

HSERC MEMBERS OR THE VOTING REPRESENTATIVES' SIGN-IN SHEET FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

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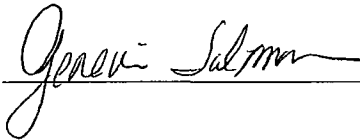
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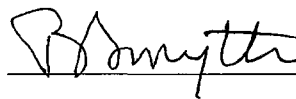
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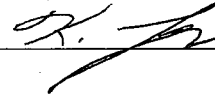
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HSERC MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

Name	Organization	Telephone #	Fax #	E-Mail
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Keith Kawada	HEER	586-4249		
Bob Caplan	EPA	541-2726	541-2712	caplan.rob@epa.gov
Dean Young	AG	586-1173		

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In reply, please refer to:
File: EHANEER Office

October 4, 2004

Dear HSERC Chairman,

Re: HMEP Planning Grant Projects Funding for FY05

The HMEP Planning Grant Projects Funding for FY05 was approved by the HSERC membership on September 23, 2004 at the last HSERC meeting. The budget for each of the counties goes as follow:

Honolulu - \$22,000 (HMEP, \$17,600, HSERC, \$4,400)

Maui - \$9,500 (HMEP, \$7,600, HSERC, \$1,900)

Kauai - did not request for funding this time around

Hawaii - \$14,000 (HMEP, \$11,200, HSERC, \$2,800)

Also as a reminder, MOAs for each county are due.

Respectively Submitted,

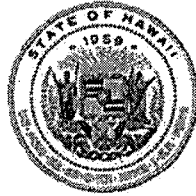
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Curtis Martin".

Curtis Martin, HEER Office

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September 23, 2004

TO: Mr. Laurence K. Lau, Chair
Hawaii State Emergency Response Commission

FROM: Edward T. Teixeira 
Vice Director of Civil Defense

SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 23, 2004 HSERC MEETING

I am unable to attend the September 23, 2004, HSERC meeting due to a conflicting schedule.

I hereby appoint Kenneth Lesperance from State Civil Defense to represent me at the above meeting with all the rights as a voting member.



**American
Red Cross**

Hawaii State Chapter

September 22, 2004

Dear HSERC Chair:

Glenn Lockwood, the former Director of Disaster Services for the American Red Cross Hawaii State Chapter has left Hawaii and relocated to the State of Washington. Maria Lutz, Interim Director of Disaster Services will be attending the meeting in his absence. Once the Director of Disaster Services vacancy is filled, a new representative's name will be submitted to the committee for consideration. Thank you for your understanding during this time of transition.

Sincerely,

Maria Lutz
Interim Director of Disaster Services



*Received 9-23-04
by [signature]*

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
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March 8, 2004

The Honorable Chiyome Fukino
Director of Health
Department of Health
P. O. Box 3378
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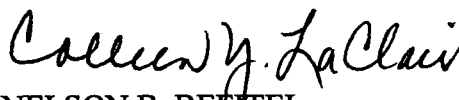
Dear Dr. Fukino:

This is to notify you that Mr. Allan Yokoyama, Occupational Safety and Health Business Safety Facilitator of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR), will replace Mr. James Decker, Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division (HIOSH) Manager (Administration and Technical Branch), who is currently DLIR's representative on the Hawaii State Emergency Response Commission. Mr. Mark Behrens, HIOSH Manager (Safety Branch) will serve as an alternate.

Mr. Yokoyama may be reached at 586-8868, or via email, at allan.m.yokoyama@hawaii.gov. Correspondence and materials for Mr. Yokoyama may be mailed to 830 Punchbowl Street, Room 321, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. Mr. Behrens may be reached at 586-9090, or via email, at behrens.mark@dol.gov. Correspondence and materials for Mr. Behrens may be mailed to 830 Punchbowl Street, Room 425, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 586-8844.

Sincerely,


for NELSON B. BEFTEL

c: Denis M. Shimamoto, HSERC Coordinator
Allan Yokoyama, DLIR Director's Office
Mark Behrens, Hawaii Occupational Safety & Health Division

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**HAWAII STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION
MEETING #56**

Thursday, September 23, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Department of Health
919 Ala Moana Boulevard, 5th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

AGENDA

- 1) 9:00 Call to Order
Opening Remarks
Approval of Minutes from Mtg #55
Laurence K. Lau, Deputy Director for Environmental Health
- 2) 9:15 LEPC Updates
John Bowen, Hawaii LEPC Representative
Clifford Ikeda, Kauai LEPC Representative
Scott Kekuewa, Maui LEPC Representative
Carter Davis, Oahu LEPC Representative
- 3) 10:00 EPA Update
Bob Caplan (EPA's Pacific Rim Environmental Resource Center) for Mike Ardito (EPA's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for Hawaii)
- 4) 10:15 HMEP Training Classes and Exercises
Ken Lesperance, SCD
- 5) 10:30 Break
- 5) 10:45 HMEP Planning Grant Projects FY05
Curtis Martin, HEER Office
- 6) 11:00 Funds for Rural Fire and Rescue Efforts
Curtis Martin, HEER Office
- 7) 11:15 Intro of the Environmental Crimes Unit
Ed Gomes, Atty Gen Ofc- Investigations, Enviro Crimes
- 7) 11:30 Other Business
- 8) 11:45 Schedule next HSERC meeting



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HAWAII STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION
MEETING #56

Thursday, September 23, 2004 from 9:06 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Department of Health
919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 215
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Draft Meeting Summary
Attendees

Voting

Leland Nakai, Honolulu LEPC
Laurence Lau, Department of Health
Ken Lesperance, Department of Defense, Civil Defense Division
Scott Kekuewa, Maui LEPC
Clifford Ikeda, Kauai LEPC
Maria Lutz, American Red Cross
Thomas Smyth, Department of Business, Economic Dev. & Tourism
Genevieve Salmonson, Environmental Quality Control Office
Robert A. Boesch, Department of Agriculture

Non-Voting

Sharon Leonida, Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office
Curtis Martin, Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office
Mike Cripps, Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office
Liz Galvez, Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office
Terry Corpus, Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office
Keith Kawaoka, Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office
Beryl Ekimoto, Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office
Paul Chong, Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office
Bob Caplan, USEPA, Region 9
Dean Young, Attorney General's Office
Ed Gomes, Attorney General's Office
Ryan Yamasaki, Attorney General's Office

1) Larry Lau called the meeting to order at approximately 9:06am. A new member was welcomed, Maria Lutz, Manager –Disaster Operations & Response, to temporarily fill in for Glenn Lockwood who is no longer with the American Red Cross.

1.1 Opening remarks by Larry Lau. Larry made mention of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) exercise that took place in August 2004 with Jean Conger as the Disaster Planner. There were several agencies that had participated in the event. At the present, Larry is making preparations for the State Budget.

1.2 A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from meeting #55.

1.3 Attendees introduced themselves.

2) Local Planning Committee (LEPC) Updates

2.1 Hawaii

No representative present to give an update.

2.2 Kauai

Clifford Ikeda: 1) After October of this year, there will not be a police chief on duty. 2) There was a white goods fire incident that occurred and the development of communication protocols will need to be addressed because of it. 3) 3 individuals will be attending the Hazmat Explo conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, the week of November 15th. 4) A local SNS event is planned for either March or April of 2005.

2.3 Maui

Scott Kekuewa: 1) 4th quarter LEPC meeting was held on September 8, 2004. 2) Regarding next fiscal year, will concentrate on more training for the public and private sectors. 3) Will be hosting a HazCat Training at the Maui Community College on October 4-8. 24 students will be in attendance. 4) Plans in work to increase the awareness of Tier II reporting by way of Public Service Announcements. 5) Kyle Watanabe of SCD retired on September 30th. 5) Next LEPC meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2004. 6) Comment on the SNS event on Maui-not too favorable per the fire department.

2.4 Oahu

Carter Davis: 1) LEPC meeting was held on September 17, 2004-Scott Kekuewa's presentation on GIS, EPA visits (site inspections and RMP workshop), Bob Caplan on the Pacific Rim Center, Clean Updates (Handout attached). 3) Received \$8000 from CLEAN to send 5 HFD personnel to attend Continuing Challenge in Sacramento in September-CLEAN sponsored 5 firefighters and the Honolulu LEPC also sponsored 5 firefighters. Since Team Hawaii placed 2nd in game activities, they were awarded scholarships for next year's Continuing Challenge. 4) A tanker truck containing only water overturned. 5) 2 LEPC members will be attending the HazMat Explo conference in November. 6) Airport Project-42 non-Tier II filers have been identified as having chemicals.

3) West Nile Virus Update

Larry stated that help was needed to larvacide prevalent mosquito breeding areas (storm drains).

4) EPA Update

Bob Caplan: 1) Gave an explanation of what the Pacific Rim Center is, it is an international resource center which assists other countries in developing, for example, their own environmental programs. One such case is that of the Philippine Government, who asked help regarding chemical emergencies, etc., therefore, the Center will be hosting a study tour for them (The Hawaiian Islands is one of the states that will be on their tour agenda). The Center also assists with the Criminal Enforcement Program for Hawaii, Guam, etc., 2) Hazmat Explo, registration deadline is October 15th.

5) HMEP Training Classes and Exercises

Ken Lesperance: 1) In August, there was a Cameo Training course funded by the Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP). ODP will provide free training, which would include use of their computers if a headcount of 20-24 students can be guaranteed. This course is Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) involved and tied into LAN View. It is also available to the outer islands. Ken will be presenting this at the next Honolulu LEPC meeting. 2) Will be working with Kauai to help with their HazMat Refresher training. 3) Big Island hosted HazMat Technician Training this year. 4) Maui is next on the list-next year- to host training because they had traded off with the Big Island. 5) 2 Hazmat refresher courses being planned for each county. 6) The general HMEP planning tool is the same as last year's amounts. There will be an official letter from Ed Teixeira that will be sent out addressing this.

6) HMEP Planning Grant Projects FY05

Curtis Martin: 1) Budget for the HMEP Planning Grant projects for FY05 is \$43,006, 20% of which is \$10,752 – the State's portion. The HMEP project proposals were submitted from the counties (Kauai was not included). Per Clifford, Kauai will not be participating in this upcoming year's grant because of a lack of personnel. The committee will need approval for only 3 of the counties, the Big Island, Oahu and Maui. Larry made a motion to approve the use of the \$9100 from the reserved 20% match for HMEP Planning Grants and that would be distributed to the counties of Oahu, Hawaii and Maui (reserved 20% amounts to \$10,752). The motion was approved and seconded. The motion was carried.

7) Funds for Rural Fire and Rescue Efforts

Curtis Martin: 1) Local Government Reimbursement (LGR) brochure-funds are available for reimbursement if applied for after an incident.

8) Drug Lab Training Class Comments

Keith Kawaoka: 1) Well attended, an eye-opening course. The EPA instructors were very good.

9) Introduction of the Environmental Crimes Unit

Ed Gomes: 1) Introduction of Ed's partner, Ryan Yamasaki and Environmental Crime attorney, Dean Young. 2) Ed and Ryan attended the Flexi class sponsored by EPA. 3) Explanation of what the program encompass-so far there have been 2 felony indictments, some misdemeanor crimes, a total of 5 cases processed. 4) Outreach to the LEPC-to let community know that their office exists and to notify them (ph. no.586-1240, M-F, for normal business hours and ph. no. 864-8774, after hours) if the public has any information about environmental crimes such as illegal dumping of chemicals, etc., Also it was suggested that the DOH environmental notices website be taken advantage of so that word gets around about their office (an explanation of what they are looking for in terms of crimes committed). 5) Leland Nakai – Environmental Task Force-EPA headed this. 6) Development of illegal dumping Task Force here in Hawaii per Bob Caplan, must raise awareness level.

10) Other Business

Genevieve Salmonson: 1) Tripler is going to build a level 3 lab. Does the State lab have level 3 capabilities? The University is a Biological State Lab (BSL) facility.

Larry: 1) Has task to supervise the State Lab Divisions-still learning.

11) Schedule next HSERC meeting

The next HSERC meeting will be held on December 16, 2004.

