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

FROM:        Edward T. Teixeira  
Vice Director of Civil Defense  

SUBJECT:     SEPTEMBER, 2006 HSERC MEETING  

I am unable to attend the September 28, 2006, HSERC meeting due to a conflicting schedule.  
I hereby appoint Ken Lesperance from State Civil Defense to represent me at the above meeting  
with all the rights as a voting member.
HAWAII STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION
MEETING #64

Thursday, September 28, 2006 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 #63

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3) 9:45  Maui LEPC Updated Membership Listing

4) 10:00 EPA Update

5) 10:15 HMEP Training Classes

6) 10:30 HMEP Planning Grant Funding for FY 07

7) 10:35 HMEP Planning Grant Projects

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9) 11:00 Decon and Cleanup of Illegal Clan Lab
    Methamphetamine Manufacturing Sites
    (Act 170) Interim Guidelines Presentation

10) 11:10 Other Business

11) 11:15 Schedule next HSERC meeting
Hi everyone!

Hope you all have a great Labor Day weekend :)

Please review the draft minutes and email me if there are any discrepancies that need to be corrected.

Also, attached is the draft agenda for the next HsERC meeting—If you have any agenda items let me know ok.

Thank you much!

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HAWAII STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION
MEETING #63
Thursday, July 6, 2006 from 9:05 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.

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

Draft Meeting Summary

Attendees

Voting:
Laurence Lau, Department of Health
Ken Lesperance, Department of Defense, Civil Defense Division
Scott Kekuewa, Maui LEPC
Thomas Smyth, Department of Business, Economic Dev. & Tourism
Gary Moniz, Department of Land and Natural Resources
Tin Shing Chao, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
Robert Boesch, Department of Agriculture
John Ross, Hawaii LEPC
Clifford Ikeda, Kauai LEPC
Capt. Carter Davis, Honolulu LEPC
Maria Lutz, American Red Cross

Non-Voting
Leland Nakai, Honolulu LEPC
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
J.L. Pickford, FBI
Mark Mekaru, SAIC
Beryl Ekimoto, Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office
Clarice Chung, State Civil Defense

In reply, please refer to:
HEER OFFICE
1) Larry Lau called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05am

1.1 Opening remarks by Larry Lau.
1.2 Attendees introduced themselves.
1.3 A motion is made and seconded to accept the minutes from meeting #62 (Smyth/Moniz).
1.4 Larry changes the order of the agenda items, #4 and #5 will come before the LEPC updates.

4&5) HMEP Training Classes, Urban Search and Rescue (USR) Briefing & HMEP Planning Grant Project Proposals & Funding Process

Ken:
1) Handout for HMEP funding application. Available for questions and answers if anyone needs help.
2) Local taskforce for USR is in place but if more resources from the mainland are needed, the islands won’t get it. Presently, Oahu has 4 rescue squads with 8 – 12 trained personnel. In addition, there is a medical component. The K-9 unit consists of volunteers (includes 1 state employee) and requires 3-4 years of training. Main objective is to search for missing subjects. USR is a must but just one island can’t do it alone, a combined effort of all the islands is necessary.

Ed:
3) There are 3 capabilities (types of buildings encountered in a rescue), light involves wooden structures, medium involves hollow tile structures and heavy, which are steel structures. SCD has medium capability-equipment suited for Homeland Security has funded this type of capability. There are ride along programs offered on the mainland so one could gain experience.

Ken: Some firefighters were sent to the mainland to attend medium to heavy training but because we don’t have all of the hydraulic tools, we aren’t prepared for heavy capability. Further discussion on topic regarding more volunteers, if the state has to assist other states in need and California having a good USR system in place (Ken, Ed, Larry).

4) Discussion between Carter and Ken regarding the budget information on the application form. Increase of federal funding (70% increase to HMEP funding to occur in 2007??). We are not bound to the current plan of 60/40. Example, could use 100% of funds for training purposes or depending on what the state’s needs are at the time. Need to vote on it.

5) Larry: Need to look at application more closely.
6) Discussion between John and Carter regarding planning funds. Need to review planning side of grant and update it. Planning monies have been returned in the past since there wasn’t a need for it.
7) Larry: For major policy shift-LEPC and SCD should discuss after this meeting.
8) Curtis: Training funds are a 20% offset, which is still the same. Will need to do a match.

2) Local Planning Committee (LEPC) Updates

2.1 Hawaii

John Ross:
1) Was elected Hawaii County LEPC chairperson.
2) Received fewer Tier 2 reports due to electronic filing. Request to have both hard copies and electronic send ins to be received from now on.
3) ICS 200 and 400 training was cancelled due to lack of attendees. Classes will be rescheduled to February 2007. EPA will be sponsoring.
4) The new fire station will be put on hold because of the location. Hazmat truck is appropriated and is on the island.
2.2 Kauai

Clifford Ikeda:
1) Unable to attend the last HSERC meeting because of the dam breaks.
2) A web EOC was installed to better manage information in a crisis situation.
3) New fire station in Kealea. Old Waipole station is now vacated.
4) HLS monies usage-signal to router-gives voice capability.
5) Y Max-8 miles coverage-a computerized voice operation system is one way to solve the interoperability problems. Free flowing video from the field into the office. Spoofing, to encrypt because of terrorist activities.

2.3 Maui

Scott Kekuewa:
1) Maui LEPC meeting held on June 28th. LEPC Membership list was updated. Will report at next HSERC meeting.

2.4 Oahu

Leland Nakai:
1) Honolulu LEPC meeting was held on June 27th (Handouts available & PowerPoint Presentation given).
2) CLEAN celebrating its 20 years anniversary-over 100 active members.
3) Participating in state lead Tier 2 inspections.

6) EPA Update, TRI Change & Murphy Oil Spill Photos

Beryl Ekimoto:
Mike not present. Vacationing in Italy (3 Handouts available).

7) Status of HEP CRA position

Curtis Martin:
Position was reinstated. Have not yet received an internal hire list. Will go outside of state system if position is not filled.

Revisited, 5) HMEP Planning Grant Proposals & Funding Process

1) John Ross: Regarding the SCD MOA, for the counties to have to fund upfront, it is too much of a burden.
   Curtis: HSERC does the offset—grant goes to SCD in advance, SCD receives the administrative cost, SCD receives the funding upfront.
2) Ken: In reference to John’s statement, Ken was told by SCD’s fiscal officer to do it that way.
3) Curtis: Need to change the MOA to make it user friendly.
4) John: MOA was signed in 1986-need to revise clause-need to teleconference for this.
5) Ken: Re-draft of MOA-someone to look over on both sides.
6) Larry: Proposes new MOA.
7) John: Will organize this.
8) Ken: Funds need to be used in the same year as encumbered. There is a hefty amount in the planning monies.
   20K is available to work with-can be utilized for exercises or drills but must be spent by September 2006.
9) Clifford: Willing to use $15,000 of the $20,000 for the analysis of Tier 2 releases on continuity of operations.
   Discussion between members (Carter, Curtis, etc.)
10) Ken: Moves that Kauai receive monies for project, motion withdrawn-issue to be revisited at a later time in meeting. Addresses LEPCs: what are your needs for training? -Discussion to be saved for December HSERC
meeting.

8) DOT Letter Regarding Port Fire Fighting

Curtis Martin: DOT sent response letter to DOH. DOT taking DOH’s recommendation of remote controlled fire nozzles into consideration as they embark on their Statewide Petroleum Facilities Development Plan.

9) TREX Incident on Kauai

Curtis Martin:
Lihue, Kauai, May 27, 2006, a release occurred at Trex Enterprises in the Lihue Industrial Park Phase II. 600 pounds of methyltrichlorosilane (MTS) was released while transfer of the substance from storage tank to process tank was being made. As a result, the industrial park was evacuated. The MTS was contained, neutralized and disposed of. The facility remains closed and plans to upgrade their system in the near future. Because of the incident, members of the Lihue Industrial Park are interested in forming an organization similar to CLEAN. Carter: Since the resources were all on Kauai, if another incident occurred at the same time, responders would be overwhelmed because there would be a shortage of resources. Curtis to Chris: Release was detected by the odor.

*Revisit Clifford Ikeda’s proposal for project funding:
1) Clifford: Motion to approve and seconded (Clifford/Carter). Written draft of project with corrections was distributed per Clifford.
2) Carter: DOT ok on this, also the 70% increase?
3) Ken: Needs to run it pass DOT (Charley Rogoff). $5,000 in planning monies still left.
4) Larry: Pending qualification to allow Kauai to move on project, move that Kauai gets $15,000 towards pending proposed project, pending project eligibility (Motion pending/in favor of passed).

2) Status of CAMEO

Leland Nakai: Trying to make it more user friendly (similar to Google) for the intermittent users. More integration with other programs such as GIS. Use of local data that way you learn a lot more.

3) Update of Hawaii County LEPC Member List
Beryl Ekimoto: Emailed list from John Bowen is available.

4) State Conference Calling Center

Steven Mow: Explanation of conference call system. Trying to get a system set up in the HEER Office.
1) Larry: There is a system in place here (5th floor).
2) Smyth: Made mention of Sunshine Law. If loss of video, can continue on with the audio.

