go to www.epa.gov/emergency-response/local-governments-reimbursement-program
- **U.S. Coast Guard National Pollution Funds Center (NPFC) – Oil Claims.** To make a claim for costs or damages from an incident under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, use the two-page form found at the bottom of the NPFC Claimant's Guide, which can be found at www.uscg.mil/npfc/urg/

Next Region 7 Regional Response Team (RRT) Meeting is March 31

The next RRT meeting will be virtual from 8 am until 3 pm on March 31, 2021. If you have questions about this meeting, please contact Eric Nold at nold.eric@epa.gov or (913) 551-7488. https://response.epa.gov/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=6065

EPA Region 7 Emergency & Disaster Response Timeline

Throughout EPA's 50-year history, emergency preparedness and response operations have changed drastically. In some instances, this has resulted from major federal policy changes spurred by significant events. In others, technology like bag phones has given way to iPhones. Today, Region 7 responds to about 40 emergency incidents per year. Responses range from pipeline leaks and floods to train derailments, tire fires, oil and mercury spills, and more.

Visit <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/10f90b3b191c4a4c977b8e6eaa4c03e5> to see the story of EPA Region 7 emergency and disaster responses mapped out.

****New CAMEO Data Manager webinar, Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 11:00 am Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)**

Join U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the New CAMEO (Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations) Data Manager webinar on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at

11:00 am EDT. This one hour webinar will introduce participants to CAMEO Data Manager, a program that replaces CAMEOfm and helps emergency planners and responders track Tier II and other emergency response and planning information. Participants will see the features in the program and have a chance to ask questions from the program development team. Find out more about CAMEO Data Manager: <https://www.epa.gov/cameo/cameo-data-manager-software>

Who should attend:

The event is intended for those familiar with Tier II data including Coordinators, Planners, Emergency Medical Services, Public Health Service and Responders, from Industry, Federal, State, Municipal governments. No experience with CAMEOfm or CAMEO Data Manager is required.

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cameo-data-manager-webinar-tickets-147112520509>

Department of Natural Resources:

DNR EER Staff	Role	Contact Info
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Alan Cortvrient	Secondary	573.526.3372 alan.cortvrient@dnr.mo.gov

Executive Summary

Challenges -	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Outdated EER database 2) Funding 3) Training of staff/staff turnover 4) New cost recovery protocols 5) Working under CoVID-19 situation
Lessons Learned -	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Designing/building new spill report database
Best Practices -	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Updating office and field reports 2) Response protocol changes 3) Remote working

EER Personnel

Regional Office Staff	Location	Central Office Staff	Location
Roarke Holzschuh	Kansas City	Alan Cortvrient	Jefferson City
Alex Hilke	Kansas City	Sean Counihan	Jefferson City
Rick Gann	Macon	Brad Harris	Jefferson City
Brad Morgan	Poplar Bluff	Liam Hazen	Jefferson City
John Case	Poplar Bluff	Sarah Hearne	Jefferson City
Wendell Hall	Springfield	Mark Johnson	Jefferson City
Carl Harris	Springfield	Stephen McLane	Jefferson City
Mike Ruddy	St. Louis	Tyler Rowden	Jefferson City
Joe Krauska	St. Louis	Vacant	Jefferson City