Beryl Ekimoto

Subject: RE: HSERC Sept 23, 2004 meeting agenda
Date sent: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 13:37:26 -1000
From: "Tracy Aruga" <TAruga@hhsc.org>
To: "Beryl Ekimoto" <bekimoto@eha.health.state.hi.us>

Hi Beryl,

Please let everyone know that John or I will not be able to make the meeting. John is on the mainland and my supervisor who would approve my leave of absence has been out of work due to an illness. So sorry cannot make the meeting.

Thanks, Tracy

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Beryl Ekimoto [SMTP:bekimoto@eha.health.state.hi.us]

> Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2004 8:04 AM

> To: LNakai@honolulu.gov; Clifford Ikeda; Carter Davis; Scott Kekuewa;

> Laurence Lau; jebowen@verizon.net; joe.blackburn@mauielectric.com;

> lockwoodg@usa.redcross.org Cc: Tracy Aruga; shermanp@hgea.org;

> jth@hawaii.edu; oeqc@health.state.hi.us; tsmyth@dbedt.hawaii.gov;

> chris.takeno@hawaii.gov; eteixeira@scd.state.hi.us;

> gary.d.moniz@hawaii.gov; decker.james@dol.gov Subject: HSERC Sept 23,

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From: Clifford Ikeda <cikeda@kauaigov.com>
To: 'Beryl Ekimoto' <bekimoto@eha.health.state.hi.us>
Subject: RE: HSERC Sept 23, 2004 meeting agenda
Date sent: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 08:10:08 -1000

I was just thinking <WOW, imagine me thinking>, you guys want a short presentation on the white-goods fire we had on Kauai? If so, I would like to do it during a recess as what might be brought up will not be politically correct.

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Date sent: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 09:53:35 -0700
From: Ardito.Michael@epamail.epa.gov
Subject: Re: agenda items for sept 23, 2004 hserc meeting
To: Beryl Ekimoto <bekimoto@eha.health.state.hi.us>

How about??:

Bob Caplan (EPA's Pacific Rim Environmental Resource Center) for
Mike Ardito (EPA's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for Hawaii)

Beryl Ekimoto
<bekimoto@eha.health.s To: Michael
Ardito/R9/USEPA/US@EPA tate.hi.us>
cc:

Subject: Re: agenda items for sept
23, 2004 hserc
09/14/2004 09:30 AM meeting

hi mike

should i mention him on the agenda or just leave it as is with you on
there? how should i state if not, bob caplan for mike ardito? thanks mike
have a nice day!

On 13 Sep 2004 at 10:17, Ardito.Michael@epamail.epa.gov wrote:

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> Islands Contact Office may be at the next HSERC to meet folks and
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Subject: **HMEP projects for fiscal year 2004**
Copies to: **Curtis Martin <cmartin.HEER.EMD>, klesperance@scd.state.hi.us**
Date sent: **Mon, 28 Jun 2004 09:30:38 -1000**

hi everyone,

just a friendly reminder to finish up your FY04 HMEP grant project (sorry:(, suppose to be due by july 1, 2004)
if i don't hear from you by this afternoon, i'll give you a call ok?

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in addition, will need to know figures for the FY05 HMEP planning project (will need this info for the next HSERC meeting to be held on sept. 23, 2004)

thanks!
b:)

Beryl Ekimoto

From: <jebowen@verizon.net>
To: "Beryl Ekimoto" <bekimoto@eha.health.state.hi.us>
Subject: **Re: HMEP projects for fiscal year 2004**
Date sent: **Mon, 28 Jun 2004 19:41:58 -0500**

Beryl, I gave this to Curtis Martin at the last SERC meeting. Thank you.

John Bowen

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From: "Beryl Ekimoto" <bekimoto@eha.health.state.hi.us>
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To: **Subject: (Fwd) RE: HMEP projects for fiscal year 2004**
Date sent: **Tue, 29 Jun 2004 09:41:47**

----- Forwarded message follows -----

Subject: RE: HMEP projects for fiscal year 2004
Date sent: Mon, 28 Jun 2004 09:38:27 -1000
From: "Nakai, Leland A" <LNakai@co.honolulu.hi.us>
To: "Beryl Ekimoto" <bekimoto@eha.health.state.hi.us>

Hi Beryl,

Clarification on FY 04 project. What do you mean by "finishing up"??
Our project is progressing & won't be completed until September.

Concerning the proposals for the FY 05 project, weren't these due on
July 1?? the start of the new FY?? Can you call to discuss??

Leland

-----Original Message-----

From: Beryl Ekimoto [mailto:bekimoto@eha.health.state.hi.us]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2004 9:31 AM
To: hazmat@hawaii.rr.com; Nakai, Leland A; kekuewas001@hawaii.rr.com;
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Subject: RE: reminder!!
Date sent: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 08:58:53 -1000
From: "Nakai, Leland A" <LNakai@honolulu.gov>
To: "Beryl Ekimoto" <bekimoto@eha.health.state.hi.us>

Hi Beryl,

I'll provide a revised project for \$22K(from \$20K) - we're adding administrative tasks for the contractor in the Scope of W

Leland

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From: Beryl Ekimoto [<mailto:bekimoto@eha.health.state.hi.us>]
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2004 8:03 AM
To: Nakai, Leland A; jebowen@verizon.net; Clifford Ikeda;
BLACKBURJ001@hawaii.rr.com; Scott Kekuewa; hazmat@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: reminder!!

hi!

this is just a reminder to you all that HMEP planning grant projects for FY05 needs to be sent to us before the next HSERC meeting on sept 23, 2004 so you can vote on your projects then--and if you already did i thank you!

ok, take care and thanks again!

b

Beryl Ekimoto

Subject: HMEP Planning Grants
Date sent: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 08:41:16 -1000
From: "Nakai, Leland A" <LNakai@honolulu.gov>
To: "Beryl (E-mail)" <bekimoto@eha.health.state.hi.us>
Copies to: "Carter Davis (E-mail)" <hazmat@hawaii.rr.com>

Hi Beryl,

Tried calling you again but missed you. The LEPCs are supposed to get a written proposal to you before the next HSERC meeting so they can be approved by the HSERC in September. This would then allow us to start on the process of getting the projects started at the local level. We cannot afford to wait for the Nov/Dec meeting - would not give us enough time to get projects started/completed before September 2005.

We've been told by Ken Lesperance to expect the same funding levels as this year, so the LEPCs were scoping similar projects for FY 05. However, we were informed that Clifford would not be doing a HMEP project in 05, so there may be some slight changes to projects from the other 3 LEPCs.

Recommend that you send a reminder to LEPCs to have their projects to you before the September HSERC meeting so we can get our projects voted on. (Honolulu sent in our proposal for a \$20K project on May 10th - let me know if you have a copy)

I don't know if I can make the Thursday visit to Meadow Gold - I have an ORRT meeting scheduled - let me know what you have planned & I might be able to work around the schedule.

Leland

Beryl Ekimoto

From: Clifford Ikeda <cikeda@kauaigov.com>
To: 'Beryl Ekimoto' <bekimoto@eha.health.state.hi.us>
Subject: RE: agenda items for next HSERC meeting?
Date sent: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 14:36:52 -1000

Yes, thank you. Are you going to Vegas in November? I need some monies and would like you to throw the dice for a very lloooooooonnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnngggggg time !!!

-----Original Message-----

From: Beryl Ekimoto [<mailto:bekimoto@eha.health.state.hi.us>]
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2004 2:20 PM
To: Clifford Ikeda
Subject: RE: agenda items for next HSERC meeting?

hi clifford

hey, did you send in your revised invoice--the one that you needed to correct to the new form??

On 12 Aug 2004 at 13:34, Clifford Ikeda wrote:

> Kauai: Membership update and confirmation

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Beryl Ekimoto [<mailto:bekimoto@eha.health.state.hi.us>]

> Sent: Monday, July 26, 2004 8:20 AM

> To: [LNakai@honolulu.gov](mailto:L.Nakai@honolulu.gov); Ken Lesperance; hazmat@hawaii.rr.com;

> Clifford Ikeda; jebowen@verizon.net; Laurence Lau; Scott Kekuewa Cc:

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> Ardito.Michael@epamail.epa.gov;

> CMARTIN.HEER.EMD@eha.health.state.hi.us Subject: agenda items for next

> HSERC meeting?

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> are there any agenda items you want me to list for the next HSERC

> meeting in sept? let me know ok--i thank you much!

>

> b:)

Beryl Ekimoto

To: <jebowen@verizon.net>
Subject: Re: LEPO invoices
Date sent: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 06:15:56

On 15 Aug 2004 at 20:21, jebowen@verizon.net wrote:

- > Beryl, please advise me of the precise amounts that I need to invoice
- > for the HMEP grant and also for this year's operating funds. I have
- > conflicting info in my notes from the last SERC meeting. Thank you.
- >
- > John Bowen
- >

(FY04)

HMEP
\$ 14,000

STATE \$ 2,800
FED \$ 11,200

(FY05)

op funds
\$ 16,211

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Beryl Ekimoto

From: Clifford Ikeda <cikeda@kauaigov.com>
To: 'Beryl Ekimoto' <bekimoto@eha.health.state.hi.us>
Subject: RE: agenda items for next HSERC meeting?
Date sent: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 13:34:45 -1000

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Date sent: **Mon, 26 Jul 2004 15:56:30 -0700**
From: **Ardito.Michael@epamail.epa.gov**
Subject: **Re: the minutes from the last hserc meeting**
To: **Beryl Ekimoto <bekimoto@eha.health.state.hi.us>**

Hi Beryl,

I would like to clarify some of my comments made to questions from Larry Lau and others during the Oahu LEPC report part of the minutes from May 13.

First, in the last sentence of 2.4: Mike A.: EPA's Risk Management Program reading room located at the local Federal Building has been open since December 2000.

... Due to security concerns, Larry asked if any changes would be made the federal statutes regarding EPCRA reporting information available to the public. Mike Ardito's response: Under the federal law, EPCRA information is available to the public. In another issue, EPA took "RMP Info" off of its Web site on Sept. 12, 2001 due to concerns of terrorism. There is continued concerns and pressure to restrict access to that information. Earlier this year, EPA finalized a regulation removing a requirement for RMP facilities to include in their executive summaries of their risk management plan resubmittals, an analysis of the off-site consequences that may occur from a toxic release at a facility. Nevertheless, EPA is currently being sued by "right-to-know" advocates, led by "OMB (Office of Management and Budget) Watch" who are seeking under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) the executive summaries from the original RMP submissions -- data the chemical companies are no longer required to provide to EPA.

Beryl, can you revise that part of the minutes to be more reflective of my comments? Thanks in advance!

Beryl Ekimoto
<bekimoto@eha.health.s
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Subject: Re: agenda items for next HSERC meeting?
To: Beryl Ekimoto <bekimoto@eha.health.state.hi.us>

Beryl,

The week of Sept. 20 I'll have to send (email and/or fax) you a copy of my EPA update for the next HSERC meeting. I will not be able to attend the next HSERC meeting in September.

Mahalo,

Mike

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To: "Beryl Ekimoto" <bekimoto.HEER.EMD>
Date sent: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 08:25:38 -1000
Subject: Re: agenda items for next HSERC meeting?

I think we go over the LEPC Planning Grant projects for approval for next year.

Beryl Ekimoto

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From: Ardito.Michael@epamail.epa.gov
Subject: Groups To Sue EPA For Withholding Safety Data On Thousands Of Chemical Plants
To: bekimoto@eha.health.state.hi.us

Beryl,

Aloha! By the way, this is the article I referred to in my comments as a response to questions from Larry Lau at the last HSERC meeting.

Mike Ardito

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Brent Maier

To: Kathryn Lawrence/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
04/23/2004 07:13 AM cc: Michael Ardito/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Subject: Groups To Sue EPA For Withholding Safety Data On Thousands Of Chemical Plants

Thursday, April 22,
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Groups To Sue EPA For Withholding Safety Data On Thousands Of Chemical Plants

Right-to-know advocates plan to sue EPA over its refusal to disclose data on safety measures being instituted at thousands of chemical plants nationwide, according to a source leading the effort. The anticipated lawsuit follows a months-long standoff with EPA after the agency rejected a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the data.