5) Letter to DOE Regarding Fire Pal CD

Beryl Ekimoto: Spoke to person assigned to review the CD. A memo was sent from the Superintendent to DOH
6) Other Business

1) Keith: Act 170-Government passed guidelines and criteria for clean up and disposal of clandestine labs. Will be meeting with Law Enforcement next week to discuss development of a program and will also be looking at other clean up programs. It's a big problem-can't sell or rent property. Carter: Mention of Denver's cleanup policy presentation at the NASTPPO conference in Arkansas. Tom: What about condos, cars and areas in general? Larry: Hotels have problems too.

2) John: Videotape on illegal dumping provided by Federal grant for distribution. Give to Solid Waste folks.


4) Larry: Lab Management System-lab results are received quicker, system designed specifically for pandemic outbreak but also geared for environmental incidences.

5) Carter: NFPA 472 standard-draft on the NFPA website-guidelines are totally rewritten for HAZMAT regulations (NASTPPO presentation).

6) John: Hazmat training requirements have changed-can they do that? Ken: The standard in Hawaii is from the Fire Council. An 80 hours (classroom)/80 hours (hands on) tactical course-John is referring to. The Fire Council's requirement for training is 160/160. Discussion between members regarding a written guidance that HSERC had produced. Members recalled it may have only been a verbal agreement and NOT a written document. Curtis: It is not our job to set the requirements.

The next HSERC meeting will be tentatively held on Thursday, September 28, 2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m (Carter/John).
Dean + Cleanup of Illegal Clandestine Lab
LSBO Methamphetamine Manufacturing Sites
(Act 170) Internal Guidelines

Procedures

Clarence Callahan
5-10 min overview
1) SCD tells LEPCs, through HSERC, of funding details

2) LEPCs develop proposals based on the needs of their county

3) LEPC brings proposed projects to HSERC
   HSERC votes on support of projects by approving 20% match

4) LEPC writes Project MOA w/SCD & DOH
   Specifics of Project
   Expected reimbursements schedule (20% increments) and expected timeline

5) DOH forwards 20% per HSERC vote and Project MOA
   DOH sends copy of check to SCD for 20% match requirements.

6) When project is 20% complete, LEPC pays 20% to vendor

7) LEPC sends invoice for 20% directly to SCD
   Includes proof of payment to vendor for 20%

8) SCD reimburses LEPC in 20% increments,
   (basically, replaces the 20% match from DOH during each phase of the project)
   Copy of checks sent to DOH for records.

9) Steps 6 through 8 are repeated until the project is 80% complete.

10) When project is 100% complete, LEPC reimburses the vendor with the 20% match
     LEPC sends HSERC and SCD copies of final check.
Addendum to the Grants Package

The use of HMEP grant funds is authorized for training to include instruction on Ethanol/Gasoline fuel mixtures and cargo tank wetlines. A brief summary on each issue follows:

1. Ethanol/Gasoline fuel mixtures and other alternative fuels require emergency responders to use appropriate guidance. Response to Ethanol/Gasoline fuel fires should be treated differently than traditional response to gasoline fires. The most common of these fuels is known as E85, which is a blend of 15 percent gasoline and 85 percent ethanol. Emergency responders need to understand that standard firefighting foams will not be as effective to control gasoline blends containing more than 10 percent concentrations of polar solvents. The use of alcohol resistant foam should be used to more effectively control fires involving these blends. Some alcohol resistant foam has a significantly improved foam drainage rate, which will be a critical tactical consideration when dealing with spills and fires. Current regulations are being revised and emergency responders should be made aware that a new UN3475 identification number has been assigned for use when transporting E85 and similar blends.

PHMSA has issued a safety alert “Responding to Incidents Involving Ethanol and Gasoline Fuel Mixtures” and is available from our webpage http://hazmat.dot.gov/E-85_042606.pdf.

2. Wetlines are external pipes located beneath a cargo tank used for loading and unloading. Wetlines are designed as a safeguard to break off in the event of an accident to prevent larger spills from the cargo tank. Wetlines may remain filled with flammable materials after loading or unloading. Cargo tank wetlines could contain 30-50 gallons of the flammable liquid. First responders should assume that wetlines contain flammable liquid when responding to incidents involving cargo tank vehicles, and take measures to limit exposure to the product during their response. Wetlines that do not contain flammable liquid may still contain flammable vapors, and responders should avoid potential ignition sources during the initial response.

PHMSA has produced a “Wetlines” brochure which will be available for distribution and inclusion in training programs. The brochure can be downloaded from our webpage http://hazmat.dot.gov/training/training.htm - scroll down to and click on “Wetlines Awareness for Emergency Responders”. The direct link to the PDF file is http://hazmat.dot.gov/pubs/wetlines_final.pdf. Hard copies can be ordered at no cost from Training@dot.gov.
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Collaborative Effort Involving Hawaii's Law Enforcement Agencies & the Department of Health

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Interim Guidance Document

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
(STATE CIVIL DEFENSE DIVISION)
3949 DIAMOND HEAD ROAD
HONOLULU, HI 96816-4495

AND

THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
919 ALA MOANA BOULEVARD
HONOLULU, HI 96814

I. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH):

A. DOH will oversee and administer the planning grant for the U.S. Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant program and provide the DOT, through State Civil Defense (SCD), a Work Statement and Project Narrative for planning grant activities.

B. DOH will submit bids, prepare purchase orders and contracts as needed for eligible goods and services to accomplish planning activities. The bidding for and award of contracts shall be in accordance with applicable Hawaii State laws, ethics codes, and Federal regulations.

C. Expenditures will be related to approved activities described in the “Project Narrative,” “Statement of Work,” and “Description of Supplies and Equipment” sections of the HMEP planning grant. Amendments to proposed planning activities will require DOT written approval.

D. Matching contributions will be in accordance with HMEP grant program rules that may require written approval from the DOT. DOH is responsible for maintaining documentation of matching contributions.

E. DOH will request reimbursement from State Civil Defense for approved HMEP planning activities no later than thirty days after the end of the performance period. The request for reimbursement will include a completed Federal Form 270, a detailed list of vendors paid, description of the expenses and amount, voucher references, and copies of purchase orders and paid invoices. The request for funds will be in accordance with the uniform administrative rules for
Federal grants. These planning funds will be obligated (purchase order prepared) before the end of the performance period to be eligible for reimbursement.

F. DOH will provide, upon request from DOT or State/Federal auditors, any accounting records necessary to document the proper use of the HMEP funds.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES OF STATE CIVIL DEFENSE (SCD):

A. State Civil Defense (SCD) will be responsible for overseeing and administering the HMEP training grant program and the overall preparation of the HMEP grant application each year, with input for the planning section from DOH.

B. SCD will inform DOH in writing of the performance period and amount of HMEP planning funds allocated each year by DOT. Planning funds will be reimbursed through journal voucher and not exceed the allocated HMEP grant.

III. AMENDMENT PROCEDURES

A. This Memorandum of Agreement shall become effective upon the date hereof and shall remain in full force and effect until amended by mutual agreement of all parties hereto or by written notice by one Party (State Civil Defense Division of the Department of Defense) to the other Party (State Department of Health), giving thirty (30) days notice of said amendment.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the
day, month, and year herein above first written.

LAWRENCE MIIKE, M.D.
Director of Health
State Department of Health

FEB 11 1996
Date

EDWARD V. RICHARDSON
Major General, HIANG
Director of Civil Defense

14 JUL 96
Date
HONOLULU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2006
OAHU CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY

Coordinator Leland Nakai called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M.

I. INTRODUCTIONS/REMARKS/ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Chair Carter Davis welcomed everyone and gave introductory remarks. Attendees (list attached) then introduced themselves. The minutes of the June 27, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. OLD BUSINESS

LEPC BUDGET REPORT, 4th QUARTER, FY06

Balance - 3/31/06 $47,447.11

- Expenditures

  Meeting Notice, Hazmat $10,817.52
  EXPLO, NASTTPO, Continuing Challenge, Office Supplies

Balance - 6/30/06 $36,629.59*

*Includes $22,800 encumbered for the Kakaako-Waikiki Project (Note: This is a corrected value from that presented in the LEPC meeting)

III. NEW BUSINESS

HSERC MEETING, 6/27/06

L. Nakai briefed the members on the July 6th meeting of the HSERC. The following were updates from the LEPCs: The new chair of the Hawaii County LEPC is John Ross, who announced that the new hazmat truck is on island and that the new fire station is on hold due to concerns over its location. Their LEPC is also assisting the Hawaii County Fire Department with their hazmat library. Kauai announced the following emergency management system improvements: Web EOC software, VOIP, and video capability from field locations. Oahu reviewed topics discussed at their June 27th meeting.

A discussion on the DOT Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Program (HMEP) then followed. Funding application procedures for the program were described and planning grant procedures were discussed. All agreed that the MOA between State Civil Defense and the Department of Health concerning the HMEP planning grant should be reviewed and modified as necessary. The training/planning grant split for anticipated HMEP program increases will also be reviewed for potential increases to the training program.
The HSERC then approved a proposal from the Kauai LEPC to conduct a $15K Continuity of Operations study for potential releases from Tier II facilities on Kauai, utilizing unused HMEP planning grant funds. This study is a result of the recent TREX release that closed the Lihue Industrial Park for an extended period. Lihue Industrial Park businesses are interested in forming an organization modeled after the Campbell Local Emergency Action Network (C.L.E.A.N.), and will be entering discussions with C.L.E.A.N.

