



ARIZONA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION MEETING SUMMARY
MINUTES – March 22, 2022

The Arizona State Emergency Response Commission convened via GoToMeeting.

VOTING MEMBERS/DESIGNEES PRESENT VIRTUALLY

Laura Malone	AZSERC Executive Director AZDEQ (AZ Department of Environmental Quality)
Allen Clark	DEMA (AZ Department of Emergency and Military Affairs)
Kathy Hassett (alt)	DEMA (AZ Department of Emergency and Military Affairs)
Cheryl Bowen Kennedy	AZDOHS (AZ Department of Homeland Security)
Sgt. Joshua Henson	AZDPS (AZ Department of Public Safety)
Brent Cain	AZDOT (AZ Department of Transportation)
Geoffrey McCormick	AZCC (AZ Corporation Commission)
Bryce Rucker	AZICA (AZ Industrial Commission of Arizona)
James Johnson	AFCA (AZ Fire Chiefs Association)
Tom White	ASMI (AZ State Mine Inspector)
Teresa Ehnert	AZDHS (AZ Department of Health Services)

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dwayne Uhlig	AZDA (AZ Department of Agriculture)
Cassie Peters Jr.	AZDFFM (AZ Department of Forestry & Fire Management)

GUESTS

Jeff Cantrell	AGO (Attorney General's Office)
Greg Bazley	EPA Region IX Office

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Wade Brannon	Pinal County LEPC
Byron Steward	Mohave County LEPC



Tammi Jo Wilkins	Cochise County LEPC
Sandra Espinoza	Pima County LEPC
Ashleigh Ahlquist	Yavapai County LEPC
Gary Robinson	Gila County LEPC
Frank Granados	Santa Cruz County LEPC
Celena Cates	Gila County LEPC
Tony Badilla	Yuma County LEPC
Mike Erfert	Yuma County LEPC
Paul De Anda	Yuma County LEPC
Jason Kirk	Apache County LEPC
Lisa Romero	Pima County LEPC
Brian Hunt	Yavapai County LEPC
Sam Beckett	Coconino County LEPC
James Walter	Pinal County LEPC
Mimi Hernandez	La Paz County LEPC
Scott Neal	Mohave County LEPC
Charles Kmet	Pinal County LEPC
Dee McCluskey	Navajo County LEPC
Eddie Rodriguez	Pinal County LEPC
Russell Hartley	Yuma County LEPC
Erica Wilson	DEMA
Kenneth Drozd	NOAA
Mike Hammarstrom	DEMA
Dr. Farshad Shirazi	Arizona EDU
Ray Vasquez	UPR
Randy Karrer	Pima County Fire Department
Leo Quesada	SW Gas
Member of the Public	AZTraildraffer

Justin Shiling	Kinder Morgan
Clayton Barker	Pima County USAF
Michael Foster	Pima county TMCAZ
Spalla Lane	Pima County/Arizona EDU
Joshua Gaither	Arizona EDU
Rita Lebasack	Pima County/ City of Marana
Juan Zamora	Pima County/City of Sahuarita
Mike Foster	Tucson Medical Center Healthcare

STAFF PRESENT

Arcangel Barragan	ADEQ-ERU (AZ Department of Environmental Quality Emergency Response Unit) - Presenter
Michele Martinez	ADEQ-ERU (AZ Department of Environmental Quality Emergency Response Unit) - Presenter
Chris Nutter	ADEQ-ERU (AZ Department of Environmental Quality Emergency Response Unit) – Presenter
Dave Varela	ADEQ-ERU (AZ Department of Environmental Quality Emergency Response Unit) – Presenter
Jamie Hernandez	ADEQ (AZ Department of Environmental Quality)
Melissa Hayes	ADEQ (AZ Department of Environmental Quality)
Roxanne Linsley	ADEQ (AZ Department of Environmental Quality)
Morgan O’Conner	ADEQ (AZ Department of Environmental Quality)

1. A quorum is established. Ms. Laura Malone, Executive Director of the Commission noted a quorum of voting members participating virtually and in person. Ten members present and two absent.
2. Ms. Malone called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.
3. Welcome and Introductions/Review of Minutes
 - Ms. Malone welcomed members and attendees.
 - Ms. Malone went over virtual housekeeping for attendees.
 - Ms. Malone requested Commissioners review the minutes for the September 18, 2021 meeting and then called for a motion to accept the minutes.
 - Allen Clark offered the motion, seconded by Josh Henson.
 - The motion carried 10/0/2 absent.

Ms. Malone announced the retirement of Mr. Scott Omer from Deputy Director for the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and thanked him for his service on the Commission.

4. Executive Session

None

5. ADEQ Community Liaison Presentation

Mannie Bowler presented on the ADEQ Community Liaison & Resources. Each of the team members were introduced and gave a brief overview of their capabilities.

6. High-Hazard Flammable Trains (HHFT)

a. HHFT Report update – Ms. Malone confirmed HHFT reports from UPR were disseminated to the appropriate counties on 1/5/2022 and on 1/18/2022; as well as the BNSF HHFT report on 3/15/2022.