The activists partly are seeking summaries of analyses conducted in recent years by industry on the impact an accidental release or terrorist attack at a facility would have on local residents -- data that chemical companies are no longer required to provide to EPA under a regulation issued earlier this month.

The public-access advocates say such information is critical for the general public and local officials to prepare for an emergency resulting from a possible toxic release at a chemical facility. But chemical makers have opposed broad public access to data outlined in risk management plans -- which are required under the Clean Air Act and list dangerous goods that are housed at specific plants -- saying the data could provide terrorists with a blueprint to stage an attack.

The advocates, led by the group OMB Watch, are seeking the executive summaries of the risk management plans. EPA has not provided the data being sought partly based on terrorism concerns.

As the advocates plan for their lawsuit, EPA has just finalized a regulation removing a requirement for companies to include in the summaries of their risk management plans, an analysis of the "off-site" consequences that may occur from a toxic release at a facility.

The dispute stems from a request by OMB Watch last year under FOIA for EPA to provide the executive summaries of all the facilities that have submitted risk management plans to the agency, approximately 15,000 plants, according to the source.

EPA denied the request, saying that the information was being used in "internal" agency deliberations and could not be released "in light of recent terrorism events and heightened security awareness, and in recognition of the concomitant need to protect the nation's critical infrastructure, (both its elements and records about them)," the agency

said in a letter to OMB Watch, an activist group says.

OMB Watch appealed the EPA decision, saying that the agency did not specify how the data could be exempt under the Clean Air Act, which requires it to be made publicly available. OMB Watch says it has waited several months for EPA to officially respond to its appeal, and is now planning to take legal action.

Telephone calls to an agency attorney involved with reviewing OMB's appeal were not returned. An EPA spokesman did not provide comment by press time.

“With this information, the public is able to hold facilities accountable for making upgrades to reduce or even eliminate any potential harm to neighboring communities,” says the right-to-know coalition OpenTheGovernment.org, of which OMB Watch is a member.

OMB Watch plans to approach Public Citizen, the Georgetown Environmental Law and Policy Center, and the Center for Progressive Regulation to see which of the groups are interested in getting involved in the case.

In an April 9 final rule, EPA says it will not require future risk management plans to include the off-site analysis in the executive summaries. “Homeland security and law enforcement concerns have been raised about continuing to include [off-site consequence analyses] in [risk management plans] executive summaries,” the EPA rule says, adding that because of that concern, the rule takes effect immediately.

Under section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act, facilities that house certain amounts and types of substances must submit to the agency within five years their list of risk mitigation practices, accident history, permitting information, off-site consequence analyses, plans they have in case of an emergency and an executive summary. Public disclosure of the full off-site consequence analyses is illegal.

The regulations initially went into effect in 1999 and companies are required to revise their risk management plans at least once every five years. Facilities that have not submitted a revised plan since the initial round will be required to re-submit by June 21, 2004. -- Manu Raju

Brent Maier
Congressional Liaison
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region IX

San Francisco, CA 94105

Beryl Ekimoto

Subject: RE: the minutes from the last hserc meeting
Date sent: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 08:09:13 -1000
From: "Nakai, Leland A" <LNakai@honolulu.gov>
To: "Beryl Ekimoto" <bekimoto@eha.health.state.hi.us>

Hi Beryl,

Recommend that 2.4 3) be changed to read "Received funding from CLEAN to send 5 HFD personnel...." Looks ok off

Leland

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Subject: RE: the minutes from the last hserc meeting
Date sent: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 10:28:31 -1000
From: "Tracy Aruga" <TAruga@hhsc.org>
To: "Beryl Ekimoto" <bekimoto@eha.health.state.hi.us>

Hi Beryl,

good to see you're still alive and well.

A small name correction on the HI Island report. **Tracy Aruga attended the NASTTPO Conference. Not Terry.**

Thanks!

> -----Original Message-----

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Can we forward to LEPCs and put on agenda for next HSERC meeting. Thanks

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Subject

Fw: Funds for Rural Fire and Rescue Efforts

Hi Larry,

Just came across this item about USDA loans for first providers in a newsletter I get regularly. Thought HEER and the LEPCs might be interested since it seems to fit some of our county needs.

Sometimes Hawaii suffers from the definition of "rural" which may mean very small counties (5-10,000 population), but it looks like something to explore. Local USDA should have further info.

Aloha,
Tom

Tom Smyth Ec.D, CED
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GovPro Newsletter
Tuesday, July 27, 2004
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E-gov Spending on the Rise
Safety Group Questions Protocol, Raises Call to Action
EPA Purchasing Guidelines Open for Comment
Town Hall Virtually Spotlights WOBs
Greening the Government
News of The Weird

Features

USDA Community Facilities Direct Loans and Grants

The United States Department of Agriculture's
(USDA) Rural Development office administers

programs designed to develop essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. These facilities include fire and rescue stations, police stations, jails, and other public safety services.

There are three flexible financial tools available to rural communities: the Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program, the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program, and the Community Facilities Grant Program.

Funds from these programs may be used by rural agencies to purchase equipment and services.

This year the USDA has established a First Responder Initiative which will prioritize the funding of at least \$100 million to specifically strengthen the ability of rural communities to respond to local emergencies. The following types of projects are emphasized through this initiative:

- Fire Protection Equipment
- Fire Station
- Fire Trucks
- Rescue and Ambulance Service - Equipment
- Emergency Response Training
- Physicians Clinic
- Early Storm Warning System
- County Health Department Office
- Food Preparation Distribution Center
- Animal Shelter " Veterinarians
- Education Facilities for Emergency
- Police Station
- Police Car
- Civil Defense Building
- Hospital
- Outpatient Care
- Office Building (Health Care)
- Migrant Health Centers
- Communications Center
- Mobile Communications Center

To see a list of loans and grants already obligated to first responders, visit:
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How to Apply

All applications are filed with the USDA Rural Development field offices. To find the nearest USDA Rural Development field office, please visit: <http://list.pentonmedia.com/cgi-bin/3/DM/y/egoR0K3FDe0JQA0BJ6C0AT> or contact the Rural Housing Service National Office at 202-720-4323.

States Need Fewer Tax Hikes to Stay in the Black

States' fiscal nightmare of the past four years appears to be ending. Fewer states had to raise taxes and fees in 2004 than last year to balance their books, according to a July 20 report from the National Conference of State Legislatures, a nonpartisan group of legislators meeting in Salt Lake City last week.

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News

APCO Launches Call To Action

The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International launched a Call to Action on Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP)

enhanced 9-1-1 (E9-1-1) asking members of the public safety communications community to help ensure that the needs and concerns of our telecommunicators and their agencies are considered in future congressional action on this issue.

In April, Rep. Charles Pickering (R-Miss.) and Sen. John Sununu (R-NH) introduced the "VoIP Regulatory Freedom Act of 2004" in their respective chambers. As stated in the text of the bill, the purpose of the Act is "to provide a clear and unambiguous structure for the jurisdictional and regulatory treatment for the offering or provision of Voice over Internet Protocol applications, and for other purposes." In its current form, the bill provides for the establishment of "voluntary" standards for VoIP E9-1-1 services. For more information on this Call to Action visit: <http://list.pentonmedia.com/cgi-bin3/DM/y/egoR0K3FDe0JQA0BJ5n0AB>

EPA Announces Public Comment Period Purchasing Guides

The EPA recently published a Federal Register notice announcing the availability for public review and comment of four draft Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) Guides. These guides provide information to procurement officials for making EPP decisions that can help protect human health and the environment. They include the following products and services: (1) Carpets (2) Cleaning Products (3) Copiers and (4) Meetings and Conferences.

EPA is providing a 60-day public comment period that will end August 30, 2004. Interested parties should go to <http://list.pentonmedia.com/cgi-bin3/DM/y/egoR0K3FDe0JQA0BJ5o0AC> to submit or view public comments. These non-mandatory preference guidelines are focused on federal buyers and buyers who use federal funds. The guidelines provide various sources for additional information on these products and services provide best practices and provide technical solicitation documents.

The guides are available on EPA's EPP Web site. Visit: <http://list.pentonmedia.com/cgi-bin3/DM/y/egoR0K3FDe0JQA0BJ5p0AD>

Biodiesel Plays Role in Government Environmental Stewardship Efforts

The Closing the Circle Awards program was established by Executive Order 13101, "Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention, Recycling and Federal Acquisition." The order has expanded and strengthened the Federal government's commitment to waste prevention, recycling and

buying recycled content and environmentally preferable products and services, including biobased products. The Awards recognize government agency's and their employee's efforts to have a positive impact on the environment. One of the winners, Fort Bragg, NC, and one of the honorable mention recipients, Coast Guard Air Station, Cape Cod, MA, were recognized in the Environmental Management Systems Division for use of biodiesel.

Fort Bragg used about 8,000 gallons of B20 (20% biodiesel/80% diesel) in 15 pieces of off-road equipment in fiscal year 2003. The Coast Guard Air Station has been using B20 for about one year. They use approximately 5,000-8,000 gallons a year in all their diesel equipment - about 40 pieces in all including fuel trucks, tow tractors (mules), dump trucks and generators.

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Women's Virtual Town Hall Meeting to Cover Federal Procurement Markets

The U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce and the National Women's Lobby will host the first-ever National Women's Town Hall Thursday, July 29, 2004, bringing together women business owners and economic development professionals across the country for a hands-on session designed to help WOBs compete effectively in federal procurement markets. Discussion will center on the Women's Federal Procurement Program, a program critical to the financial success of women working to secure federal contracting dollars. The free online Town Hall begins at 11 a.m. (EST), and is scheduled to last one hour. To register, visit:

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hi

just a reminder about the next hserc meeting scheduled for sept 23, 2004(thursday) at 919 ala moana blvd. on the 5th floor at 9am

also, again, if you have any agenda items, please email me so i can add them to the list

thank you!

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LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
REIMBURSEMENT

Who Is Covered?

If you are a general purpose unit of local government or Federally-recognized Indian Tribe, you are eligible for reimbursement under EPA's Local Governments Reimbursement program. A general purpose unit of local government includes a town, township, city, municipality, parish, or county. States are not eligible for reimbursement.

What Incidents Are Covered?

Incidents involving releases, or threatened releases, of hazardous substances are covered under the LGR program. Among other things, EPA has reimbursed local governments for releases from transportation accidents, illegally dumped wastes, tire fires, and contamination from illegal drug labs. Incidents involving releases of oil or oil-related products are not covered, unless the oil is mixed with a hazardous substance.

What Costs Are Covered?

EPA can reimburse you up to \$25,000 per incident for costs that local governments incur in performing temporary emergency response measures. Only costs incurred as a direct result of the response are allowable. To be reimbursed, you must properly document your costs and certify that you do not have money in your budget for these costs. EPA has reimbursed local governments for:

- \$ expendable materials and supplies
- \$ renting or leasing equipment
- \$ special technical and laboratory services
- \$ evacuation services
- \$ decontamination of equipment
- \$ overtime pay for employees
- \$ replacement of equipment lost or destroyed

How Do I Apply?

After an incident, you must complete and submit to EPA a basic, four-page application and provide supporting cost documentation (e.g., receipts, invoices). You should submit an application for reimbursement within one year of completing the emergency response. Before an emergency response, request an application so you may become familiar with the program. Call the toll-free LGR Helpline at 1-800-431-9209 to request an application.

Should I Apply?

If you meet the following criteria, you should consider applying to EPA to recover your costs.

- \$ You are a local government (e.g., town, township, city, municipality, parish, county, Federally-recognized Indian tribe).
- \$ You responded to a release (or threatened release) of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants to the environment.
- \$ You did not have money in your budget for the response.
- \$ Your local government is NOT responsible for the release.
- \$ You were unable to recover costs from the party responsible for the release, your State government, and your local government insurance.