DOH announced that DOT Harbors will consider adding remotely operated firefighting equipment at state harbor facilities in the State Development Plan, in response to the recommendation provided by the HSERC over concerns for firefighter safety in the Hilo barge fire incident of July 2004.

L. Nakai informed LEPC members that the State Department of Education has reviewed the Fire Pal CD and approved its distribution and use in school complexes. C.L.E.A.N. has expressed an interest in assisting with the distribution of the interactive CD to Kapolei/Makakilo area schools.

The DOH also announced that they will be working with law enforcement agencies to develop clean up and disposal criteria for clandestine drug labs, as required by Act 170. C. Davis then discussed draft NFPA fire standards for hazmat, which will be a departure from OSHA guidelines (awareness, operations, technician, etc).

The next meeting of the HSERC was scheduled for 9/28/06.

C.L.E.A.N. UPDATE

Emerson Lee was unable to attend the LEPC meeting, but provided an update of C.L.E.A.N. activities. C.L.E.A.N. will be celebrating its 10th anniversary on September 21, 2006 at the Hawaii Waters Adventure Park. LEPC members interested in attending were asked to notify Emerson. The annual update of the CIP Emergency Resources Guide on CD will be provided to attendees at the anniversary celebration. C.L.E.A.N. was thanked for its support to send 5 HFD personnel to attend the 2006 Continuing Challenge Hazmat Workshop.

2006 CONTINUING CHALLENGE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WORKSHOP, SACRAMENTO, CA, SEP 4-8, 2006

A total of 10 HFD personnel attended this workshop, five being sponsored by the Honolulu LEPC, and 5 sponsored by C.L.E.A.N. T. Seelig provided an overview of the workshop, and V. Maguire gave a power point presentation on various workshop activities. Both C.L.E.A.N. and the LEPC were thanked again for their support of this training workshop.

DOT HMEP GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING CHANGES

L. Nakai discussed the proposed fee changes published in the August 15, 2006 Federal Register, where fees increase from current levels to nearly $3,000 in 2008.

C. Davis provided background on the program and the history of the fee structure. He also described how the fees collected in the past were not fully made available to responders, and thus the concern that the large increase in fees may not be fully utilized as in the past. Other LEPC members stated that they could support this large increase only if funds were made available to responders. C. Davis will provide correspondence in response to the Federal Register Notice and to the National Association of SARA Title Three Program Officials (NASTTPO) with these concerns.

L. Nakai mentioned that DOT officials at the recent NASTTPO Conference discussed this proposed funding change as a potential 70% HMEP funding increase to the states.

FACILITY SITE VISITS

A joint HEER/LEPC team has been conducting EPCRA compliance visits of facilities over the past several months. These facilities were screened from several databases and identified as being non-compliant with the program. Visits were conducted to inform the businesses of their reporting obligations and to bring them into compliance with the program. Seven facilities on Oahu have been visited to date, and more site visits are scheduled later in September and October.

HOMELAND SECURITY PROJECTS

L. Nakai provided an update on Homeland Security Funded projects. Survey letters to update to the Extremely Hazardous Substance and Honolulu Harbor Area studies have been mailed and completion date for the project is October 31, 2006.

L. Nakai informed LEPC members that the U.S. Corps of Engineers was contacted about the Commodity Flow project. He learned that the local district does not maintain a historical record of hazardous materials shipments as maintained by districts on the mainland, which focus for the most part on inland waterway traffic. Based on this information, the Homeland Security funding for this project was returned and the Commodity Flow project was placed on indefinite hold.

KAKAAKO – WAIKIKI PROJECT

Survey letters were mailed to facilities and the project should be completed by September 15, 2006. The large area covered and number of businesses surveyed has been challenging, but businesses seem to be complying with our requests for information. The results of this project will be presented at the next LEPC meeting.
2007 HMEP GRANT PROJECT PROPOSAL

A proposal to conduct hazard assessments of Kailua and Kaneohe will be presented to the HSERC for their consideration and approval. This project should complete the series of hazard assessments for Oahu's most populous areas with hazardous materials facilities.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS/SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

A. Keith was thanked for arranging tours of HECO facilities. The second of this year's tours will take place on September 26, 2006, and is fully booked.

The date for the next LEPC meeting is pending the next scheduled HSERC meeting, which is expected in the late November/early December timeframe. The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Leland A. Nakai]
Leland A. Nakai
LEPC Coordinator

Attachment
HONOLULU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2006
OAHU CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY

ATTENDANCE LIST

VOTING MEMBERS:

Carter Davis              HFD
Leland Nakai              OCDA
Andy Keith                HECO
Ed Correa                 BWS
Paul Epstein              HPD
Steven Ogata              Agriculture
Tom Vendetta              DHR
Gavan Imamura             ARC
Charles Lee               DOT
Ken Lesperance            SCD
Jason Lorenzo             Env Svcs
Virginia Bisho            DTS
Earl Nishikawa            Chevron
Lope Salvatierra          Ent Svcs
Shirley Zhai              BEI
Doug Woo                  CSD
Randy Higa                DOE
Chrystn Eads              Mayor's Office

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Beryl Ekimoto             HEER
Clifton Takenaka          USAGHI Environmental
Chris Steele              Grace Pacific
Karen Balabis             MCBH
Michele Chang             MCBH
Dan Fullenwider           Gasco
Jeff Farris               HFD
Vernon Maguire            HFD
Roy Murakami              HFD
Terry Seeig               HFD
Walter Oda                HFD
Scott Mitcham             DHS
Dennis Poma               HAFB
Kelvin Tyler              HAFB
Devan Statt               Affordable Towing
June 8, 2006

Mr. Curtis Martin  
Hawaii State Emergency Response Commission  
Hawaii State Department of Health  
919 Ala Moana Blvd. Room 206  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-4912

Dear Mr. Martin:

The Honolulu LEPC submits a proposal for $24,000 to further update its Hazardous Materials Response Plan using HMEP Planning Grant and matching HEPCRA funds. We propose to conduct risk assessments for fixed facilities that store or utilize hazardous chemicals in Kailua and Kaneohe. This project will be called the Kailua-Kaneohe Project.

This project includes the business districts in Kailua and Kaneohe, which are in close proximity to surrounding neighborhoods and the major thoroughfares of Pali Highway, Kailua Road, Likelike Highway and Kamehameha Highway. Facilities in the area include those reporting under HEPCRA and many more that do not fall under HEPCRA reporting requirements. The attached Scope of Services further describes the project in greater detail.

Please call me or Mr. Leland Nakai, LEPC Coordinator, at 527-5397 if you have any questions or require further clarification.

Sincerely,

Carter Davis, Chair  
Honolulu LEPC

Attachment
SCOPE OF SERVICES

The CONSULTANT shall in a satisfactory and proper manner as determined by the CITY and in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, provide the following services:

1. Prepare hazard assessments for chemicals that are stored and utilized at fixed facilities in the areas of a) Kailua b) Kaneohe, as further described below.

2. Facilities included are:
   a. Kailua: All facilities falling within zip code 96734
   b. Kaneohe: All facilities falling within zip code 96744

3. Hazardous chemicals to be studied in this project include: chemicals that are reported under Hawaii Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know Act (HEPCRA) guidelines, as maintained by the State Department of Health (DOH) Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response (HEER) Office; chemicals that are reported in industrial wastewater discharge permits as maintained by the City & County of Honolulu; hazardous chemicals reported under HRS 128D; and hazardous materials that are otherwise stored and utilized by facilities in the project area.

4. When applicable, hazard assessments will be prepared using the EPA RMP guidelines, and will include, but not be limited to, maps depicting Worst Case
and Alternative Release Scenarios for chemical releases with a significant potential for offsite consequences from a toxic or flammable vapor release, explosion or fire.

5. Facility data will be entered into Cameo and facilities plotted in Marplot. Hazard zones will also be depicted on Marplot/Aloha.


7. Consolidate these hazard assessments into a stand-alone document, to include maps of hazards formatted similarly to the aforementioned hazard analysis supplements, and provide two draft copies for review.

8. All administrative work to include mailing and receipt of letters and survey forms will also be included in the project.

9. Coordinate with the Administrator of the Oahu Civil Defense Agency and Chair or Coordinator of the Honolulu Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to review attachment and incorporate changes into final product. After final review and approval, submit a camera-ready document along with computer disk copy of document and Cameo/Marplot files that are compatible with Oahu Civil Defense Agency and Honolulu LEPC office software and hardware not later than September 15, 2007.
10. The CONSULTANT will submit to the CITY an interim written progress report with each invoice for services performed for that time period. A project/payment schedule will be finalized at a later date, but will not extend beyond the aforementioned September 15, 2007 date.

11. The CONSULTANT will present the findings of the study at a meeting of the Honolulu LEPC upon completion of the project.
PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

EPA Emergency Contact Calendar Cards for 2007 Being Distributed
The U.S. EPA Pacific Southwest (Region 9) has wallet-sized calendar cards for 2007 now printed and available for distribution at today’s HSERC meeting. The calendar cards contain updated contact information for the EPA’s regional emergency prevention, preparedness and response programs.