Freeburg Diesel Fuel Release

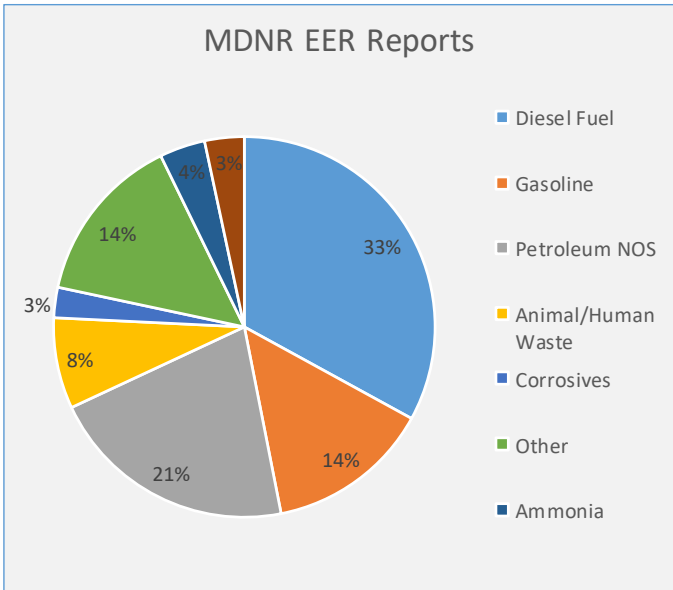
Date:	2/22/2021, discovery date
Type and amount of product spilled:	Road Diesel Fuel Approximately 2,000 gallons
Cause of spill:	Leak from the above-ground storage tank (AST) system
Key operational activities:	Contain leak with interceptor trench, testing AST system for leak cause, pumping out liquids in AST containment, setting oil sorbent boom dams down gradient, exploratory soil boring for source and path of release, excavation of contaminated soil.
Agencies involved:	City mayor, DNR EER, DOA, responsible party contractor, PSTIF
Major lessons learned:	Become aware of incident earlier for less impact

California Shingle Fire

Date:	3/9/21, discovery date
Type and amount of product spilled:	Asphalt shingle and building material dump and fire
Cause of spill:	Materials dumped on private property for some time involved in a fire caused by a nearby unattended trash fire

Key operational activities:	Inspection and evaluation of location hazards, determination of smoke plume affects, determination of water quality affects, issues with working with responsible party, hiring state contractor to extinguish fire, passing information on to other DNR program enforcement parties
Agencies involved:	DNR regional and central offices, DNR EER, state contractor, local fire and sheriff's department
Lessons learned:	Obtaining cooperation with responsible party, adjusting the Hazardous Substance Emergency Declaration/Order for this incident

Metrics



Training, Exercises, Planning

Descriptions	Date	Location
Kinder Morgan Tabletop	April 28, 2021	virtual
Traffic Incident Management full scale exercise	July 22, 2021	In person
R7 EPCRA Stakeholder and CSS Workgroup	November 2021	virtual

Federal/State/Local planning and coordination efforts

Descriptions	Date	Location
Traffic Incident Management webinars	Various	Virtual
MDNR COVID-19 Planning/Meetings	Various	Virtual
Upper Mississippi River Basin Association	April 21, 2021	Virtual
Biosecurity Working Group	Various	Virtual
EMD/LEPC/RHSOC Meetings	Various	Virtual
Homeland Security Advisory Committee meeting	August 17, 2021	Virtual
EPA Region 7 EPCRA and CSS meeting	November 2021	Virtual
Callaway Energy Center EMD Meetings, Callaway Energy Center, Reform	Various	some virtual, some in person
Biowatch Meetings	Various	Virtual

Division of Fire Safety:

**CHEMICAL EMERGENCY REPADEDNESS FUND
FY 21 CONTRACT REPORT
MARCH 31, 2021**

The Division has awarded \$82,000 in contracts to the following training partners to provide hazardous materials training for Missouri’s fire fighters and first responders.

- University of Mo Fire & Rescue Training - \$31,355. A total of \$12,435 has been invoiced and paid against this contract to date.

Alternative Fuel Vehicle Incident Response
Emergency Response to Ammonia Incidents
Haz-Mat Refresher
Air Monitoring Techniques
Real World Haz-Mat ID
Haz-Mat Technician Skill Refresher

- Three Rivers Community College - \$32,900 in partnership with Local Emergency Training Specialists and Response Technologies Corp. A total of \$11,200 has been invoiced and paid against this contract to date.