**HONOLULU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2004
OAHU CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY**

Chair Carter Davis called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

I. INTRODUCTIONS/REMARKS/ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C. Davis welcomed everyone and gave introductory remarks. Attendees (list attached) then introduced themselves. The minutes of the May 6, 2004 meeting were approved as written.

II. OLD BUSINESS

LEPC BUDGET REPORT, 4TH QUARTER, FY04

Balance - 3/31/04	\$33,017.80*
• Expenditures	
1 st Payment – Dixon Risk Services	\$ 4,000.00
NASTTPO, Meeting Notices Postage, Office Supplies	\$ 2,368.62
• Reimbursement	
1 st Payment to Dixon Risk Services	\$16,000.00
Unused NASTTPO Funds	\$ 1,421.00
C.L.E.A.N. Grant	\$ 8,000.00
Balance - 6/30/04	\$40,070.18 **

* Includes \$20,000 encumbered for the Airport Project

**Includes \$16,000 encumbered for the Airport Project

III. NEW BUSINESS

HSERC MEETING, 5/13/04

L. Nakai briefed the members on the May 13th meeting of the HSERC. Larry Lau discussed the following topics: the Department of Health Operations Center and its role in the Strategic National Stockpile exercise scheduled in August; planned

surveillance systems for State laboratories; better notification of sewer spills; and food security issues.

County LEPCs then provided updates on their activities. The Big Island reported on their planned CHER-CAP field exercise scheduled during August for the Kailua-Kona area. C. Davis who functioned as an evaluator for the exercise mentioned communication difficulties and long response times from the Hilo area. The Big Island recognized the need for a second hazmat unit in the Kailua-Kona area and is building a new fire station to house the unit. Maui reported on their 2004 HMEP project, providing more classes to the private sector, and plans to purchase new computer equipment. Kauai sponsored a Table Top Exercise Design class and has begun planning for a tabletop exercise next year, and full-scale exercise the following year. The Kauai LEPC will not be preparing a HMEP project next year, since priority has been given to managing Homeland Security grants for the county. The Honolulu LEPC chair provided a summary of the May 6th Honolulu LEPC meeting.

HSERC members then approved 05 LEPC funding and the distribution of unused travel funds for the 2003 NASTTPO & HMEP Grants Conference. LEPCs were reminded to submit their '05 HMEP Planning Grant Projects, and that these projects would be reviewed and approved at the September meeting.

Mike Ardito, EPA IX Region, provided an EPA update. He covered the new Risk Management Program (RMP) submittal requirements, scheduled RMP training, and the EPA IX Region Conference to be held in conjunction with Hazmat Explo in Las Vegas, NV. A discussion then followed on security of HECRA/RMP data. Mike noted that RMP reports can be reviewed at the Federal Building reading room, and that HECRA data are available at the LEPCs. He then mentioned that the Office of Management and Budget is suing EPA over withholding community right-to-know data since September 11, 2001.

Ken Lesperance provided a summary of upcoming hazmat training activities. The HSERC chair then discussed a \$300K study on pollution effects of clandestine drug labs.

The next HSERC meeting was then scheduled for September 23, 2004.

MAUI LEPC HMEP PROJECT

Scott Kekuewa gave a presentation on the Maui LEPC 2003 HMEP Planning Grant project. This project utilized ARCVIEW GIS to depict site-specific information that could be used for response to fires or hazmat releases from 5 facilities on Maui that pose the greatest risk to the community for releases. Scott demonstrated how sites and facilities viewed in ARCVIEW maps and photographs could include site plans, points of ingress and egress, HECRA data, hydrant locations and photographs. This \$9500 project will be followed by a similar '06 project for an additional 6 facilities. This next project will include a layer for the Maui Police Department that would provide pertinent information for police officers, and will have an added capability to convert x/y coordinates in latitude/longitude to pinpoint a location.

EPA VISITS

Beryl Ekimoto discussed the EPA visit during August 10-19, 2004. The EPA and DOH conducted inspections on Oahu and Maui of 5 facilities. Findings include 2 Tier II violations and 2 facilities that were not reporting. It was also noted that a private firm has taken over the Schofield Barracks Waste Water Treatment Plant operations and will now be providing Tier II reports. Beryl mentioned that EPA expects to visit Hawaii annually, and that she will shortly receive authority to conduct facility inspections.

Bob Caplan, Director of the U.S. EPA Pacific Rim Environmental Resource Center briefed the LEPC on the roles and responsibilities of that organization. Formed to support environmental enforcement efforts in the Pacific Islands and Pacific Rim region, the center also assists in developing other programs. He described an upcoming visit to Hawaii by a delegation from the Philippines that will be studying chemical emergency management programs, and acknowledged the support of many LEPC agencies.

C.L.E.A.N. UPDATE

Emerson Lee provided an update of C.L.E.A.N. activities. Projects described were the C.L.E.A.N. Resources Guide, the Department of Education project to provide 3 siren simulators to Kapolei area schools, the \$8,000 grant to the LEPC to send an additional 5 HFD personnel to the Continuing Challenge Hazmat Workshop and the project with HPD for emergency access to Campbell Industrial Park during emergencies. Emerson also discussed some lessons learned from the recent tanker truck incident. L. Nakai added that C.L.E.A.N. is actively recruiting additional members, and that Grace Pacific recently joined C.L.E.A.N. and H-Power may also join in the near future.

AIRPORT AREA PROJECT

L. Nakai then gave an update on the Airport Area Project, which will be completed by the end of September. A total of 1154 letters/survey forms were sent. There were 579 replies, 159 returns, 416 no replies, and 46 companies were either visited or contacted directly. L. Nakai then displayed the 42 facilities that had recordable amounts of chemicals in Marplot.

2004 CONTINUING CHALLENGE HAZMAT WORKSHOP

HFD Captain Vern Maguire gave a presentation on the 2004 Continuing Challenge Hazmat Workshop that took place in Sacramento, California during September 7-10, 2004. This workshop offered 145 workshop sessions presented by 114 of the most renowned instructors in the field, along with vendor displays with the latest technology. Ten HFD personnel, including all 6 Hazmat Captains, Hazmat Training Officer and Special Operations Battalion Chief, attended the workshop. This was the first time that this group attended together, which proved to be very beneficial. The group could jointly review and discuss new equipment, procedures, and operational techniques. The group met with subject matter experts, distinguished educators, vendor representatives, and government regulators.

Many professional contacts were made and renewed through the extensive networking opportunities offered by this premier Hazmat Workshop. Captain Maguire also reported that the group from Hawaii won 2nd place in the Hazmat Olympics, and showed a video of the competition. The award included registration scholarships for next year's workshop for 3 firefighters, which represents almost \$1000 in savings.

Captain Maguire thanked both C.L.E.A.N. and the Honolulu LEPC for providing grants that allowed the group to attend the workshop, and expressed the hope that similar training opportunities would be offered for future Continuing Challenge Hazmat Workshops.

IV. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next LEPC meeting is tentatively scheduled in November before the next HSERC meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Leland A. Nakai
LEPC Coordinator

Attachments

**HONOLULU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2004
OAHU CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY**

ATTENDANCE LIST

VOTING MEMBERS:

Carter Davis	HFD
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Larry Leopardi	DFM

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Terry Corpus	HEER
Paul Chong	HEER
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Roy Murakami	HFD
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David Fanning	DLA-DDPH
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Pacific Rim Environmental Resource Center

June 2003

Criminal Enforcement Within EPA



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The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency enforces federal environmental laws and regulations through administrative, civil and criminal actions. Each of these legal processes are an integral part of the overall EPA enforcement program.

Within the EPA, the Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training (OCEFT) is responsible for investigating environmental crimes, assisting prosecutors in developing and prosecuting environmental crimes cases, and providing training for state, local, tribal and other federal law enforcement and regulatory officials.

OCEFT is comprised of the *Criminal Investigation Division* which is the investigative arm,

the *National Enforcement Investigations Center* which provides technical and laboratory support, the *National Enforcement Training Institute* which provides training to law enforcement and regulatory personnel, and the *Legal Counsel and Resource Management Division* which provides legal advice and administrative support to all of OCEFT.

The *Criminal Investigation Division* is comprised of approximately 230 Special Agents assigned to Field Offices in every EPA Region across the U. S. EPA-CID Special Agents are federal law enforcement officers with arrest and seizure authority. They are responsible for investigating

allegations of environmental criminal activity, assisting prosecutors in developing cases, and providing support to a variety of enforcement partners.

Coordination between Area Offices and enforcement partners is a very high priority within the OCEFT. The recently adopted OCEFT Strategic Enforcement Initiative encourages a Community-based approach to environmental enforcement. Under this initiative, OCEFT personnel routinely provide support and training opportunities to local, state, tribal and international law enforcement and regulatory personnel.

Pacific Rim Environmental Resource Center

The Pacific Rim Environmental Resource Center was established by the EPA Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training in January 2003 to support environmental enforcement efforts in the Pacific Islands and Pacific Rim region. The Center is currently staffed by a senior EPA Special Agent and is located in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The primary mission of the Pacific Rim Environmental

Resource Center is to assist regulatory and law enforcement agencies in the Pacific region in the identification, investigation and prosecution of environmental crimes. This is accomplished through direct support by OCEFT personnel, by conducting specialized training courses and by developing partnerships with local and state agencies.

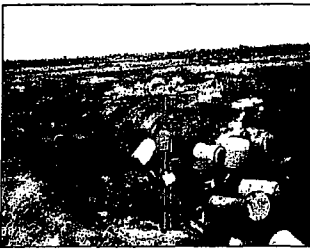
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Mariana Islands, American Samoa and Hawaii will benefit from the support provided by the Pacific Rim Environmental Resource Center. Additionally, the Center will coordinate and share information with Pacific Rim nations including Canada, Mexico, China, and Australia in order to establish a network of countries and Pacific Islands working together to protect the environment.



The Pacific Rim Environmental Resource Center will partner with Guam, CNMI, American Samoa, Hawaii and various Pacific Rim countries to protect the environment.

Support Provided to State and Local Enforcement Partners:



Investigating Environmental Crimes

An effective environmental enforcement program must include administrative, civil and criminal components. Criminal sanctions are included in most environmental statutes and are designed to deal with the most egregious violations.

EPA Special Agents are uniquely qualified to investigate criminal violations of environ-

mental laws and regulations. These include the mishandling of hazardous, toxic and solid wastes, water pollution, air pollution, and the protection of drinking water sources.

Environmental criminal investigations often require the collaboration of a team including investigators, field technicians to collect samples and

evaluate hazards, chemists to analyze samples, and attorneys to prosecute cases. OCEFT can provide many of these resources. The Pacific Rim Environmental Resource Center will assist the Pacific Islands with the development and implementation of effective criminal enforcement programs.

Specialized Training

The OCEFT National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI) provides specialized training for environmental regulatory and law enforcement personnel from all levels of government. A wide variety of professional courses are offered at three training facilities in the U. S. : NETI East,

Washington, D.C., NETI West, Denver, Colorado, and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Georgia.

Courses include basic and advanced inspector training, environmental sampling techniques, advanced environ-

mental crimes training for regulators and law enforcement personnel, science for prosecutors, and basic environmental crimes awareness. Contact the Pacific Rim Environmental Resource Center for more information on training opportunities or to schedule courses for your agency.



Guam



Hawaii



American Samoa



CNMI

Capacity Building and Special Projects

One of the primary goals of the Pacific Rim Environmental Resource Center is to provide the expertise and resources of the U. S. EPA and the Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training to our environmental enforcement partners in the Pacific Islands.

In addition to providing direct investigative and prosecutorial support and training, the Center can assist agencies in developing other programs.

Currently the Center is assisting agencies in developing and strengthening environ-

mental crimes task forces, with issues related to the prosecution of environmental crimes, and homeland security programs. Contact the Center for assistance with any specialized need related to environmental protection.