EPCRA’s 20th Anniversary
The twentieth anniversary of EPCRA (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act) will be commemorated on Oct. 17 and 18, 2006 at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande, AZ. Arizona Commemorates EPCRA (ACE) is expected to be the only national event to honor the anniversary of EPCRA. More information about the ACE event is available on the Web site for the Arizona State Emergency Response Commission at http://www.azserc.org/ACE_Site/default.htm.

Mid-Year NASTTPO at HazMat Expo 10
The "mid-year" NASTTPO (National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials) conference will be held Nov. 14 and 15, 2006 during HazMat Expo 10 in Las Vegas at the Orleans Hotel. This meeting will be combined and overlap on the afternoon of Nov. 15 with the EPA Western Regions’ Emergency Prevention and Preparedness Conference which will continue on Thursday, Nov. 16.

A panel discussion about the 20-year history of EPCRA and the future of the program is planned during the combined conference. The combined NASTTPO / EPA meeting agenda is available on the www.hazmatexplo.org Web site under tracks for special training.

Mahalo to Sonny Maguire!
EPA gives a big mahalo to Sonny Maguire of the Honolulu Fire Department for doing a great job serving as a co-emcee for this year’s Continuing Challenge Workshop held in Sacramento the week of September 5!
Incident Command System 300 / 400 Training Rescheduled for February
The EPA is co-sponsoring the Incident Command System (ICS) 300 / 400 (intermediate and advanced) training class that is being provided in Honolulu the week of February 5 - 9, 2007. For further information about registration for this class, please contact Clarice Chung at Hawai’i State Civil Defense Agency at 808-733-4301 extension 523 or by email at cchung@scd.hawaii.gov. If you registered for the ICS 300 / 400 class originally scheduled for Hilo the week of July 31 to August 4, 2006 (which was subsequently cancelled), please contact Clarice for further information.

HazMat Transportation Workshops
The U.S. Department of Transportation sponsored three hazmat transportation workshops in Hawai’i this summer. The free class (no registration costs) reviewed regulations that specify requirements for the safe and secure transportation of hazardous materials in commerce by motor vehicle, vessel, and aircraft. Some of the topics covered were training requirements, packaging, hazard communications and security. The workshop was held in Honolulu on July 31, in Kahului on August 2, and in Hilo on August 4.

EPA Regional Emergency Response Prevention and Preparedness Year in Review 2005
The EPA’s regional emergency response, prevention and preparedness program annual report 2005 is available (in color) on our Web site at: www.epa.gov/region9/waste/sfund/preparedness05.pdf

EPA Pacific Southwest Annual Environmental Progress Report 2006
The annual progress report for the EPA Pacific Southwest Region’s environmental programs is available on our Web site at: www.epa.gov/region9/annualreport/index.html.

Pacific Southwest EPP Program Contact
For more info about U.S. EPA’s Emergency Prevention and Preparedness (EPP) Program for Hawai’i, please contact the liaison, Mike Ardito at (415) 972-3081 or by email at ardito.michael@epa.gov.
Ekimoto, Beryl Y

From: Nakai, Leland A [LNakai@honoanu.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 1:24 PM
To: Aaron Correia (E-mail); Abbott, James; Arbitrario, Phil; Ardito, Michael; Au, Paul; Balabis, Karen; Butchart, Robert; Chong, Paul K; Chung, Clarice; Clairmont, Toby; Corpus, Terence (Terry); Correa, Ed; Davis, Carter; Devan Stats; Ekimoto, Beryl Y; Epstein, Paul; Fullenwider, Dan; Galvez, Elizabeth (Liz); Gates, Donnie; Hashimoto, Harlan; Hendrickson, Lisa Ann; Ho, Ron; Keith, Andy; Lam, Annie; Lee, Charles; Lee, Emerson; Leonida, Sharon L; Leopardi, Larry; Lesperance, Ken; Lorenzo, Jason; Maguire, Vernon; McGinnis, William; Metrose, Ted; Milchem, Scott; Mohr, Brian; Moir, Glenn; Morse, Scott; Mull, Stephanie; Murakami, Roy; Nakamoto, Lynne; Nishikawa, Earl; Nozawa, Jerome; Oda, Wally; Offutt, Todd; Ogata, Steven; Owens, Rocky; Pang, Cynthia; Plarisan, Regina; Poma, Dennis; Rosa, Karen; Salvatierra, Lope; Sarah Marston; Schliemann, Bruce; Seelig, Terry; Spray, Elwin; St. Pierre, LT Glenn; Steele, Chris; Sugihara, Alan; Suman, Kim; Takenaka, Clifton; Tatsuno, Glenn; Vares-Lum, Courtney; Vendetta, Tom; Yamada, Carlton; Zhai, Shirley
Subject: FW: DOT Hazmat Transportation Fees - CORRECTION

LEPC members, a clarification from Andy on his comments this AM at the LEPC meeting on DOT hazmat transportation fees.

Leland

-----Original Message-----
From: Keith, Andrew [mailto:andy.keith@heco.com]
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 1:19 PM
To: Nakai, Leland A; carter
Subject: DOT Hazmat Transportation Fees - CORRECTION

Remember our discussion at this morning's meeting regarding how the fees are administered? I need to correct and clarify my statement.

We submit the DOT Hazmat Registration fees on a PER COMPANY basis. Therefore, HECO, HELCO and MECO EACH submit a separate fee (although the fees are submitted - and tracked - via HECO Environmental). However, it my further understanding that a single company with multiple locations (e.g., Tesoro) may be eligible to submit a SINGLE fee.

I confused these fees with our CHEMTREC fee, which includes subsidiary companies. We submit a single annual fee, which covers all three utility companies.

I wanted to clarify and correct this morning's statements before causing confusion for others.

Leland, please share this information with others in the audience who may have left the meeting with a different impression.

Thanks!

Andy

9/21/2006
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials
Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 107

[Docket No. PHMSA--2008-25589 (HM--

208F)]

RIN 2137-AE11

Hazardous Materials Transportation; Registration and Fee Assessment
Program

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety Administration
(PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
(NPRM).

SUMMARY: This rule proposes to amend
the statutorily mandated registration and
fee assessment program for persons
who transport or offer for transportation
certain categories and quantities of
hazardous materials. For those
registrants not qualifying as a small
business or not-for-profit organization,
we are proposing to increase the fee
to $1,975 (plus a $25 administrative fee)
for registration year 2007–2008 and
increase the fee to $2,975 (plus a $25
administrative fee) for registration year
2008–2009 and following years. The fee
increase is necessary to fund the
national Hazardous Materials
Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grants
program at approximately $28,000,000
in accordance with the Administration’s
Fiscal Year 2007 budget proposal to
Congress. PHMSA also proposes to
eliminate the expedited telephonic
registration option. The number of
telephonic registrations has steadily
dropped with the addition of the
Internet registration option, therefore,
we believe that this registration option
is no longer necessary.

DATES: Submit comments by October 16,
2006.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments
identified by any of the following
methods:

—Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://
www.regulations.gov. Follow the online
instructions for submitting comments.

the instructions for submitting comments
on the DOT electronic docket site.


—Mail: Docket Management System:
U.S. Department of Transportation,
400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif
Building, Room PL–401, Washington, DC 20590–
001.

—Hand Delivery: To the Docket
Management System; Room PL–401 on
the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building, 400
Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC between
9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday
through Friday, except Federal
Holidays.

Instructions: You must include the
agency name (Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety Administration) and
docket number (PHMSA–xx–xxxx (HM–
208F)) or the Regulatory Identification
Number (RIN) for this notice at the
beginning of your comment. You should
submit two copies of your comments if
you submit them by mail. If you wish
to receive confirmation we received
your comments, you should include a
self-addressed stamped postcard. Note
that all comments received will be
posted without change to http://
dms.dot.gov including any personal
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Docket: You may view the public
docket through the Internet at http://
dms.dot.gov or in person at the Docket
Management System office at the above
address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Mr. David Donaldson, Office of Hazardous
Materials Planning and Analysis,
PHMSA, (202) 366–4484, or Ms.
Deborah Boothe, Office of Hazardous

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Since 1992, the Pipeline and
Hazardous Materials Safety
Administration (PHMSA) has conducted
a national registration program under
the mandate in 49 U.S.C. 5108 for
persons who offer for transportation or
transport certain hazardous materials in
intrastate, interstate, or foreign
commerce. The purposes of the
registration program are to gather
information about the transportation of
hazardous materials, and fund the
Hazardous Materials and Emergency
Preparedness (HMEP) grants program.
The HMEP grants program supports
hazardous materials emergency
response planning and training
activities by States, local governments,
and Indian tribes. See 49 U.S.C. 5108(b),
5116. PHMSA has discretion to require
additional persons to register, beyond
those offerors and transporters of the
categories and quantities of hazardous
materials listed in 49 U.S.C. 5108(a)(1),
and to set the annual registration fee
between the statutorily mandated
minimum and maximum amounts. See

To meet Congress' authorized
funding of $14.3 million for the HMEP
grants program, in 2000, we expanded
the base of registrants and adopted a
two-tier fee schedule under which the
registration fee was set at $275 for
persons qualifying as small businesses
under Small Business Administration
(SBA) criteria, and $1,975 for other
persons (plus a $25 processing fee in
all cases). (69 FR 72797) Due to a surplus,
in 2003, we temporarily adjusted the
registration fee to $125 (plus a $25
processing fee) for small businesses
and not-for-profit organizations and $275
(plus a $25 processing fee) for all other
registrants. (68 FR 1342) In 2006, the
fees increased to $250 (plus a $25
processing fee) for small businesses and
not-for-profit organizations and $975
(plus a $25 processing fee) for all other
registrants.