Flammable Liquids
Ignitable Liquids and class “B” Foam
Responding to Chlorine
Ignitable Liquids – Ethanol Fuel Ops

Remaining classes are currently being scheduled. All training partners plan to fully expend their contracts.

- Crowder College - \$15,000 in partnership with EOS. A total of \$5,000 has been invoiced and paid against this contract to date.

Hazardous Materials – Technician Practical Skill Certification Testing
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Hazardous Materials Certification

July 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021

	Students Tested	Students Certified
Awareness:	517	424
Operations:	580	346
Technician:	18	11
Total	1115	781

July 2, 2019 – June 30, 2020

	Students Tested	Students Certified
Awareness:	426	394
Operations:	486	370
Technician:	34	15
Total	946	779

Hazardous Materials Courses

July 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021

	# of Courses	Students Completed
Awareness:	31	431
Operations:	33	428
Technician:	1	18
Total	65	877

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020

	# of Courses	Students Completed
Awareness:	35	516
Operations:	39	501
Technician:	1	38
Total	76	616

Department of Health and Senior Services

DHSS is still working on Covid 19 but are getting back to regular duties.

MERC Director Report

The MERC has weathered quite a few changes so far this year. With the transition of all the LEPDs and LEPCs into operating under the laws, regulations and MERC rules, and away from operating as an extension of the County Government and/or the County EMA, it has not been easy operating this year so far.

Financial Update:

SFY 21 Beginning Balance	\$774,955.28
SFY 21 Beginning Interest Balance	\$ 52,174.17
SFY 21 Beginning Damage Fund Balance	\$100,915.56
SFY 20 Payments Carry over	\$ 15,387.06
Total:	\$912,657.95-
Less SFY 21 Expenditures	\$717,872.25

Less SFY 21 Damage Expenditures	\$ 41,027.88
Less SFY 21 Interest Expenditures	\$ 15,342.64
Total:	\$774,242.77
Total beginning balance less expenditures	\$138,415.18
SFY 21 Tier II Payment YTD	\$776,578.99
SFY 21 Damage Funds Received YTD	\$ 435.32
SFY 21 Interest Received YTD	\$ 2,999.20
Total Funds Received YTD:	\$780,013.51
Total SFY 21 beginning cash balance	\$138,415.18
Total SFY 21 Funds received YTD	\$780,013.51
Total SFY 21 Cash Balance YTD	\$918,428.60

EPCRA/Tier II Section, Lana Nelson and Karen Eagleson: Tier II system is coming along with fewer system problems. We are still in the final stages of the Tier II season. We extended the Tier II reporting season until June 30th due to ironing out the bugs in the Tier II reporting system and to make sure everyone completes their reporting. It is estimated that approximately 500 to 1,000 facilities still need to file or have begun the process, but need to finish.

Training and Exercise Section, Lisa Job and Whitt Kellough: Training is back in full swing mode for this year and next. A current listing of classes is listed below.

Courses 9/30/20 to 10/31/21

Date	Course	Location	Participants
2/2- 2/12/21	Hazmat Tech 80 Hour	Springfield	20
3/15 & 3/16	Ignitable Liquids & Ethanol Blended Fuels	Caledonia	0 Cancelled Due to low enrollment
4/3/21	Hazmat Rapid Sizeup	Butler	8
4/9/21	Hazmat Tech Refresher (paid by Boone Co with LEPC funds)	Boone	14
4/10/21	Hazmat BLS	Lawrence	5
4/10/21	Hazmat Sizeup	Andrew	11
4/15/21	Hazmat Tech Refresher	Adair	16
4/16/21	Hazmat Tech Refresher	Marion	21
4/17/21	Air Monitoring	Ralls	11
4/17/21	Awareness	Webster	0 Cancelled Due to Low Enrollment
4/19-30/21	Hazmat Tech 80 Hour	Marion	16
5/3-14/21	Hazmat Tech 80 Hour	MARC-Blue Springs	
5/8/21	Propane Emergencies	Adair	
5/8/21	Hazmat BLS	Andrew	
5/15/21	Awareness	Douglas	

LEPC/Planning Section, Sara Allen: The LEPC/Planning section has been in full swing since January with compliance visits, CEPF applications and working with LEPC/LEPDs to get their operations in compliance with Federal and State Statutes, Regulations and MERC Rules.