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EMERGENCY PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS, AND RESPONSE PROGRAM UPDATE - SEPTEMBER 2004

PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES

EPA Pacific Southwest Annual Progress Report Available

The U.S. EPA Pacific Southwest Region's Progress Report 2004 was issued for Earth Day (the week of April 20) and is now available on the Web site at: www.epa.gov/region09/annualreport

Our Newly Revised Program Newsletter

Our newly revised and expanded program newsletter for the Pacific Southwest is called "Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response Update." The Fall 2004 edition should be available on our EPA regional Web site before the end of September. Meanwhile, a hard copy is being provided today to attendees of the Hawai'i State Emergency Response Commission. Also, the January 2004 edition of the U.S. EPA (Region 9) Pacific Southwest's "Emergency Prevention and Preparedness Update" is posted to the following Web site:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/sfund/cepp/index.htm>

HazMat Explo 8 in Las Vegas this November

The eighth annual HazMat Explo will be held at the Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas the week of November 15 - 19. As in years past, the mid-year NASTTPO conference and a one-day Region 9 Prevention and Preparedness Conference will be held concurrently.

The mid-year National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials (NASTTPO) conference is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16 and Wednesday, November 17 during HazMat Explo 8. In addition, EPA is scheduled to hold its regional emergency prevention and preparedness conference as part of HazMat Explo on Thursday, November 18. Attendance at just the one day EPA conference is free. One of the guest speakers will be John Bresland from the U.S. Chemical Safety Board. The EPA Region 8 (office in Denver) will also participate in our conference this year. During the annual LEPC Forum we will hear from LEPCs as diverse as: Jefferson County, CO; Honolulu, HI; Clark County (Las Vegas), NV; and others.

For registration and updates, please visit the Web site at: www.hazmatexplo.org

Please note that the regular registration for the full week of this year's HazMat Explo is \$125. However, there is an "early bird" special registration price of only \$95 — if you register by October 15. Again, if you will be only attending the one-day EPA conference on November 18, there is no registration fee.

Toxic Release Inventory Information for 2002 Available

EPA released the 2002 Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) data on June 23, 2004. TRI was created under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 and requires certain facilities to annually report their chemical releases, transfers and waste generated. Fact sheets and additional information are available at www.epa.gov/region09/toxic/tri

Emergency Prevention and Preparedness Program Contact for EPA Region 9

For more information about U.S. EPA's Emergency Prevention and Preparedness program for Hawai'i, please contact Mike Ardito at (415) 972-3081 or by email at ardito.michael@epa.gov

Oceania Regional Contingency Plan Undergoes Revision

The Oceania Regional Response Team is developing a new Oceania Regional Contingency Plan. EPA Region 9 has taken the lead on revising the plan so that it reflects current guidance and existing State, Territorial, and Area Contingency Response Plans. In addition, the plan will be adapted to align with the National Response Plan (NRP) when it is published by the Department of Homeland Security. Current NRP publication is scheduled for the end of September. The ORCP will be distributed in draft form shortly thereafter to all ORRT membership and other interested parties for review and comment. Please contact Mike Ardito for additional information.

JUST A COUPLE OF OUR ON GOING RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

Hilo Burrito Removal Action

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Hawai'i Department of Health and the County of Hawai'i have essentially completed the removal of contaminated soil located near the Hilo Bayfront Recreation area on the Big Island that posed a hazard to the environment. The project was a testament to successful federal, state, and local response partnership.

Preservation Aviation

The EPA Region 9 Emergency Response Program has begun a cleanup at the Preservation Aviation site in North Hollywood, CA. Preservation Aviation used to sell and collect vintage airplane gauges that were used in old, WWII airplanes. In the past, these gauges were painted with radioactive paint containing radium-226 to make them glow in the dark, as were many watch dials.

There will be approximately six cleanup phases. The first phase was assessment and stabilization and was completed the week of May 27th. The next phases include : 2- Removal of materials in the yard ; 3- Removal of materials inside building; 4- Assessment of main building; 5- Decontamination of main building; 6- Assessment of dirt, asphalt, concrete on property and beneath buildings; Phase 7- Soil removal, if necessary

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER	
9/7-10	Continuing Challenge, Sacramento, CA	10/14	Nevada SERC Meeting, Las Vegas, NV	11/15-19	HazMat Explo 8 Las Vegas, NV
9/21	Arizona SERC, Safford, AZ	10/19	San Diego/Tijuana EPR Task Force, Tijuana	11/15-19	OSC Readiness Training, Phoenix, AZ
9/23	Hawaii SERC, Honolulu, HI	10/19-20	Mainland RRT Meeting Alameda, CA		



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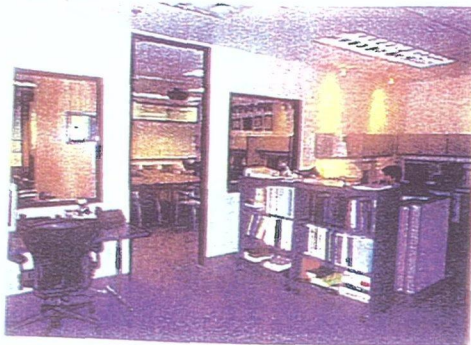
Recent Activities

REGIONAL RESPONSE CENTER

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency dedicated its new Regional Response Center (RRC) on April 13, for emergency operations at the Region 9, Pacific Southwest office, in San Francisco.

The RRC will serve as a command center for telecommunications, data management and real-time information exchange with other federal, state and local emergency operations centers. The Center took 16 months to complete, at a cost of \$500,000. It will essentially function as the "nerve center" for Region 9 emergency response management.

Since the September 11, 2001 attacks, timely response and nationwide collaboration have become even more vital in emergency situations. The new Regional Response Center is an important new addition to Region 9's response infrastructure.



The nerve center for Region 9 emergency response

In addition to the RRC, EPA Region 9 recently acquired a new mobile command post for emergency response. The vehicle can carry 10 people along with response equipment, communication equipment and satellite service.



Mobile command post for emergency response

MESSAGE FROM THE BRANCH CHIEF

Greetings everyone, and thanks for taking the time to read our periodic update on what's new from EPA Region 9's Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response programs. As chief of the branch that 'houses' these programs, I'd like to let you know a little bit about us. In future issues, I'll provide highlights on our various programs.

Our branch is in the Superfund Division. In addition to the Site Assessment Program, it includes an Emergency Response Section (ERS) and an Emergency Prevention and Preparedness Section (EPPS).

The ERS is home to our Federal On-Scene Coordinators (FOSCs), civil investigators

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and the Oil Pollution Act (OPA) regulatory and enforcement staff. ERS team members conduct emergency responses and removal actions pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the National Contingency Plan (NCP) and implements the regulatory and enforcement programs pursuant to CERCLA and OPA. FOSC's also support FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) during federally declared disasters.

The EPPS is home to Region 9 emergency planners, as well as the Prevention Program, inspectors and enforcement staff. Among other things, our emergency planners work with our FOSCs on area planning as described in the NCP and provide education, training and outreach to our state, local, tribal, Pacific territories and Mexico border partners. EPPS inspection and enforcement staff implement several programs critical to the safe use of hazardous substances, including the Risk Management Program under the Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 (r) and the release and inventory reporting provisions of CERCLA and Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA). Well, I think that's enough acronyms for now...I look forward to connecting with you in our next issue. A special thanks to Michelle LeMarr, Mike Ardito and Mark Merchant for putting this edition of the newsletter together.

Until next time,
Dan Meer, Branch Chief

OVERVIEW OF HOMELAND SECURITY PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVES



Since the events of 9/11 and the subsequent consolidation of numerous federal agencies into the new Department of Homeland Security (DHS), at least ten Homeland Security Presidential Directives (HSPDs) have been issued. Several of these directives have wide-ranging implications for the emergency planning and response community. In this article we will provide a summary of three key directives: HSPD-5 "Management of Domestic Incidents,"

HSPD-7 "Critical Infrastructure Identification, Prioritization, and Protection," and HSPD-8 "National Preparedness." HSPD-5 focuses on the development of a management structure for domestic incidents. It includes the groundwork for a single, comprehensive National Incident Management System (NIMS) which is designated to improve coordination among all levels of government in response to domestic incidents. All federal departments and agencies have been tasked to assist DHS by providing resources and support for the protection of national security. Those federal government entities have also assisted DHS by providing cooperation, directed to adopt NIMS and support DHS in the development and maintenance of the NIMS and the National Response Plan (NRP). Beginning in fiscal year 2005, adopting NIMS will be a requirement for providing federal preparedness assistance through grants, contracts or other activities.

HSPD-7, the directive for critical infrastructure identification, prioritization and protection, establishes a national policy for federal departments and agencies to identify and prioritize U.S. critical infrastructures and key resources. They will work to protect the U.S. from terrorist attacks by collaborating with all relevant parties across the various levels of government. They will also collaborate with the private sector for information sharing and analysis mechanisms. For example, U.S. EPA has sector roles and responsibilities to the drinking water providers and water treatment systems.

The directive for national preparedness, HSPD-8, is a companion to HSPD-5. It requires that DHS establish a national domestic "all hazards" preparedness goal, which describes the way federal departments and agencies will prepare for a response to a national incident. DHS is implementing this program by coordinating a number of activities, in collaboration with state and local governments and appropriate private sector entities. Firstly, DHS will develop guidance to ensure the effective delivery of federal preparedness assistance to support state and local entities' preparedness efforts. Program areas covered include: planning, training, exercises, interoperability and equipment acquisition

for major events as well as capacity building for prevention activities. Secondly, DHS is developing a multi-year planning system with a master exercise calendar that will reinforce identified training standards and provide for the evaluation of readiness.

In addition, DHS is developing and maintaining a system to collect, analyze and disseminate lessons learned, best practices and information from exercises, training events, and including actual incidents. They are also conducting research to improve national preparedness to prevent, respond to and recover from major incidents.

For more information contact John Kennedy at (415) 947-4129 or by email, kennedy.john@epa.gov.

CATCH UP WITH BARBARA JOY

In response to your inquiries, we will occasionally feature a column to provide an update on people who previously worked in EPA Region 9's Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response Programs. As many of you know, Barbara Joy served as our program's Native American tribal liaison to 147 federally-recognized tribes, during most of the 1990s. She retired from EPA in 1999.

Since her retirement, Barbara has remained very busy. She takes piano lessons twice a week at the College of Marin, writes poetry, and belongs to both a monthly book club and a monthly movie club in her community. Barbara organized the film group 16 years ago. Each month the group selects a movie to see together followed by dinner at a restaurant to critique the movie. It may be advantageous that Barbara's son, Jon Lovitz, appears in motion pictures. His most recent movie is the remake of "Stepford Wives," in which Jon plays Bette Midler's husband. Barbara also has two adult daughters, Leslie and Lisa, and two granddaughters, Emma and Jessie.

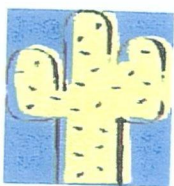
If you want more information on Barbara Joy, contact Mike Ardito at (415) 972-3081 or by email at ardito.michael@epa.gov.

Prevention Activities

YUMA, ARIZONA EPCRA/RMP COMPLIANCE WORKSHOPS

The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA)/Risk Management Program (RMP) Enforcement Team has piloted a new approach toward compliance assurance with a project in Yuma, Arizona.

In February 2004, the team presented a two-day workshop for industry, in preparation for inspections of area facilities, with a focus on those that use ammonia and chlorine. The team conducted 35 inspections during the week of March 29, 2004. The project was a guide to test the use of the Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) policy for both EPCRA (except Toxic Release Inventory), and Clean Air Act Section 112(r) -- the Risk Management Program (RMP).



The ESA policy will make it possible for EPA to conduct more inspections and may result in lower penalties with quicker resolution of violations.

State and local agencies participated in the inspections under their own authority. As a result of the workshop and inspections, EPA has received a number of invitations from industry for similar presentations to their manufacturing groups.

For more information contact Mary Wesling, the EPCRA and RMP Enforcement Coordinator at (415) 972-3080 or via email, wesling.mary@epa.gov

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) WORKSHOP

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) annually provides a six-week training for Tribal Water Technicians at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

For the last two years, the Emergency Prevention and Preparedness Section (EPPS) has provided presentations to the students on Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) sections 302-312, covering emergency

planning, emergency release notification and hazardous chemical reporting, toxic chemical release, trade secrets, penalties and citizen suits. Presentations on Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) section 103 also include information about release notification and reporting. Students also learn about the Clean Air Act section 112(r).