Congress reauthorized the Federal
hazardous materials transportation law
(Federal hazmat law; 49 U.S.C. 5101 et
seq.) in 2005 through the “Hazardous
Materials Transportation Safety and
Security Reauthorization Act of 2005”
(Title VII of the Safe, Accountable,
Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity
Act—A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–
LU), P.L. 109–59, 119 Stat. 1144, August
10, 2005). The Act makes available
approximately $28,000,000 for the
HMEP grants program and lowers the
maximum registration fee from $5,000
to $3,000. Consistent with SAFETEA–
LU, the Administration’s Fiscal Year
2007 budget proposal to Congress
requests $28,000,000 in support of
HMEP activity.

II. HMEP Grants Program

A. Purpose and Achievements of the
HMEP Grants Program

The HMEP grants program, as
mandated by 49 U.S.C. 5116, provides
Federal financial and technical
assistance to States and Indian tribes to
develop, improve, and carry out
emergency plans” within the National
Response System and the Emergency
Planning and Community Right-To-
Know Act of 1986 (Title III), 42 U.S.C.
11001 et seq. The grants are used to
develop, improve, and implement
emergency plans; to train public sector
hazardous materials emergency
response employees to respond to
accidents and incidents involving
hazardous materials; to determine flow
patterns of hazardous materials within a
State and between States; and to
determine the need within a State for
regional hazardous materials emergency
response teams.

The HMEP grants program encourages
the growth of the hazardous materials
planning and training programs of State,
local, and tribal governments by
limiting the Federal funding to 80
percent of the cost a State or Indian tribe incurs to carry out the activity for which the grant is made. See 49 U.S.C. 5116(e). HMEP grants supplement the amount already being provided by the State or Indian tribe. By accepting an HMEP grant, the State or tribe makes a commitment to not only maintain its previous level of support, but also to increase the previous level by an amount representing 20 percent of the funds expended on grant-supported activities each year. See 49 U.S.C. 5116(a)(2)(A), 5116(b)(2)(A) and 5116(e).

Since 1993, PHMSA has awarded all States and territories and 45 Native American tribes planning and training grants totaling $125 million. These grants helped to:
- Train 1,843,000 hazardous materials responders;
- Conduct 7,545 commodity flow studies;
- Write or update more than 41,344 emergency plans;
- Conduct 9,452 emergency response exercises; and
- Assist 18,907 local emergency planning committees (LEPCs).

Since the beginning of the program, HMEP grantees have used program funds to support the following related activities in the total amounts indicated:
- $3.2 million for the development and periodic updating of a national curriculum used to train public sector emergency response and preparedness teams. The curriculum guidelines, developed by a committee of Federal, State, and local experts, include criteria for establishing training programs for emergency responders at five progressively more skilled levels: (1) First responder awareness, (2) first responder operations, (3) hazardous materials technician, (4) hazardous materials specialist, and (5) on-scene commander.
- $25 million to monitor public sector emergency response planning and training for hazardous materials incidents, and to provide technical assistance to State or Indian tribe emergency response training and planning for hazardous materials incidents.
- $6 million for periodic updating and distribution of the North American Emergency Response Guidebook. This guidebook provides immediate information on initial response to hazardous materials incidents, and is distributed free of charge to the response community.
- $2 million for the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) to train instructors to conduct hazardous materials response training programs.

B. Increased Funding of the HMEP Grants Program

An estimated 800,000 shipments of hazardous materials make their way through the national transportation system each day. It is impossible to predict when and where a hazardous materials incident may occur or what the nature of the incident may be. This potential threat requires state and local agencies to develop emergency plans and train emergency responders on the broadest possible scale.

The HMEP training grants are essential for providing adequate training of persons throughout the nation who are responsible for responding to emergencies involving the release of hazardous materials. There are over 2 million emergency responders requiring initial training or periodic recertification training, including 250,000 paid firefighters, 850,000 volunteer firefighters, 725,000 law enforcement officers, and 500,000 emergency medical services (EMS) providers. Due to the high turnover rates of emergency response personnel, there is a continuing need to train a considerable number of recently recruited responders at the most basic level.

In addition, training at more advanced levels is essential to ensure emergency response personnel are capable of effectively and safely responding to serious releases of hazardous materials. The availability of increased funding for the HMEP grants program will encourage State, tribal, and local agencies to provide more advanced training.

The increased funding for HMEP grants will enable PHMSA to help meet previously unmet needs of State, local and tribal governments by providing for the following activities authorized by law:
- $21,800,000 for training and planning grants, an increase of $9 million;
- A new $4,000,000 grant program for non-profit hazmat employee organizations to train hazmat instructors who will train hazmat employees;
- $1,000,000 for grants to support certain national organizations to train instructors to conduct hazardous materials response training programs, an increase of $750,000;
- $625,000 for revising, publishing, and distributing the North American Emergency Response Guidebook, an increase of $125,000;
- $200,000 for continuing development of a national training curriculum; and
- $150,000 for monitoring and technical assistance.

III. Summary of Proposal to Increase HMEP Funding

A registration fee system should: (1) Be simple, straightforward, and easily implemented and enforced; (2) employ an equity factor reflecting the differences in level of risk to the public and the financial impact associated with the business activities of large and small businesses; and (3) ensure adequate funding for the HMEP grants program. Under Federal hazmat law, we have the discretion to increase registration fees for both small and large businesses. We considered several alternatives for increasing the funds available for the HMEP grants program. One option was to increase the fee for all businesses offering for transportation or transporting the covered hazardous materials. Another option was to maintain the fee for small businesses and not-for-profit organizations while adjusting the fee for larger businesses.

Due to a surplus, in 2003, we temporarily adjusted the registration fee to $125 (plus a $25 processing fee) for small businesses and not-for-profit organizations and $275 (plus a $25 processing fee) for all other registrants. (68 FR 1342) This reduction has reduced the current surplus to approximately $8.5 million.

To achieve the statutorily mandated goal of funding the HMEP grants program activities at approximately $28,000,000, we are proposing to adjust registration fees for persons other than small businesses to $1,975 (plus $25 processing fee) for registration year 2007–2008 and to $2,975 (plus $25 processing fee) for registration year 2008–2009 and following.

We believe adjusting the fee solely for larger, for-profit businesses is the best approach to meet the objectives listed above. Although there are exceptions, small businesses and not-for-profit organizations generally offer for transportation or transport fewer and smaller hazardous materials shipments as compared to larger companies. Raising the registration fee only for other-than-small businesses rather than for all businesses correlates the fee structure to the level of risk associated with shipments offered for transportation and transported by larger companies. Even at the fee levels proposed for registration year 2008–2009, the two fee levels will only differ by a factor of 10.

Moreover, increasing the registration fees only for other-than-small businesses will affect significantly fewer entities and will affect entities that can more easily absorb the increase. Since 2000, PHMSA has received...
approximately 41,500 registrations for each registration year. Small businesses or not-for-profit organizations make up 84%, or 34,775, of the registrants, while large businesses make up 16%, or 6,725, of the registrants.

We are also considering raising the current baseline penalty assessment of $1,000, for failing to register as an offeror or carrier of hazardous materials, for other-than-small businesses who fail to register and pay a registration fee. We would adjust the baseline penalty assessment to keep it proportional to the increased registration fee. We request comments on raising this baseline penalty assessment for other-than-small businesses.

IV. Expedited Registration Process

Since the beginning of the registration program in 1992, we have provided a 24 hour, seven days-a-week expedited telephonic registration option. Person utilizing this option are provided a temporary registration number and must pay an additional $50 expedited processing fee. With the addition of the internet registration option, the number of registrants utilizing the expedited registration option has steadily decreased to a low of less than 100 persons since January 2006. Therefore, we are proposing to eliminate the expedited registration option.

V. Multi-Year Registrations

We allow a person to register for up to three years in one registration statement (49 CFR 107.612(c)). We have received approximately 300 advance registrations for the 2007–2008 registration year and one advance registration for the 2008–2009 registration year from other-than-small businesses that have paid the fee previously established for those years. We apply fees according to the fee structure ultimately established by regulation for the registration year rather than according to the fee set at the time of payment. Thus, if we adopt the increase in registration fees proposed in this NPRM, additional fees would be required for registrations paid in advance at the lower levels in effect at the time of payment. When we lowered the fees for all registrants in 2003, we provided over 7,100 refunds amounting to over $2.3 million within the first year to registrants who had overpaid the newly established fees. If we adopt this proposal, we will notify each registrant who will be required to pay additional fees for the 2007–2008 and following registration years.

VI. Indian Tribes Exception

The Hazardous Materials Transportation Safety and Security Reauthorization Act of 2005 amends §5106(i)(2)(b) of the Federal hazmat law to add Indian tribes to the list of governmental agencies specifically exempted from the registration requirements. As a matter of policy, we have not been enforcing the registration requirements against Indian tribes, which were specifically included among the grant recipients. We are proposing to incorporate this specific exception into the HMR.