Planning has been paused for the most part at this time. Due to the resignation of Steven Shaw, we are down to one planner in the State and will need to look at contracting at least three more by the end of the calendar year. Mr. Shaw resigned as a planner due to health reasons stemming from a motorcycle accident.

Old Business

New Tier II Database

The deadline for Tier II submission has been extended to June 30, 2021 due to issues with the new Tier II system. There are 500-1,000 facilities who haven't filed yet. Brian Allen asked how many Tier II reports are generally filed each year. Mike stated the annual tally is 9,000 to 10,000 total.

Mike and Bill Brinton will be visiting the ammunition plant in Gentry County as they have not filed in many years. Mike is wanting to visit those facilities who do not file and explain the necessity for Tier II reporting. Another issue is the chemical Plant, Manor Chemical, in St. Louis. The EPA is handling the issue of the explosion and fire at Manor Chemical.

The MERC Training and Exercise unit at the end of September will see what is left of training requests and schedule some more classes. MERC has received accolades from PHMSA. They use our training as a model in other states. Bill Brinton and Alan Cortvrient spoke highly of MERC instructors; mostly notably Mike Schultz put together Hazmat Sizeup training. MERC training instructors are top notch and deserve many kudos.

LEPC/D Issues Update

Cory Jorgensen questioned how many LEPCs have one paid member of their LEPC. Mike noted that 88% of LEPC/Ds had major spending problems. Some were minor; some were major. In the past three years, \$555,000 was misspent by LEPC/Ds.

Chris Berndt stated he is on the LEPC and is an Emergency Manager. He said that if we removed the EMD as Chairman or Vice Chairman, it won't prevent money from being misspent. A discussion ensued about having a process where all LEPC/Ds will go through for major equipment by having a proposal being approved by their LEPC/D and then sent to MERC for approval.

There was discussion about revisiting reinstating EMDS as Chair/Vice Chair at a later date. It was noted that some LEPCs have replaced the LEPC Chair with their Presiding Commissioner. Chris Berndt noted a need to educate everyone with LEPC 101.

Bill Brinton is on the Emergency Management Commission. In small counties there is a need for a person to keep them organized. Bill said they had a meeting in Region H and discussed EMDs being taken off LEPC/Ds as Chair/Vice Chair. Brian Allen asked if moving forward, are we able to identify counties that have issues and get a report for the commission. Brian requested the MERC to report at the next meeting summarizing how their efforts to meet with counties and educate them on LEPC 101/rules are going and the feedback MERC is getting. Mike said MERC will begin to report out on every LEPC 101, etc. We will leave it as is for the moment.

Chris Berndt asked for a point of clarification if city EMDs can be the LEPC/D Chair/Vice Chair. According to Mike, DPS legal said we need to exclude all EMDs – county and city. An extensive discussion ensued with SEMA Director Remillard stating the whole purposed with this situation is education. This will take time. There have been many educational opportunities and this will continue. Mike noted this will likely be a three-year education program. He also stated there was an exhaustive process with DPS legal to make sure the intent of the law is followed. Director Remillard assured the commission the executive level in Missouri to make sure MERC followed the intent of the law.

Cory Jorgenson asked MERC watch our language in the minutes, etc. to make sure the language is positive. Mike stated MERC is trying to be positive about language sent out. He has everyone in the MERC office read important emails for positive language.

New Business

HazMat Regional Response Teams

MERC used to support HazMat Response Teams. We have some great ones and some that don't have capabilities. MERC would like to help support them with physicals, etc. We are not setting levels. Our business is to support the teams. MERC will survey teams out there for the needs, strengths, etc. and how can the MERC support the teams.