The EPPS has assisted EPA's oil program by presenting an overview of the requirements of Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) under the Oil Pollution Act (OPA). This year there were approximately 30 students from tribes as far away as Maine and Wisconsin. These students work for tribal environmental agencies to protect water quality.

For more information, contact Mary Wesling at wesling.mary@epa.gov.

RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM RESUBMITTALS

June 21, 2004 was the due-date for the five-year update for risk management facilities to file a prevention plan for hazardous substance releases. The goals of this program are to prevent accidental releases of chemicals that could cause serious harm to human health or the environment and to reduce the severity of releases that may occur. Facilities such as water-treatment plants that use chlorine in large amounts and store, manufacture or use hazardous substances above RMP thresholds are required to have a risk management program.

For example, facilities that store over 2500 pounds of chlorine are required to file a risk management plan. However, the Risk Management Program (RMP) has recently changed to add new data elements requiring more timely reporting of significant accidents, along with emergency contact information.

The RMP now requires that information on reportable chemical accidents be added to the RMP within six months of the date of

the accident. In addition, changes to the emergency contact information must be reported within one month, including an email address and the name, address and telephone number of the contractor or consultant who prepared the RMP.

For more information about the revisions made to the RMP submittals, visit our "What's Next" webpage: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/oswerceppoweb.nsf/content/whatsnext.htm>, or contact Mary Wesling, (415)-972-3080 or email: wesling.mary@epa.gov.

EPCRA ON INDIAN LANDS

The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), formally known as Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA), helps Indian reservations and small communities protect themselves against chemical spills or releases.

In 1986, Congress passed this law to help local communities and reservations protect their health, safety and the environment from chemical hazards. SARA Title III protects surrounding communities by requiring detailed information about the nature of hazardous substances in or near reservations. Comprehensive emergency plans are made available to the public so they can be prepared to deal with chemical accidents.

Title III contains four major provisions:

1. Planning for chemical emergencies
2. Emergency notification of chemical accidents and releases
3. Reporting of hazardous chemical inventories
4. Toxic chemical release reporting

Government and Tribal agencies will enforce compliance with Title III by providing stiff penalties and allowing citizens to file lawsuits against facilities that fail to comply.

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Preparedness Activities

RECAP OF SONS SPILL EXERCISE

A simulated oil spill off the Southern California coast was the focus of a three-day field training from April 20-22, 2004. Participating were the U.S. Coast Guard and officials from the American Petroleum Institute, state and local governments and Mexico. The simulation was the largest multi-agency spill exercise in U.S. history! The California Spill Of National Significance '04 Exercise (CAL SONS) was conducted and comprised of field, regional and headquarters components, all connected by a common scenario.

The exercise tested the Homeland Security Department's interim National Response Plan (NRP) requiring an intense and massive response that involved the simultaneous spills of 1) crude oil due to an accidental tanker explosion near Los Angeles and 2) a fuel oil spill from a vessel collision near San Diego. The exercise's proximity to the border provided an ideal opportunity for U.S. agencies to build stronger partnerships with response organizations within the government of Mexico.

This was a full-scale exercise that tested the Regional Contingency Plan (RCP) and the Area Contingency Plans for port areas, and included command and control activities at various command posts and field operations associated with large-scale maritime disasters, during heightened security levels. The \$2.5 million exercise involved 2,000 people from U.S. and Mexican federal, state and local agencies, industry and volunteer participants from 125 agencies and organizations, working in three major field command posts, a Regional and National Incidents Command, and Washington, D.C.

It also included ship deployments, "the newest oil recovery technology" and a test of post-9/11 contingency plans. The major objectives of the program were:

- Increase national preparedness for a SONS scenario by engaging all levels of spill management in a jurisdictional

coordinated response.

- Improve, through practice, the ability of the National Incident Commander (NIC) organization to manage a major spill incident.
- Maintain awareness of agency heads and lawmakers in Washington, D.C. of their role during a SONS spill exercise.

The simulation also involved three levels: on-scene, regional and national. Some of the response activities included: search and rescue, protection of environmentally sensitive areas, marine salvage, terrorism investigation and mobilization of people and resources. In conclusion, multi-agency participation during a major spill is crucial for the success of spill mitigation. A vast array of interests from various agencies and trustees will be involved in such an event.

For more information contact Bill Robberson, EPA's Mainland RRT Co-Chair Representative, at (415) 972-3072 or email, robberson.bill@epa.gov

TAHOE/TRUCKEE AREA PLANNING

If an accidental release from a wastewater treatment plant had occurred two years ago near the Truckee River in the Reno, Nevada area, a coordinated federal, state and local emergency response plan would have been non-existent. Today, the Truckee River Geographic Response Plan (TRGRP) has established the policies, responsibilities, and procedures required to protect the health and safety of the populace, the environment and public and private property from the effects of such spills and other hazardous materials incidents.

This plan establishes the emergency response organization for hazardous materials incidents occurring within the Truckee River watershed area from Lake Tahoe to Pyramid Lake. The TRGRP is the principal guide for agencies within the Truckee River watershed area, its incorporated cities, and other local government entities in mitigating hazardous material emergencies. This plan is consistent with federal, state and local laws and is intended to facilitate multi-agency and multi-



Computer generated view of the mouth of the Truckee River near Pyramid Lake, Nevada

coordination in hazardous material emergencies. In the above picture is a computer-generated image of what the mouth of the Truckee River would look like, if a boom were set up to catch and skim oil or any spill of a hazardous material from the water's surface.

Since the Truckee River provides the city of Reno's water supply, it is important for agencies to have a plan to mitigate any damage that could potentially harm the drinking water.

For more information, contact Harry Allen, OSC at (415) 972-3063 or Bill Robberson, at (415) 972-3072 or email, robberson.bill@epa.gov.

U.S./MEXICO BORDER EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE

The Emergency Response Equipment and Assistance Program Web site and posting system is now operational; you can find it at www.E-REAP.org. The system, user-friendly and bi-lingual in English and Spanish, has seen an increasing amount of activity in the past year.

EPA Region 9 started this program to facilitate the donation and receipt of used and surplus emergency response equipment and other resources in the U.S./Mexico Border area. This project helps meet the objectives of the Border 2012 Program to help prepare local emergency responders in the event of a deliberate or accidental release of hazardous materials in the U.S./Mexico Border area. While we gladly accept relevant donations from anywhere, our recipients are limited to local government emergency responders in the California, Baja California, Arizona and Sonora border areas.

BORDER (CONTINUED)

Examples of the kinds of resources that can be provided through this program are: emergency response vehicles and equipment, technical assistance, personal protective equipment and training.

EPA is looking for opportunities to promote E-REAP.org to fire departments and HazMat Teams, private industry, the military and other response agencies. We ask them to consider donating used or surplus equipment, offering spots in their training courses or volunteering to provide technical assistance to our U.S./Mexico border responders. EPA offers E-REAP.org as an effective way to bring together donations and those who need them.



What you can do

- ✓ Please visit our website at E-REAP.org
- ✓ Review your emergency response equipment inventory
- ✓ Identify surplus items
- ✓ When you update equipment in the future, consider donating replaced items to this program.
- ✓ Volunteer your time, funding, training or expertise to help make this program a success.

For more information about E-REAP.org, please contact Lauren Volpini, (415) 972-3076 or email, volpini.lauren@epa.gov

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE STUDY AND OIL DISPERSANT USE

The National Academy's Committee has been asked to conduct a study on Understanding Oil Spill Dispersants. The study will review and evaluate existing information and ongoing research

regarding the efficacy and effects of dispersants as an oil spill response technique. Focus will be on understanding the limitations imposed by the various methods used. The study will recommend steps that should be taken to better understand the capability of dispersants use and the effects of dispersed oil on freshwater, estuarine and marine environments.

Specifically, the Committee will review and evaluate ongoing research and existing literature on dispersant use, including studies done overseas. They will emphasize factors controlling dispersant effectiveness, such as environmental conditions, dispersant application vehicles and strategies, and particularly the properties of oil.

The Committee will stress the effects of short and long-term fate of chemically or naturally dispersed oil along with the toxicological effects of chemically and naturally dispersed oil spills. Furthermore, the study will suggest steps that should be taken to fill existing knowledge gaps.



Clean-up crew assisting in oil removal

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NEBA DECISION-MAKING TOOL

Net Environmental Benefit Analysis (NEBA) is a consensus-based process that brings natural resource science together with of resource management decision-making. NEBA has been used extensively in EPA's Pacific Southwest Region for planning to assist decision-making during an emergency response.

Environmental issues are often too complex to work through during an

emergency. The NEBA process provides a means for considering proposed environmental actions, comparing and contrasting the trade-offs and environmental considerations of those actions, and then prioritizing the outcomes through a risk-ranking exercise. This process can be used in both freshwater and marine environments. Use of NEBA helps to ensure that state and federal resources are available when needed, and it facilitates multi-agency coordination during an emergency response.

NEBA is a tool that can help decision-makers balance environmental concerns, public safety, response capabilities and political influences during a response. Without a structured process, environmental concerns are often presented in a diffuse and unscientific way. NEBA can help to incorporate environmental concerns into a response quickly without sacrificing good science or response efficiency.

For more information contact Bill Robberson, the Mainland RRT Lead, at (415) 972-3072, or via email: robberson.bill@epa.gov.

CONTINUING CHALLENGE

Mark your calendars! The 15th Annual Continuing Challenge Hazardous Materials Workshop is right around the corner! The workshop, September 7-10 at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento, California, will highlight new and continuing challenges in the HazMat emergency response field. In the past, the workshop program has been built on a strong foundation to provide workers in the emergency response field with the tools, resources and knowledge to address today's hazmat challenges. This year, you will find a host of workshops and knowledgeable instructors who will provide insight and guidance on many subjects. With a wide variety of classes to choose from, this year's workshops promise to be a unique and informative experience. For more information or to register, go to hazmat.org. See you there!

Response Activities

USEPA RESPONDS TO RADIOACTIVE CONCERNS AT NORTH HOLLYWOOD WAREHOUSE

U.S. EPA is accelerating a cleanup at a North Hollywood, Calif. warehouse, Preservation Aviation, where as many as one-million airplane gauges coated with radioactive radium have been stored for decades. Sampling and survey activities identified high levels of radon throughout the building and along the perimeter of the site. A nearby sidewalk was labeled unsafe for those exposed to it over several hours. EPA moved boxes away from the fence line and radiation levels dropped almost to background levels. The clean up is expected to take several months to complete.

HILO BURRITO

The "Hilo Burrito" is an old, complex site which consists of several thousand cubic yards of contaminated soil that threatened to pollute a flood control channel on the Big Island of Hawai'i. The soil was wrapped in plastic that resembled a large burrito and provided the site's nickname. At one time the site was a berm with residues from the old Hilo Gas Company plant (established about 1918) that was destroyed by the devastating tsunami which slammed Hilo in May 1960. (Sixty-one people on the Big Island were killed by the tsunami which was started by an earthquake in Chile.)

Further problems with the site were created during the destructive floods that hit Hilo, particularly the November 2000 deluge. The flooding ate away the levee and retention pond between the exit of the concrete storm channel and the place where the Army Corps of Engineers temporarily stored waste from one of the gas plant tank bottoms. The location of the "burrito" storage was at the mouth of the flood control channel on the flood plain.

It was believed this "burrito" site presented a potential threat of release. Another flood event easily could have eaten into the "burrito" and spread the

contents over the soccer fields along the waterfront and into Hilo Bay. U.S. EPA and the Hawai'i Department of Health's Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office began an emergency removal of the material in July 2004.

EPA monitored air quality at the site and used foam to minimize odors during the removal work. The site contamination included naphthalene – a substance left over after gas (used for cooking and water heating) was processed out of crude oil. Naphthalene is the substance used to make mothballs.

The EPA and state officials held two community meetings about the project. The first meeting was in Hilo. The other meeting was near the Waimea / Kamuela area where the soil was moved to form the initial layer required for the new disposal area at the municipal West Hawai'i Sanitary Landfill — which reduced the county's preparation costs. Total federal and state expenses for the removal project were estimated to be almost \$1 million.