VII. Rulemaking Analyses and Notices

A. Statutory/Legal Authority for This Rulemaking

This proposed rule is published under the authority of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (Federal hazmat law; 49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq., as amended by P.L. 109–59) and 49 U.S.C. 44701. Section 5108 of the Federal hazmat law authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to establish a registration program to collect fees to fund HMEP grants. The HMEP grants program, as mandated by 49 U.S.C. 5116, authorizes Federal financial and technical assistance to States and Indian tribes to “develop, improve, and carry out emergency plans” within the National Response System and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act of 1986 (Title III), 42 U.S.C. 11001 et seq.

Congress reauthorized the Federal hazmat law in 2005 through the Hazardous Materials Transportation Safety and Security Reauthorization Act of 2005. This Act makes available funding for the HMEP grants program at approximately $28,000,000, an increase of nearly $14 million. In addition, the Act lowers the maximum fee to $3,000.

B. Executive Order 12866 and DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures

This proposed rule is not considered a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and, therefore, was not subject to formal review by the Office of Management and Budget. This proposed rule is considered non-significant under the Regulatory Policies and Procedures of the Department of Transportation (44 FR 11034).

The cost to industry of increasing registration fees will be $14 million per year. The increased funding for the HMEP grants program will provide essential training of persons throughout the Nation who are responsible for responding to emergencies involving the release of hazardous materials. In addition, training at more advanced levels is essential to assure emergency response personnel are capable of effectively and safely responding to serious releases of hazardous materials. The increased funding for the HMEP grants will enable us to help meet previously unmet needs of State, local and tribal governments by providing funding for activities such as: (1) Planning and training grants for local emergency planning committees; (2) a new program for non profit hazmat employee organizations to train hazmat instructors that will train hazmat employees; (3) support to certain national organizations to train instructors to conduct hazardous materials response training programs; (4) revising, publishing, and distributing the North American Emergency Response Guidebook; (5) continuing development of a national training curriculum; and (6) monitoring and technical assistance.

While the safety benefits resulting from improved emergency response programs are difficult to quantify, we believe these benefits significantly outweigh the annual cost of funding the grant program. The importance of planning and training cannot be overemphasized. To a great extent, we are a nation of small towns and rural communities served by largely volunteer fire departments. In many instances, communities’ response resources already are overextended in their efforts to meet routine emergency response needs. The planning and training programs funded by the HMEP grants program enable state and local emergency responders to respond quickly and appropriately to hazardous materials transportation accidents, thereby mitigating potential loss of life and property and environmental damage. The regulatory evaluation to the final rule issued under Docket HM–208 (57 FR 30620) showed that the benefits to the public and to the industry from the emergency response grant program would at least equal, and likely exceed, the annual cost of funding the grant program. Based on estimates of annual damages and losses resulting from hazardous materials transportation accidents, the analysis concluded that the HMEP program would be cost-beneficial if it were only 3% effective in reducing either the frequency or severity of the consequences of hazardous materials transportation accidents. Achieving this level of effectiveness is well within the success rates of training and planning programs to reduce errors and increase the proficiency and productivity of response personnel. A
regulatory evaluation for this proposed rule is available for review in the public docket.

C. Executive Order 13132

This proposed rule has been analyzed in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 13132 ("Federalism"). This proposed rule preempts State, local, and Indian tribe requirements, but does not propose any regulation having substantial direct effects on the States, the relationship between the national government and the States, or the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, the consultation and funding requirements of Executive Order 13132 do not apply.

D. Executive Order 13175

This proposed rule has been analyzed in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 13175 ("Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments"). Because this proposed rule does not have adverse tribal implications and does not impose direct compliance costs, the funding and consultation requirements of Executive Order 13175 do not apply.

E. Regulatory Flexibility Act, Executive Order 13272, and DOT Procedures and Policies

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-611) requires each agency to analyze regulations and assess their impact on small businesses and other small entities to determine whether the rule is expected to have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The provisions of this rule apply specifically to businesses not falling within the small entities category. Therefore, PHMSA certifies this rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

F. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

This proposed rule does not impose unfunded mandates under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995. It does not result in costs of $120.7 million or more, in the aggregate, to any of the following: State, local, or Native American tribal governments, or the private sector.

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Under 49 U.S.C. 5108(j), the information management requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) do not apply to this proposed rule.

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A regulation identifier number (RIN) is assigned to each regulatory action listed in the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulations. The Regulatory Information Service Center publishes the Unified Agenda in April and October of each year. The RIN number contained in the heading of this document may be used to cross-reference this action with the Unified Agenda.

I. Environmental Assessment

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347), requires Federal agencies to consider the consequences of major federal actions and prepare a detailed statement on actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. There are no significant environmental impacts associated with this proposed rule. PHMSA is proposing in this rule changes to the requirements in the HMR on the registration and fee assessment program for persons who transport or offer for transportation certain categories and quantities of hazardous materials. The proposed increase in registration fees will provide additional funding for the HMPB program to help mitigate the safety and environmental consequences of hazardous materials transportation accidents.

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Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comments (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit http://dms.dot.gov.

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 107

Administrative practice and procedure, Hazardous materials transportation, Penalties, Reporting and record keeping requirements.

In consideration of the foregoing, we propose to amend 49 CFR part 107 as follows:

PART 107—HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROGRAM PROCEDURES

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(4) An Indian tribe.
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Issued in Washington, DC on August 9, 2006, under authority delegated in 49 CFR part 106.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

49 CFR Part 389

[Docket No. MARAD—2005–22050]
RIN 2133–AB67

Determination of Availability of Coastwise-Qualified Launch Barges

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.
ACTION: Proposed rule; Notice of opening of reply comment period.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration is establishing regulations governing administrative determinations of availability of coastwise-qualified launch barges to be used in the transportation and launching of offshore
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2) Ken: In reference to John’s statement, Ken was told by SCD’s fiscal officer to do it that way.
3) Curtis: Need to change the MOA to make it user friendly.
4) John: MOA was signed in 1986-need to revise clause-need to teleconference for this.
5) Ken: Re-draft of MOA-someone to look over on both sides.
6) Larry: Proposes new MOA.
7) John: Will organize this.
8) Ken: Funds need to be used in the same year as encumbered. There is a hefty amount in the planning monies. 20K is available to work with-can be utilized for exercises or drills but must be spent by September 2006.
9) Clifford: Willing to use $15,000 of the $20,000 for the analysis of Tier 2 releases on continuity of operations. Discussion between members (Carter, Curtis, etc.)
10) Ken: Moves that Kauai receive monies for project, motion withdrawn-issue to be revisited at a later time in meeting. Addresses LEPCs: what are your needs for training? -Discussion to be saved for December HSERC
1) Beryl: Tracy Aruga’s reimbursement for NASTTPO conference in Arkansas. Ken: An 80% reimbursement using planning funds. John to meet with Ken to discuss.

8) DOT Letter Regarding Port Fire Fighting

Curtis Martin: DOT sent response letter to DOH. DOT taking DOH’s recommendation of remote controlled fire nozzles into consideration as they embark on their Statewide Petroleum Facilities Development Plan.

9) TREX Incident on Kauai

Curtis Martin:
Lihue, Kauai, May 27, 2006, a release occurred at Trex Enterprises in the Lihue Industrial Park Phase II. 600 pounds of methyltrichlorosilane (MTS) was released while transfer of the substance from storage tank to process tank was being made. As a result, the industrial park was evacuated. The MTS was contained, neutralized and disposed of. The facility remains closed and plans to upgrade their system in the near future. Because of the incident, members of the Lihue Industrial Park are interested in forming an organization similar to CLEAN. Carter: Since the resources were all on Kauai, if another incident occurred at the same time, responders would be overwhelmed because there would be a shortage of resources. Curtis to Chris: Release was detected by the odor.

*Revisit Clifford Ikeda’s proposal for project funding:
1) Clifford: Motion to approve and seconded (Clifford/Carter). Written draft of project with corrections was distributed per Clifford.
2) Carter: DOT ok on this, also the 70% increase?
3) Ken: Needs to run it pass DOT (Charley Rogoff). $5,000 in planning monies still left.
4) Larry: Pending qualification to allow Kauai to move on project, move that Kauai gets $15,000 towards pending proposed project, pending project eligibility (Motion pending/in favor of-passed).

2) Status of CAMEO

Leland Nakai: Trying to make it more user friendly (similar to Google)-for the intermittent users. More integration with other programs such as GIS. Use of local data that way you learn a lot more.

3) Update of Hawaii County LEPC Member List
Beryl Ekimoto: Emailed list from John Bowen is available.

4) State Conference Calling Center

Steven Mow: Explanation of conference call system. Trying to get a system set up in the HEER Office.
1) Larry: There is a system in place here (5th floor).
2) Smyth: Made mention of Sunshine Law. If loss of video, can continue on with the audio.

5) Letter to DOE Regarding Fire Pal CD

Beryl Ekimoto: Spoke to person assigned to review the CD. A memo was sent from the Superintendent to DOH
6) Other Business

1) Keith: Act 170-Government passed guidelines and criteria for clean up and disposal of clandestine labs. Will be meeting with Law Enforcement next week to discuss development of a program and will also be looking at other clean up programs. It’s a big problem-can’t sell or rent property. Carter: Mention of Denver’s cleanup policy presentation at the NASTTPO conference in Arkansas. Tom: What about condos, cars and areas in general? Larry: Hotels have problems too.