MERC wants to have the Fire Chiefs Association involved. Also involved the Regional Fire Mutual Aid folks. Add Chris Berndt, the Kansas City Fire Chief and the St. Louis Fire Chief to the HazMat Team Advisory Committee.

Brian Allen made a motion to go forward with the process. Cory Jorgensen seconded. The motion carried after discussion of the following items.

Chief Berndt stated HazMat teams have lost focus after 9/11 and dried up. Bill Brinton noted we are talking about \$200,000 or \$250,000. Mike Harris said it will be funded partially by HMEP and partially CEPF.

LEPC/Ds

There was a discussion on statutes. Could MERC establish LEPDs for small counties that can't form a LEPC? Mike Harris needs guidance from the commission on what to do with it. Brian Allen noted it is a good idea to suggest it and make it all voluntary.

Chris Berndt asked if the money goes to the county. The money goes to the county and the county treasurer is to transfer it to the LEPD account. The LEPD is supposed to make sure it's fair for each county.

Cory Jorgensen made a motion to survey the counties and move forward with forming LEPDs. Brian Allen seconded. Motion carried.

FY23 Budget and Staffing Requirements

MERC has a huge roadblock as we don't have personnel to do what we need to do per Mike Harris. MERC needs two full time employees (FTE) and would like another FTE.

First, the LEPC/Planning Coordinator is Sara and is a part-time contractor. Mike would like to move her into that position as a FTE.

Second, the Assistant Training Coordinator is H. Whitt Kellough. He is also a part-time contractor. Mike would like to transition Whitt to the EPCRS/TIER II and Exercises so that he may work on investigations.

Third, Mike wants another position which would make the Training/Exercise Coordinator (who is Lisa Jobe, a part-time contractor) a FTE who would also serve as the Deputy MERC Director. This position could be in charge and run operations when the Director is out of the office.

Mike also asked that Lana Nelson be promote to the position she has been doing for a years. This position is a G-9 but she is currently paid as a G-8. She hasn't complained with it but she has been doing the job for over a year.

Mike is looking for approval from the Commission to approve full time positions. We charge nothing to the State General Revenue.

Mike is requesting the appropriation for E&E HazMat Team Response be \$250,000. Brian Allen wants to make sure these requests will not harm LEPCs. Mike needs a motion to support the changes for MERC to work with SEMA to increase personnel in MERC.

Chris Berndt motion to support the changes for MERC to work with SEMA to increase personnel. Cory Jorgensen seconded. Motion carried.

MERC Instructors Request

MERC instructors made a request to attend the International HazMat Response Conference held virtually. Registration is \$99 per person. The instructors are asking if the amount of time attending the conference will be compensated. The request was made for a motion to pay the \$99 registration and time while on call.

Brian Allen motioned to pay the registration fee of \$99 only for instructors to attend. A discussion ensued. Brian rescinded the motion. Cory Jorgensen stated that in the two agencies in which he has worked, not everyone gets to go. A suggestion was made to have five scholarship for the registration fee and time spent on call.

Brian Allen motioned to have three scholarship for the registration fee and time spent in the virtual class. Cory Jorgenson seconded. Motion carried.

MERC Bylaws

Mike noted that MERC Bylaws need reviewed and approved. A copy has been sent to all commissioners with the documents for this meeting. Another copy will be sent again. A large portion of the next MERC commission meeting will be spent reviewing and approving the revised bylaws.

Bill Brinton asked if the MERC commission meetings could be moved back to the morning. A discussion ensued. It was determined that when the legislature is not in session, the MERC commission meeting will begin at 10 a.m. When the legislature is in session, the meetings will begin at 1 p.m. Karla, MERC Program Specialist will look into when session begins and ends and plan the meetings accordingly.

The next meeting will be July 22, 2021 in SEMA's SEOC. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

Chris Berndt motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brian Allen seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karla Marshall