WHEN LOW TECHNOLOGY IS THE ANSWER

The following article originally appeared in U.S. EPA's Oil Program Report in May 2004. It was authorized by Region 9, On-Scene Coordinator (OSC), Bob Mandel.

Emergency responders need to resist the temptation to over-build response facilities. They need to balance the inherent conflicts of safety and effectiveness with the costs and benefits of the chosen response strategy. Emergency responders should always try to apply the simplest, most appropriate technology to the site and its problems. This should result in the most cost-effective and least disruptive response, while ensuring that the commitment to protect the human health and the environment is upheld.

A low technology solution was applied in central California, where oil seeps are common. One seep discharged up to 15 barrels per week into Toro Creek. Many discharges of heavy oil occurred each year from this seep. Stopping the flow was not

feasible, based on the recommendations of geologists; therefore, the goal became to keep the oil from entering Toro Creek. Due to the site's remote location, lack of electricity and steep terrain, an innovative oil-water separator system was installed that was linked by gravity to an underground storage tank. In order to make this solution work, the following features were employed: 1) there were no moving parts—all separation and collection was done by gravity; 2) solar power ran a monitoring system and modem, which monitored system performance and phoned emergency responders if there were a problem; 3) all oil was collected, conveyed and stored within secondary containment; 4) due to past vandalism, key elements of the system were buried for greater security, and 5) only four hours per month were required for routine operations and maintenance activities. Approximately two to four barrels of oil were retrieved each week.

There was a complication with this system during the last "El Niño" weather cycle. With a heavy amount of rainfall, the oil-water separator was overwhelmed and water entered the underground storage tank. The pipelines were also exposed. To address failure during very high flow the capacity was increased to 800 gallons per minute. An additional upstream oil-water separator was set up on top of the seep. EPA worked with the terrain and setting to design and construct an effective recovery and containment system. As a result of applying "appropriate technology" at this oil spill, there is no longer oil in Toro Creek. This situation highlights the use of conventional construction methods and readily available off-the-shelf supplies and equipment to build a treatment system.

For more information, contact Bob Mandel at mandel.bob@epa.gov.

**To Report a Spill of Oil or
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SUISUN CLEAN-UP

On April 27, 2004, a ruptured pipeline spilled an estimated 85,000 gallons of diesel fuel into prime duck-rearing habitat in Suisun Marsh. It was one of the largest petroleum pipeline spills in recent Bay Area history. Luckily, due to levees and channel gates, the spill was contained within a 220-acre duck habitat, which lies in the western portion of the 58,000-acre marsh.

The Suisun Marsh is the largest contiguous protected area in the San Francisco Bay and Delta estuary, and also is the largest tidal marsh on the entire North American West Coast. The marsh is located along the Pacific Flyway, an essential feeding and resting area for migrating birds, and is also a major nursery for fish. The toll on wildlife has appeared relatively mild. Biologists found the endangered salt marsh harvest mice on site. When captured live, the mice were relocated away from the polluted marsh.



Water channel blocking further oil penetration

Eight weeks after the rusty pipe broke, 60 workers and managers were at the marsh cleanup seven days a week, trying to mitigate some of the damage to the sensitive wetland habitat. A few weeks after the spill, Bill Robberson of EPA's Prevention and Preparedness Program met with the Coast Guard to discuss transferring the federal lead role to an EPA On-Scene-Coordinator (OSC) to supervise the long term clean-up of the marsh.

The clean-up of the most polluted area of the marsh could take up to a year. The ground remains heavily soaked with fuel.

The Coast Guard is finished with operations dealing with oil in the water. Harry L. Allen was assigned as the EPA OSC to

facilitate the cleanup of the wetlands habitat.



Land remediation from most contaminated area

EPA has taken enforcement action under the Clean Water Act, Section 311, against pipeline owner Kinder Morgan. The agency is still gathering data from the Coast Guard and California Department of Fish and Game to develop the case against the pipeline company. There are no estimates for the cost of the cleanup, but "it's going to be very expensive," said Allen.

NEW EXTENSION ON THE SPCC RULE

On July 17, 2002, EPA published the final amendments to the Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) rule, which became effective on August 16, 2002. EPA has now extended, by 18 months, certain upcoming compliance dates for the July 2002 SPCC amendments. This extension follows a previous 12-month extension announced on April 17, 2003. In light of a recent partial settlement of litigation involving the July 2002 amendments, EPA is proposing the extension, among other reasons, to provide sufficient time for the regulated community to take actions necessary to prepare and update plans. The proposed extension is also intended to alleviate the need for individual extension requests. The new proposed compliance dates are August 17, 2005, to amend an existing SPCC Plan, and February 18, 2006, to implement it. Affected facilities starting operations between August 16, 2002 and February 18, 2006, must prepare and implement an SPCC Plan by February 18, 2006. Affected facilities that become operational after February 18, 2006, must prepare and implement an SPCC Plan

before starting operations. For further information see the U.S. EPA Oil Program Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/oilspill> or contact EPA Region 9 Oil Program Coordinator Peter Reich at (415) 972-3052.



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EXERCISE: "UNCERTAIN CROSSING"

In June 2004, a number of On-Scene Coordinators from EPA's Pacific Southwest Region, along with several EPA project officers, participated in the nation's first "Regional Back-up Exercise: Uncertain Crossing" at the Environmental Response Team West offices in Las Vegas. Under EPA's emergency response program, EPA Region 8 (Rocky Mountain States), Region 10 (Pacific Northwest) and Region 9 (Pacific Southwest) have developed standard operating guides to provide emergency response support to one another. The exercise tested EPA ability to identify, deploy and coordinate resources across regions in support of a nationally significant response. It was a success!

HAZMAT EXPLO 8

HazMat Explo 8 will be held Nov. 15-19, 2004 at the Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas. There will be training tracks for hazmat first responders, emergency medical service responders, emergency planners, industry, environmentalists and others—including a special track for frontier response. At the same location, EPA's Pacific Southwest Region will be holding a one-day Emergency Prevention and Preparedness conference on Thursday, Nov. 18. The National Association of SARA (Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act) Title III Program Officials (NASTIPO) will hold its "mid-year" national conference as part of HazMat Explo on Tuesday, Nov. 16 and Wednesday, Nov. 17. For registration, and update please go to the Web site at: www.hazmat.org explo.org

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

AUGUST

- 8/18 Arizona/Sonora Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) Task Force, San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, Mexico
- 8/24 CHER-CAP Exercise Kona, HI
- 8/25,26 Oceania RRT Meeting, Kona and Honolulu, HI
- 8/31 RISC-RRT Conference, Tempe, AZ

SEPTEMBER

- 9/1 RRT-RISC Meeting, Tempe, AZ
- 9/2 Mainland RRT Meeting, Tempe, AZ
- 9/7-10 Continuing Challenge, Sacramento, CA
- 9/21 Arizona SERC, Safford, AZ
- 9/23 Hawaii SERC, Honolulu, HI

OCTOBER

- 10/14 Nevada SERC Meeting, Las Vegas, NV
- 10/19 San Diego/Tijuana EPR Task Force, Tijuana
- 10/19-21 Mainland RRT, Alameda, CA
- TBA Imperial County/Mexicali EPR Task Force, Imperial County

NOVEMBER

- 11/15-19 HazMat Explo 8 Las Vegas, NV
- 11/18 EPPS Conference, Las Vegas, NV
- 11/15-19 OSC Readiness Training, Phoenix, AZ

DECEMBER

- 12/7 Bilingual Workshop on the Operation Response Emergency Information System (OREISTM), Rio Rico, AZ

EARLY 2005

- 1/3-7 RMP Techniques Class, San Francisco, CA

For more information on these events, contact Al Fisher at (415)972-3084

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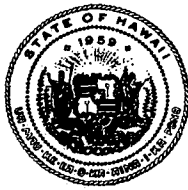
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**HAWAII STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION
MEETING #54**

Thursday, January 29, 2004 from 9:10 a.m. to 11:14 a.m.

Department of Health
919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 215
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

**Final Meeting Summary
Attendees**

Voting

Carter Davis, Honolulu LEPC Representative
Laurence Lau, Department of Health
Edward Teixeira, Department of Defense, Civil Defense Division
Joe Blackburn, Maui LEPC Representative
Clifford Ikeda, Kauai LEPC Representative
Gary Moniz, Department of Land & Natural Resources
James Decker, Department of Labor & Industrial Relations
Thomas Smyth, Department of Business, Economic Dev. & Tourism

Non-Voting

Sharon Leonida, Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office
Curtis Martin, Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office
Mike Cripps, Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office
Clem Jung, State Civil Defense
Cynthia Pang, Navy Region Hawaii
Alan Sugihara, Navy Region Hawaii
Ed Gomes, Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office
Julie Kushima, State Civil Defense
Bart Aronoff, Department of Health
Liz Galvez, Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office
Terry Corpus, Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office
Keith Kawaoka, Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office
Beryl Ekimoto, Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office
Ken Lesperance, State Civil Defense
Mike Cripps, Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office

1) The meeting convened at approximately 9:10am by Laurence Lau.

1.1 Attendees introduced themselves.

1.2 Minutes from meeting #53 were amended, in reference to page 3, James Decker made a correction to his statement, "There is a need to identify other individuals and support areas. (tertiary components)" Instead, it should have read, "There is a need to communicate State agency responsibilities." In addition, Clem Jung also made a correction to his statement on page 3, where "hazmat training" should have been, "hazmat incident". A motion was made and seconded to accept the amended minutes.

1.3 Comments on "Inter-operability" of communication between first responders, Clem Jung along with Carter Davis expressed that both their agencies are readying for the linkage. Beryl Ekimoto was asked by Larry Lau to be the contact person for comments and concerns (these will then be forwarded to Larry's Office).

2) Local Planning Committee (LEPC) Updates

2.1 Kauai

Clifford Ikeda: 1) The next LEPC meeting will be on February 5, 2004. 2) A handout on the Kauai LEPC Membership Update was distributed for approval (Handout attached) and the updated membership list was accepted at the end of the meeting. 3) Update on the military vessel that sunk at Kauai-very little oil was released. 4) The new fire chief of Kauai had planned to attend this meeting but could not make it due to other pressing duties.

2.2 Maui

Joe Blackburn: 1) The next LEPC meeting for Maui will be held on February 13, 2004. 2) Hazcat kit was used in an incident at a local high school. 3) A handout was given regarding the ARCView GIS project-the system is already in place with their central dispatch unit (rescue and fire units will be using the system) (Handout attached).

2.3 Oahu

Carter Davis: 1) An overview of the minutes from the January 27, 2004 Honolulu LEPC meeting (Minutes attached). 2) HECO tours are conducted periodically by Andy Keith, HECO representative. A tour is scheduled sometime in March of this year. Enrollment is extended to all LEPC and HSERC members. 3) Bruce Hisanaga of DOE and Clem Jung were both recognized and received certificates of appreciation (Refer to attached Oahu LEPC minutes).

2.4 Hawaii

No representative was present to give an update.

3) Bioterrorism Program

Presentation on Bioterrorism Preparedness & Response Program was given by Bart Aronoff, MPH, Manager, Bioterrorism Preparedness Program, Department of Health. (Handout attached.)

Strategic National Stockpile, a 747 airplane equipped with medical supplies (vaccine for particular outbreak) and deliverable to anywhere in the nation.

Key to success is early detection, the 1st indicator is ill people showing up at hospitals.

If there is a potential outbreak for example a Sars case, authorities need to be indiscreet and to minimize the infection route (by taking action to minimize the infection from spreading, such as isolate victim from highly populated areas, etc.,)

Example of a Level A laboratory is the State Lab facility located in Pearl City.

An ESL Lab is the highest level lab unit.

The chemical laboratory is a new program that was just funded this year.

The Health Alert Network/IT ensures effective communication and has first rate internet connection across the State.