2) John: Videotape on illegal dumping provided by Federal grant for distribution. Give to Solid Waste folks.


4) Larry: Lab Information Management System-lab results are received quicker, system designed specifically for pandemic outbreak but also geared for environmental incidences.

5) Carter: NFPA 472 standard-draft on the NFPA website-guidelines are totally rewritten for HAZMAT regulations (NASTTPO presentation).

6) John: Hazmat training requirements have changed-can they do that? Ken: The standard in Hawaii is from the Fire Council. An 80 hours (classroom)/80 hours (hands on) tactical course- John is referring to. The Fire Council’s requirement for training is 160/160. Discussion between members regarding a written guidance that HSERC had produced. Members recalled it may have only been a verbal agreement and NOT a written document. Curtis: It is not our job to set the requirements.

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m (Carter/John).
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MEETING #62
Thursday, March 23, 2006 from 9:10 a.m. to 10:44 a.m.

Department of Health
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Final Meeting Summary
Attendees

Voting
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Tracy S. Aruga, Hawaii County LEPC
1) Larry Lau called the meeting to order at approximately 9:10am

1.1 Opening remarks by Larry Lau.
1.2 A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from meeting #61.
1.3 Attendees introduced themselves.

2) Local Planning Committee (LEPC) Updates

2.1 Hawaii
Tracy Aruga:
1) John Bowen’s (Hawaii county LEPC Chair) letter of resignation was submitted on 12/12/05. Reasons for resigning are personal and also due to a lack of support (Tracy will ask John to clarify this reason as per requested by Genevieve Salmonson). John Bowen wants the Mayor to appoint someone to be the new Chairperson but the LEPC must elect a person to become the Chair. The LEPC will be selecting a new Chair at their next meeting that is tentatively scheduled for April 12, 2006.
2) In the process of selecting a second Hazmat station in West Hawaii. Presently, the second station is temporarily based out of Waikoloa.
3) Pat Romero from the Federal DOT is planning to hold a one day workshop (Multimodal Hazardous Materials Training Seminar). It will be held at the UH-Hilo Conference Center on August 4th.
4) In July (10th – 13th), a 4-day full-scale exercise to test emergency response for Bioterrorism will be conducted. There will be no outside assistance (from other agencies) aside from the county and the district health office.
5) Discussions on why John Bowen resigned. Larry mentioned that the issues of lack of support and problems with Hawaii’s HMEP project gaining funding approval should be an agenda item for discussion.

2.2 Kauai  No representative present.

2.3 Maui
Scott Kekuewa:
1) LEPC meeting needed to be rescheduled due to conflict with today’s meeting. The next LEPC meeting will be held on the 30th of March.
2) Hosting a meeting for pipeline safety on April 20th.
3) Refresher training was given on February 21 – 24, 2006.
4) Radiological testing and awareness class is 2 days of hands on and 2 days of technical training. Very interesting.

2.4 Oahu
Leland Nakai:
1) LEPC meeting was held on March 15, 2006. There were 30 people in attendance. The CLEAN representative gave an update. CLEAN is also celebrating their 10th anniversary and trying to increase their membership. Earl Nishikawa of Chevron attended a train the trainer course on explosives. There was a PowerPoint presentation on the Fire Pal CD. LEPC is currently working on 2 projects (Homeland Security and Kakaako/Waikiki Area Study). Department of Agriculture is helping to identify facilities that have agricultural products (HANDOUTS).
2) Larry: Bill is in the Legislature regarding potential hazardous waste in fertilizer. What is in these fertilizers? Should we be concerned? Since hazardous waste disposal is costly, companies are mixing it into fertilizer. Larry’s suggestion is for all sellers and distributors to disclose what is in their fertilizer. Further discussion on the matter. Also discussion on whether or not GIS is public information-Genny. Leland: Hazmat facility information is secure, but other GIS data is available to the public. Ken: PACIFIC DISASTER CENTER in Maui has public access but mainly for manmade disasters. It was used for Kauai’s dams’ breaks.
3) EPA Update

Mike Ardito:
1) Lance Richman replaced Mike as ORRT (Oceanic Regional Response Team) Coordinator.
2) EPCRA is celebrating its 20 years anniversary on October 17, 2006.
3) Mike was not here for the December HSERC meeting. He was deployed to Louisiana for the Hurricane Katrina Response.
4) Murphy Oil Spill-1 million gallons of crude oil.
(3 HANDOUTS WERE AVAILABLE)

4) HMEP Training Classes and Exercises

Ken Lesperance: HMEP training classes; offered 2 refresher courses to both Kauai and the Big Island. HazMat Tech Course will be offered in the latter part of summer-Honolulu Fire will be hosting-15 seats available. The HMEP training has funding for travel. Leland: Any response from Charley Rogoff about the extra funding? Ken: No, ask him at the NASTTPO meeting in May. Scott K. requests for funds to pay for travel.

5) Fire Pal CD Purchase & Reimbursement to Honolulu LEPC

Leland Nakai: Demo on Fire Pal CD, an interactive software program for hazardous materials awareness targeted for grades 1 – 3. Aim is to try to incorporate into school’s curriculum. Honolulu LEPC bought into the copyrights for $2,500, and will be asking for reimbursement of 80%($2000) of the cost. Ken said that the planning side of the HMEP grant will fund this.

6) Copying and Distribution of the Fire Pal CD

Discussion on subject: Work with CLEAN in order to get it to the schools and other groups. Genny: another possible vehicle to get it out to the schools, Jack Johnson’s Kokua Hawaii Foundation, a non-profit organization. Smyth: Need to start at the top to get the ok. DOE has a curriculum department to decide. Must compose a letter from the HSERC Chairman addressed to the DOE Superintendent for to give blessing on the CD. A motion to accept this suggestion (Leland), Seconded (Smyth). Larry: Requests Leland to draft something. Leland: Will work with Beryl. Further discussion on the issue (Smyth, Scott, Leland, Genny and Larry).

7) HMEP Funding (how leftover funds will be utilized)

Curtis Martin: Regarding leftover funds distribution-need to discuss who needs the funding. Ken: Send LEPC folks to the NASTTPO conference on a rotation basis. Scott defers to the Big Island. The rotation order per Leland as per the conference call between the LEPCs and Ken: Big Island first, then Maui, Kauai and Honolulu. Discussion between Curtis and Ken –will continue in a conference call.

8) Port Firefighting

Curtis Martin: Incident in Hilo, a barge fire in the harbor. Looking towards an upgrade of counties ports’ infrastructure for more effective firefighting. A letter addressing this issue will be sent within the week to DOT from HSERC. Larry has already given the heads up to DOT’s deputy director, Barry Fukunaga. Curtis also informed the Coast Guard.

9) FY07 Budget from Tier II Collection

Curtis Martin: Must vote on the Tier 2 funding, a $3,000 base will be used again. (HANDOUTS) Counties need to go out and find potential Tier 2 facilities in order to get more monies. Larry: Regarding motion to adopt proposal of document dated March 14, 2006, Hawaii State Emergency Response Commission, Draft FY07 LEPC Funds Distribution; motion made (Gary), seconded (Scott). Larry: Motion carried, budget adopted.
10) Other Business

1) Ken: For the Kauai dam breaks, it was the first time the Urban Search and Rescue Team was deployed and it was also the first time dogs were used to locate a survivor.
2) Larry asks Mike to show photos of the Murphy Oil Spill at the next HSERC meeting.
3) Larry to Ken: Give brief description of Urban Search and Rescue at next meeting. Discussion on topic. Leland: Carter is in Arizona attending an Urban Search and Rescue exercise. 30,000 personnel (note: this number was later corrected to 5,000) are participating.
   Carter is the COMMS leader.
3a) Gary: COMMS issue is very important. Radios didn’t work again. Repeater got damaged in flood. No statewide land-mobile network exists. We still do not have a Statewide plan for communications. Interoperability needs to be established.
4) Larry: Avian Flu—what do you do if your staff is sick? Stay at home or go to work? Discussion on the issue.
5) Larry addresses Mike A.: Regarding the recent changes to the TRI (Toxic Release Inventory). Curtis: TRI reports are annual reports on facilities that have certain chemicals and how they rank among the other states. EPA did not support the latest change to the TRI.
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Position was reinstated. Have not yet received an internal hire list. Will go outside of state system if position is not filled.

Revisited, 5) HMEP Planning Grant Proposals & Funding Process
1) John Ross: Regarding the SCD MOA, for the counties to have to fund upfront, it is too much of a burden. Curtis: HSERC does the offset—grant goes to SCD in advance, SCD receives the administrative cost, SCD receives the funding upfront.
2) Ken: In reference to John’s statement, Ken was told by SCD’s fiscal officer to do it that way.
3) Curtis: Need to change the MOA to make it user friendly.
4) John: MOA was signed in 1986-need to revise clause-need to teleconference for this.
5) Ken: Re-draft of MOA-someone to look over on both sides.
6) Larry: Proposes new MOA.
7) John: Will organize this.
8) Ken: Funds need to be used in the same year as encumbered. There is a hefty amount in the planning monies. 20K is available to work with-can be utilized for exercises or drills but must be spent by September 2006.
9) Clifford: Willing to use $15,000 of the $20,000 for the analysis of Tier 2 releases on continuity of operations. Discussion between members (Carter, Curtis, etc.)
10) Ken: Moves that Kauai receive monies for project, motion withdrawn-issue to be revisited at a later time in meeting. Addresses LEPCs: what are your needs for training? -Discussion to be saved for December HS ERC
meeting.