7. AZSERC Trade Name Update:

8. CALL TO SERC MEMBERS (ACTION ITEM RESULTS - Completed)

- a. **Action Item 1 Result-** Ms. Malone informed the Commission that AZSERC staff completed this action item. SERC staff contracted the LEPC's via phone and email to offer any assistance with compliance with biennial exercise requirements.
- b. **Action Item 2 Result** – Ms. Malone informed the Commission that AZSERC staff completed task of sending a calendar invitation to the SERC members for the 10/27/2021 LEPC workshop. Moving forward all members will be invited to LEPC workshops moving forward. The next LEPC workshop is tentatively scheduled for 3/23/2022.
- c. **Action Item 3 Result** – Ms. Malone informed the Commission that AZSERC staff emailed all Emergency Response Plan forms to the SERC.
- d. **Action Item 4 Result** – Ms. Malone informed the commission options will be presented by Michele Martinez later on the agenda on how to act on those LEPCs who are not compliant with A.R.S. Title 49, Chapter 1, Article 2.
- e. **Action Item 5 Result** – Ms. Malone informed the Commission AZSERC staff sent a copy of the SR 260 Northern Commodity Flow study to Commission Cain.

9. SERC's Accomplishments –

Ms. Malone presented an overview of the outreach, compliance, assistance, commodity flow studies that have been completed by SERC staff. Outreach and compliance are ongoing services provided to the LEPCs and stakeholders.

10. Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs)

- a. Voting Membership Applications Ratification - Voting membership applications were presented to the Commission for ratification. Laura Malone called for a motion to ratify the membership applications as presented.

Josh Henson offered the motion that was seconded by Bryce Rucker.

The motion carried 10/0/2 absent.

- b. LEPC Compliance Status – Michele Martinez presented an overview of those LEPCs who are in or not in compliance with Arizona Revised Statute. Discussion held, no action taken.

- c. Graham and Greenlee County LEPC Merger

Ms. Malone called for a motion to accept the Graham and Greenlee Merger as presented. Discussion held.

Brent Cain offered the motion that was seconded by Josh Henson.

The motion carried 10/0/2 absent.

- d. Emergency Response Plans (pursuant to A.R.S. §49-125) – Dave Varela presented the Emergency Response Plans that were provided interim approval for 2021.

Ms. Malone called for a motion to ratify the emergency response plans as presented.

Josh Henson offered the motion that was seconded by Geoff McCormick.

The motion carried 10/0/2 absent.

- e. LEPC Bylaws – Michele Martinez presented information regarding status of recommendations made by staff to LEPCs regarding the Bylaws. Discussion held, no action taken.

11. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP)

- a. Status FY2021/FY2022 – Michele Martinez informed the Commission ADEQ managed the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) three-year grant. The performance period began on October 1, 2019 and will end on September 30, 2022. ADEQ was awarded \$948,496. The grant funding was used for hazmat training, planning, two Hazardous Materials Regional Commodity Flow Studies and the purchase of hazmat training equipment.

- b. HMEP Grant opportunity for FY 2022-2024 (10/1/2022 through 9/30/2025) – Michele Martinez informed the Commission ADEQ will apply for a three-year grant for The Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant. Applications are due in April 2022.

- c. Regional Commodity Flow Study for Southern Arizona Update – Michele Martinez provided an update to the Commission ADEQ regarding a regional Hazardous materials commodity flow study for Southern Arizona with thirteen monitoring sites that included participation from three counties and two tribes (Cochise, Pima, Santa Cruz, Pascua Yaqui Tribe and Tohono O’odham Nation.) The project began in July 2021 and will be completed in April 2022. The cost associated with this project is \$153,710 using HMEP funds. Discussion held. No action taken.

12.US EPA Region 9 Updates

- a. America’s Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) Workshop – Greg Bazley informed the commission of the upcoming workshop that will explain the rules, roles and responsibilities of the SERC. A link to the workshop will be sent out to the Commissioners.

- b. LEPC Outreach Pilot Program – Greg Bazley informed the Commission of the three EPA workshops to be conducted in May. They will be hosted in Coconino, Pima and Maricopa counties. Their intent is to provide outreach for the LEPCs and first responders of capabilities, trainings and assistance the EPA can offer.

13. Emergency Response Fund (ERF)

Chris Nutter provided information to the Commission regarding RY 2022 and the success of the program despite obstacles such as weather and COVID. Over 200 emails were sent out to fire departments, fire districts and police departments.

14. Tier II

Chris Nutter provided information to the Commission on the status of Tier II RY2021 (hazardous materials storage/not hazwaste), number of facilities, extremely hazardous substances (EHS) and chemicals reported. Discussed possible improvements of the site to best help our stakeholders. Cleaned up dashboard and data, as well as expanded on report builder. We are now able to view fees that are owed to the state.

15. Action Item Review

1. Send link to Allen Clark for the AWIA workshop.
2. Sent ERP form to the SERC to review per Standard work
3. Send link to SERC for ERPs
4. Send Agenda Packets.

16. Future Agenda Items


Commission member Teresa Ehnert (ADHS) – Potential Impact in the event of a cyber event.

Commission was asked if they have any continuous improvement ideas on the structure of the agenda. – Brent Cain said the agenda structure is good.

11. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Sandra Espinoza, Pima County LEPC Coordinator – Thanked team and Michele Martinez for her assistance she is very helpful to her as new coordinator. She has a challenge as an LEPC Coordinator and would like clear lines of demarcation of the expectations of the LEPC and the County. – Follow up from AG will be provided.

Mike Foster- Tucson Medical Center Healthcare – Are Hospital Emergency Response Teams eligible to apply for funding through the grants and funds we offer to replace their hazardous response equipment? He is looking for opportunity for potential grant dollars for PPE and Decon equipment.



Ms. Malone stated she is unaware of any potential opportunities to assist a hospital with equipment through ADEQ.

Teresa Ehnert stated to reach out to the Arizona Healthcare Coalition (AZCHER).

12. PROPOSED DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 4, 2022 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Malone called for a motion to adjourn.

Allen Clark offered the motion that was seconded by Josh Henson.

The motion carried 10/0/2 absent.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Approved on October 4, 2022 8/0/4/absent