Mr. Aronoff spoke of 4 different exercises that occurred:

1. Warehouse setting
2. A mock dispensing clinic
3. A command and control exercise
4. The "Ted", reception of materials and medications

Carter Davis: 1) Regarding the Small Pox situation, will first responders receive the vaccine? 2) Does this include their families?

Bart Aronoff: 1) The agency should be in screening mode-as far as first responder's families receiving the vaccine, families will be a priority but not a higher priority than those individuals that have been affected by the disease itself. 2) For the 1st year of the program, each neighbor island has funding from the grant. The program will run with the help of a planner, a clerk, an epi-specialist, a health educator and a data processor.

Gary Moniz: What would happen to hazmat personnel when responding to an incident?

Joe Blackburn: A problem was encountered when a person drank malathion (agriculture-use chemical), and because of inadequate training and lack of proper equipment, both the ambulance and hospital staffs did not know how to deal with the situation.

Larry Lau: How would samples be taken to the lab if roadways were blocked by traffic?

Carter Davis: HFD and HPD's helicopters could be used to transport samples if necessary since there are already designated landing areas available.

Eddie Gomes: With regards to the Department of Health identification badges-Health Dept's IDs are not recognized by the State lab facility and because of it he experienced an unpleasant situation. Eddie's recommendation was that the Health Dept's IDs need to be more consistent, more universal so problems like these could be avoided.

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Jim Decker-with regards to Hazwoper training, level 4 (HIOSH) training is only a proposal.

Regarding the National Response Plan—there is more involvement now.

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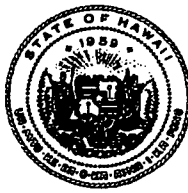
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9/23/04

START TIME — Just more quorum — 9:06 AM.

welcome new member, Maria Lutz

— INTRODUCTIONS

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— opening REMARK

— Dept. of HEALTH — participation in NATC Stockpile —
~~many~~ ^{many} AGENCIES ~~in~~ in AG.

John Colgan —

— STATE BUDGET — RESPONSE — LARRY

— CALL TO MOTION FOR APPROVAL

— REVIEWER — CALL

— RECORDED

— MINUTES APPROVED

Kami Lopez — no police chief

white goods incident (fire)

— addressing communication protocol.

develop ~~to~~

3 people — going to Humanit Expl.

, fire chief

DoH req

event

S + S. ~~ES~~ — March or April 2005

Mani - Logee Sept 8th -

Update on numbers

Upcoming expectations - next fiscal year.

Move ~~training~~ ^{training} to public + private sector

Hosting Harcat =

24 students - Sammie Samson

Tier 2 - Increase announcements by mail out / public mt.

Kyle Wataabe - retirement.
Sept 30

Next meeting - Dec 8

Lowry Not too favorable - ~~from~~ comments from fire - Mani.
ask
Scott
about
S.S. want

Leland - Logee meeting - last Fri -
Scott's presentation - GIS

Epa Visits

D.6 Paylan -

Emerson Lee - Claim Update

Indoor Siren Simulator for schools.

\$10,000 grant - ~~them~~ provided
for attendance to Continuing Challenge.

- Tanker ~~turned~~ turned over - ~~contained~~ only water
- Airport project.

- mentioning of Continuing Challenge -

- Hal Lape - sponsored 5 firefighters.

Clare - " 5 "

Sachs.
Sept

Team from Hawaii -

Came in 2nd place

awarded scholarship

2 Lape - attending

Hawaii Expo

Larry

- WNV - help larvalide areas -
(storm drains -) mosquito breeding sites.

Intro.

Bob Caplan - ~~works~~ works for EPA -

Also on the Turk Prog.

~~Philippines~~

PAC Rim Center -

assist w/ Criminal

Also assistance

Enforcement Prog.

to other countries.

for Hawaii,

Guam, etc.

Intl
resource
center

Philippines Govt. -

request assistance

for environmental for chemical

emergencies.

Host a study tour

Bob ~~for~~

Mike - Hazmat Expt - reg. by ~~to~~ ^{Oct 15}

Ken L. - Hazmat training -

Course Training - Forces

ODP
office of Domestic
preparation
in Aug.

↓ also available to outwards
offer computer

must guarantee 20-25 students

WMP ^{involved} ~~spin~~ - tied into
Lanvian

Next Cape meeting - will present

'83 Hazmat training -

Big Island Grant

Manila is next year - training
w/ Big Island.

2 Hazmat - refresher course

General Planning Tool - same as last years
amounts. -

official letter will be sent out
by Ed.

Curtis - Based on \$43,006

20% on State side - \$10,752

Need Approval for (3) counties
(not Kauai) Hazy projects
Submitted.

Motion to approve - ~~test~~
(3) ~~counties~~ counties.

the use of 9,100 from
the 20% reversal
budget for
Hawaii
Planning
projects

Kauai - Lacking in personnel - can't handle

Curtis - can

~~test~~ motion was approved -
~~motion~~ to motion seconded.

and that would be directed to the County of Hawaii, Maui, + Kauai reversed 20% - amounts to \$10,752

Curtis - LGR - -

~~test~~ Brochure available
reimbursed for in

Keith - ~~that~~ mention of

Dungy Lab class - well
attended; eye opening class.
good EPA instructors.

Intro Ed Gomes - former Heen off.
Atty Gen. off.

3/2001 → Ryuma Yamasaki }
Debra Young } March 2nd of 2004

Kevin Fred - Flexi class ~~class~~ attached.

Outreach to EPA - let know
we are here to exist + if

586-1240 (M-F - normal business hrs.)

864-8774 - ^{of Division} diff. (after hrs)

Geniere Salmonson -

Suggestion - per Larry Lee -
if you ~~know~~ ^{have} ~~information~~ ^{information} -

let environmental community
know - spread the
word thru
here.

Leland
asked

Environmental Task Force - EPA Headed
this

Redevelopment

↓ here in Hawaii
Illegal Dumping Task Force - Bob Caylor -
must raise awareness level.

~~ocean unit. health issues.~~

DoH Environmental Notice -
website

Genevieve -

Triglav going to build a level
3 lab.

State lab capable of taking
that one? -

University -

BSL
facility

Larry - Pearl Harbor?

Larry - Supervise State Lab ~~the~~ Divisions -
learn more about this.

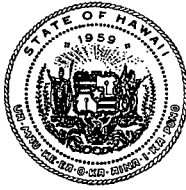
Other Bus - none.

Time for Next Meeting -

Dec ~~15~~ 16 (THU) 9 am - 12

At Thank a for attending.

Adjourn meeting.
10:15 am



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Ut. - opening remarks - more comfortable
West Nile virus updates

Any comments on virus -

Carter - not invited

Jon - seconded

~~Any~~

~~Allen for me~~

— Introduction —

John Bowen

Next legs out - 5/19

Tracy Arago - Naetigo in
Hawaii -

Checking library for all

cont. - make available to
different agencies.

Aug 24 - full-scale event.

Working in Kona -

Based in

Kailua, Kona - establishing 2nd Hazard

MOA - U. of Hilo - Hazard Project -

Location is based on the report.

Carter - is ~~unit~~ unit going to be
crossed named a mammal

Kamini —
Cliff.

table top exercise -
July 28, 29

Attended NASTPo Conf.

ODP - funding - complete will gather
submittal is tomorrow -
busy w/ admin details -

focus on exercise + training -
lots of work still

~~Address~~ - ODP funds - in-house

Muri —
Seeth

Feb 11, 2004 meeting
did presentation on Hwang Grant
Fiscal Yr '04 - continuing
same as before.

adding section on police
response.

purchasing

projector

bepe use

more public ed. classes -
for private sector.

(PC) (computer)
portable ~~projector~~

Next - 19th, may
week.

Oahu - ~~Carters~~ ^{Carters Davis} prompt. ~~press~~ ^{pres.} +
handout too.

Had meeting - May 6th -

- Refer to Presentation Handout.

5\$ funding for Sacramento,
Continuing challenge.

1138 survey forms for - Airport Area
sent ⁵¹⁰ _{back} → 45% feedback 143 returned.

within 10 days got response.
positive feedback

(23) non-filers.

Can get a copy? - John Bowen.

- by Sept 2004 completed report.

What source get list? - John Bowen
celand-private mailing list - business

~~from ^{ptl} KPC.~~
Hpd - concern ~~for~~ ^{Re: Terrorism Issue}
over security of ~~Evra~~ ^{Evra} data.

Carters - initial response - taken off website
come to etc. + give identification
no policy.

want to see all of info under cover.
but into the law for Community Right
to know.

Comment from Curtis -

policy comes from EPA -
working w/ FBI

1) take off Internet

2) ofc. procedure to obtain
info.

Changing Fed statutes? L.L.

No - Milce Ardito.

EPA - being sued by organization because
of 911 - taking away ~~the~~ ^{ob}once
obtainable info

Especially data - obtainable w/ How ofc
+ logs.

oip - ~~get~~ get feedback from teams on
how much to give out. - get together
w/ agency attorney

got phone call request - John Binney.

ofc. of "for
practicing

Gary M.

Open since dec. - Reading Rm. - M.K.A.

Dist of Unexpended Funds for FY 04

no one attend for NAS 7100 -
need invoices

motion + accept - John
Seconded - Carter.

Tier 2 Submit - funding.

Call for vote
motion carried.

Have/Lope Budget for FY 05 -

\$79,400 -

Same way we did it last year.

Slight Δ - Carter - initial split
of ⁵⁰⁰⁰ ~~1000~~ Lope - the percentage -

motion - Scott

seconded - gary m.

Call for vote - motion is
carried for
FY 05

to adopt
draft

Carter

Carter

Amis

Hurco

7) rec'd from city + county, etc.,
~~AM~~ collect

Mike A. | ~~put~~ ^{put} ~~handout~~ ^{handout} up date
Resubmittal due June 2004
22 facilities in Hurco

1 day class - Tues. Aug 3 →
Aug 4 → 6

again to agencies -

Industries - \$100 }
\$500 }

⊕ Peng - summary of very
submittals.

EPA - Grand open on Regional
Response Center
Apr: 1 13

- Spill Hotline #
- Hard copy of EPA
progress report
- ~~Reg~~ List
~~is~~ available electronically

Husmet Ex p 8
Nov 15

EPA Regional Conf.
Nov. 18

get speaker on Home Land
Sec. - from D.G.

~~is~~ overview of 9 directives
for State + local level.
What does it mean / how
will it affect us.

Chemical Ed. Foundation -
open for nomination for
regc. July 19 - deadline
Natl award

Kan - organizing Wildl. Fed

Aug 24

2 days

Hilo + Kona

Law Enforcement

July 29, 30 - Kona!

Three things -

Big Island

Maui, Kona, Big Island

refreshing things -

dates by next month.

Attending only 1 legal
center island per country
per year - ~~the~~ budget
constraint.

Not going to Vegas
scheduled the same time as

Nov. Pacific Area Conf. Sec.
18th

Other Business

Kathy Kunkle -

First Responders Course -

Clandestine Lab - Crystal
marker
labs.

Advanced class -

not sure as 40 hrs

(1st responders, fire, police, EMS)

2 day class - Free

2 sessions - EPA

Aug. 23 ->

at 40-45 attendees per class

Wld 1 State Lab -

D. trainer, the trainer - for Law Enf.

→ Gary M. - offered at Newkirk Island

both - not at this time.

Curtis - HPA - doing a certification training -

Lt. - legis did appropriate 300,000
funds Reliving funds - do
study on pollution effects of illegal
labs.

John Brown -
dist. of funds -
is this a trial -
no further action, ~~with~~
~~Carter will have~~
July 1 - will be reviewed

Carter - An announcement
Leg. Meeting

B. ... ~~announcement~~
Sponsored by State Bio Dept.
May 26, 27

(K. ...)
KCC EMS - facilitate
EMS.

\$108 reg fee - get back
fee if attend 2 days
Contact KCC EMS office.

4 day exercise — Print ^{Avonff}~~Avon~~
in Aug. 2004

Next meeting scheduled —

Other Business —

Gray M. —

pls. don't use Acronyms in meeting
code for acronyms. —

Sept 16, 2004 (Thu)

~~Meeting~~
~~Started~~ —

10:19 am — adjourned