8) DOT Letter Regarding Port Fire Fighting

Curtis Martin: DOT sent response letter to DOH. DOT taking DOH’s recommendation of remote controlled fire nozzles into consideration as they embark on their Statewide Petroleum Facilities Development Plan.

9) TREX Incident on Kauai

Curtis Martin:
Lihue, Kauai, May 27, 2006, a release occurred at Trex Enterprises in the Lihue Industrial Park Phase II. 600 pounds of methyltrichlorosilane (MTS) was released while transfer of the substance from storage tank to process tank was being made. As a result, the industrial park was evacuated. The MTS was contained, neutralized and disposed of. The facility remains closed and plans to upgrade their system in the near future. Because of the incident, members of the Lihue Industrial Park are interested in forming an organization similar to CLEAN. Carter: Since the resources were all on Kauai, if another incident occurred at the same time, responders would be overwhelmed because there would be a shortage of resources. Curtis to Chris: Release was detected by the odor.

*Revisit Clifford Ikeda’s proposal for project funding:
1) Clifford: Motion to approve and seconded (Clifford/Carter). Written draft of project with corrections was distributed per Clifford.
2) Carter: DOT ok on this, also the 70% increase?
3) Ken: Needs to run it pass DOT (Charley Rogoff). $5,000 in planning monies still left.
4) Larry: Pending qualification to allow Kauai to move on project, move that Kauai gets $15,000 towards pending proposed project, pending project eligibility (Motion pending/in favor of-passed).

2) Status of CAMEO

Leland Nakai: Trying to make it more user friendly (similar to Google)-for the intermittent users. More integration with other programs such as GIS. Use of local data that way you learn a lot more.

3) Update of Hawaii County LEPC Member List
Beryl Ekimoto: Emailed list from John Bowen is available.

4) State Conference Calling Center

Steven Mow: Explanation of conference call system. Trying to get a system set up in the HEER Office.
1) Larry: There is a system in place here (5th floor).
2) Smyth: Made mention of Sunshine Law. If loss of video, can continue on with the audio.

5) Letter to DOE Regarding Fire Pal CD

Beryl Ekimoto: Spoke to person assigned to review the CD. A memo was sent from the Superintendent to DOH
6) Other Business

1) Keith: Act 170-Government passed guidelines and criteria for clean up and disposal of clandestine labs. Will be meeting with Law Enforcement next week to discuss development of a program and will also be looking at other clean up programs. It's a big problem-can't sell or rent property. Carter: Mention of Denver's cleanup policy presentation at the NASTPPO conference in Arkansas. Tom: What about condos, cars and areas in general? Larry: Hotels have problems too.

2) John: Videotape on illegal dumping provided by Federal grant for distribution. Give to Solid Waste folks.


4) Larry: Lab Information Management System-lab results are received quicker, system designed specifically for pandemic outbreak but also geared for environmental incidences.

5) Carter: NFPA 472 standard-draft on the NFPA website-guidelines are totally rewritten for HAZMAT regulations (NASTPPO presentation).

6) John: Hazmat training requirements have changed-can they do that? Ken: The standard in Hawaii is from the Fire Council. An 80 hours (classroom)/80 hours (hands on) tactical course John is referring to. The Fire Council's requirement for training is 160/160. Discussion between members regarding a written guidance that HSERC had produced. Members recalled it may have only been a verbal agreement and NOT a written document. Curtis: It is not our job to set the requirements.

The next HSERC meeting will be tentatively held on Thursday, September 28, 2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m (Carter/John).
July 1, 96 9:05 a

Lary calls meeting to order

- Opening remarks - good to work together / done

- Introductions

- Minutes - moved / Tom, Gary / adjourn

4) Band on long trip

Tasks: ForceResourceManager from Homeland
Can't get here - we need that capability.
SCO is

4 rescue squads
80-12 personnel trained
Also medical component
Livy Crow leads
K-9 Unit - volunteers - 1 state employee

3-4 years of training
Search for missing subjects
Key located subject in debris pile - another was also found in pile.

Ken USR is needed.
I think can't do it alone - all island efforts combined is required.

1st 24 hrs. is key.

Sec - Built need capability - equipment use HTS funds

Ed

Ride along props - doable
- Disaster Leave Law in place here

Light capability - wooden houses
Med - Hollow tile structures
Heavy - Steel structures

Ken We had medium capability - FF was also sent med/heavy
Training is wanted - we don't have all of hydraulic tools
That's why we can't say 'cap.'
Presume system #1

Carter is a trainer

Rescue systems 2 - train the trainer

Ed: Need more volunteers - need to go thru rescue system! (repet off building)

Carter is all around person, not just Comms.

Larry: Would we help California?

Emergency NGT system passed - interrelated to Evans' prog.

Ken: California has a good system in place.

Carter:

Ken: Budget Info. on my form

Increase on fed funding

70% increase - active in 2007?

to Hawaii funding

Not back to current plan - 60-40

Ex: 100% - training - whatever the state's needs are
Lang - major policy shift - still talk among top + CEO.

John - planning updates - need to review plans

Carter - have vet. planning & monies in past.

Curtis - planning

Training funds - 20% offset. still save. will need to do a match.
Large Updates

John - elect chair -

ICS 200,400 training cancelled -
due to lack of bodies.

Feb be rescheduled to Feb.

Sponsored

New Fire Station - on hold -
because of location.

Community - traffic

Internet truck is appropriate on island.

Can't win't able to detail because of dam break

Web ECO - installed in borough

in a crisis

Putting up new F. station -

Kealani - old Waipioe vacated.

HLS waivers - signal to under-voice capability
Y max 8 mile coverage computerized voice operation is one way to solve interoperability problems.

Free flowing video is from field to otc.

Spoofing except because of terrorist activity.

Scott wani lepe - June 28th.

- membership update.

Leland - lepe making - June 27

Highlight 5 - handouts.

Clean - 20 qrc.

Fire Inspections - going out monthly

(P.P. pres.)
Chill  
6Gs - bonding alert - keeps man out of bonding boundaries.

- over 100 workers - D'Cleem

Curtis - Hepcom position - position not yet veed list -

John Ross - country have to think about too much of burden.

5) MoA -

Horne - does offset - grant goes to Curtis - Scal - in advance - get admin cast - you got funding up front -

Can - fiscal officer told me to do that.
Cinti is doing a bit like it used to.

John R. needs a revenue clause.
We need to set teleconference.

Larry and I need to discuss this after meeting.
John R. will organize.

Ken -elsey wants in planning money.
20,000 to work with.
Use for exercise or drills - got to spend by Sept. 2006.

Defining what a unit + then hire consultant.
Lance
$15,000 - will not be used of left
Clifford
Analysis of Tier 2

Carter - facili
tate

Carter - unable to do things now

Ken hours - motion was withdrawn

Lepo - what are your needs for
training - need for meeting

Tracy - costs reimbursement
planning funds

Gay - reimbursement

John Ross to meet w/ Ken
(c)htk) Part F's high-
letter book - engineering study
done - no time line
but will be incorporated at
the time. Refer to letter.

Tex Incident - 21st hour -
2 am. Methanol (MTS)

(c)htks)
Like: Kwan
high tech. (Write up)

Tex going to upgrade their system.

Chris - how detected?
People smelled odor.

[Resources]
Kwan
another
response accused
enough
resounded.
Overall, event occurs.

Cliff's Proposal
Matter + approve Clif.

Curtis General - Carter
D.O.T. 0.1% on this also 70% - Carter
Pending qualification to allow Kawi to move on to
were that Kawi gets 15,000 towards pending
planning proposed project policy project eligibility

Cmto - voice - user training - intermittent user users.

tracing analysis planner

LSU course WMD

More integration w/ other progr. GIS, etc.

Use local data - learned a lot more.
John Ross - change to chairman.

Wearley, XHT, Shaw, Shannon.

Other Business:

Act 170 - government policy.
Guidelines and criteria for clearance and disposal of cases.
Meeting of Land Enhancement.

Carter - Denver's claims policy at NASA 700.

Cant sell, rent, big problem.

Toms - What about condos?

Hotel has problems too - Larry.

give to Solid Waste

Carter - Larry Pickard - FBI agent

Protocol

Sampling kit.

Lab management system - pandemic.

Canker

NFPA 472 - guideline

totally rewritten. HAZMAT REC.

from NASTIPo - DRAFT on website.
John Ross

80 hours / on hand
80 hrs. (fact is court)

Trying to change training requirements -
Upgrade mandate?

Next meeting -
Sept 28,
9:00 A.M.

Adjourned

[Signature]

Adjourned / Searched

[Signature] John Ross
1/6/04

Replace MOA w/

Done before Texas for approval

Ken - make it simple

John Ross will be leading this project.