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HAWAII STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION MEETING #84

Friday, September 23, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.
Department of Health
919 Åla Moana Boulevard, Fifth Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

AGENDA		
1) 9:00	Call to Order Approval of Minutes from Mtg #83 Announcements, Remarks	Gary Gill, Deputy Director for Environmental Health
2) 9:15	Introduction	HSERC
3) 9:30	LEPC Updates	Henry Silva, Hawaii LEPC Representative Albert Kaui, Kauai LEPC Representative Scott Kekuewa, Maui LEPC Representative Alex Adams, Oahu LEPC Representative
4) 10:00	School Chemical Clean up Department of Education Meeting	Grace Simmons, Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch Alex Adams, LEPC, Sharon Leonida HSERC
5) 10:30	EPA Update	Mike Ardito, USEPA Region 9
6) 10:40	HMEP Grant	State Civil Defense
7) 10:50	Update HEPCRA Administrative Rules - Forms for Enforcement	HEER,
8) 11:00	How to make most efficient use of Training Grant	HSERC
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10) 11:45	Other Business	HSERC
11) 12:00	Schedule next HSERC meeting	HSERC, HEER, LEPCs

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No one from SCD here, Henry went over a notice that Clarice had sent out. Increase in HMEP fund used to pay for 160 Technicians Training, \$40,000 per class. Clarice mentioned future decreases in this fund, do we need to reduce training hours, or find a better way to use funds. Hawaii County does training through their fire department, got reimbursement from HMEP, cost of \$16,000. Standard of training was set by HSERC sub-committee in past years. SCD handles training schedule, if cuts to grant, hard to fund classes. Keith mentioned SCD handles other federal funds including Homeland Security. Agenda Item, "How to make most efficient use of Training Grant".

7. HEPCRA Administrative Rules

Kathy Ho advised Sharon and Beryl of the HEER Office, that HEPCRA (Tier II) Rules need to be accepted by HSERC Commission. Example, if enforcement needed to take place, commission needs to give approval. Questions on some of the wording in document, approved by Kathy Ho of the AG's office. Jennifer moved to accept rules, Valerie seconded, motion to accept "Title 11, Chapter 453 as circulated". No objection, rules accepted.

- 8. HSERC Financial Report Tier II Division of Funds
 Sharon explained where money is from and how division of funds are done. Henry concerned about enforcement on outer island, no objection to straight split if enforcement available to rest of counties. Alex motioned to accept "FY 12 LEPC Budget Split, Final June 16, 2011, with a \$1,000 base and Percentage Split". Seconded by Albert, no objections, motion approved.
- 9. Schedule next HSERC Meeting Friday, September 23, 2011

Respectively Submitted,

Sharon L. Leonida Environmental Health Specialist III RECEIVED DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



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__FROM:

GLENN M. OKIMOTO, Ph.D.

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SUBJECT:

HSERC MEETING

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From: Sent: Jay Maddock [jmaddock@hawaii.edu] Tuesday, March 29, 2011 4:31 PM

To:

Leonida, Sharon L 'Valerie Yontz'

Cc: Subject:

RE: HSERC Meeting, MARCH 24, 2011

Aloha Sharon,

Sorry I missed the meeting. We were on furlough last week. Valerie Yontz will be attending in my place from now on.

Jay

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6. HMEP Grant: State Civil Defense

No one from SCD here, Henry went over a notice that Clarice had sent out. Increase in HMEP fund used to pay for 160 Technicians Training, \$40,000 per class. Clarice mentioned future decreases in this fund, do we need to reduce training hours, or find a better way to use funds. Hawaii County does training through their fire department, got reimbursement from HMEP, cost of \$16,000. Standard of training was set by HSERC sub-committee in past years. SCD handles training schedule, if cuts to grant, hard to fund classes. Keith mentioned SCD handles other federal funds including Homeland Security. Agenda Item, "How to make most efficient use of Training Grant".

7. HEPCRA Administrative Rules

Kathy Ho advised Sharon and Beryl of the HEER Office, that HEPCRA (Tier II) Rules need to be accepted by HSERC Commission. Example, if enforcement needed to take place, commission needs to give approval. Questions on some of the wording in document, approved by Kathy Ho of the AG's office. Jennifer moved to accept rules, Valerie seconded, motion to accept "Title 11, Chapter 453 as circulated". No objection, rules accepted.

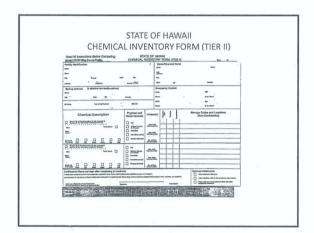
- 8. HSERC Financial Report Tier II Division of Funds
 Sharon explained where money is from and how division of funds are done. Henry concerned about enforcement on outer island, no objection to straight split if enforcement available to rest of counties. Alex motioned to accept "FY 12 LEPC Budget Split, Final June 16, 2011, with a \$1,000 base and Percentage Split". Seconded by Albert, no objections, motion approved.
- 9. Schedule next HSERC Meeting Friday, September 23, 2011

Respectively Submitted,

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TIER II

Collected information involving Hazardous
Substances and Extremely Hazardous
Substances present at facilities
Information collected is given to First
Responders and Emergency workers to better
handle emergencies



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ENABLING AUTHORITY

Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) CHAPTER 128E Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), Title 11 Chapter 453

Hawaii Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, HEPCRA

Sharon Leonida, Tier II Data Manager Office of Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response (HEER)

TERMS USED BY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

AUGUST 31, 2011 Presentation

EPA Environmental Protection Agency

EPCRA Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (National)

HEPCRA Hawaii Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act

SERC State Emergency Response Commission (National)

HSERC Hawaii State Emergency Response Commission

HEER Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office

LEPC Local Emergency Planning Committee (County Personnel)

Tier II Name of form used in HEPCRA Program that companies use to list

their chemicals.

NASTTPO National Association of SARA Title Three Program Officials

SARA Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986.

SARA List of Lists

Used to find chemical reporting limits for Tier II filing. Web site:

http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/tools.htm#lol .

Look for: Databases and Tools | Emergency Management | US EPA .

Go to the Quickfinder box, locate "List of Lists." This will take you to the document that you may view.



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Pacific Southwest Region Emergency Prevention and Preparedness Program Update For the Hawai'i State Emergency Response Commission Meeting in Honolulu on Friday, September 23, 2011

Proposed Revisions to EPCRA Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory Reporting Forms

On August 8, 2011, the EPA proposed a rule to revise the emergency and hazardous chemical inventory reporting forms (Tier 1 and Tier II) under section 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). The rule adds new data elements and revises existing data elements. For more details, please see the Federal Register for August 8 in Volume 76, Number 152. Comments are due October 7, 2011. For more information, please visit the EPA's Office of Emergency Management web page at www.epa.gov/emergencies. For comments or questions about this proposed revision, you may contact Sicy Jacob of the U.S. EPA Office of Emergency Management at 202-564-8019.

EPCRA Amendments to the Regulation

On April 15, 2011, the EPA proposed amendments to revise the way the regulated community applies the threshold planning quantities (TPQs) for Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS). This applies to EHS that are non-reactive solid chemicals in solution form. With these amendments, the EPA proposed modifying the assumptions used to develop the TPQs for solid EHS chemicals in solution. The EPA proposed these amendments because available data shows less potential for the solid chemical in solution to remain airborne in the event of an accidental release. Comments were due on June 14, 2011.

There are 157 EHS chemicals which could potentially be affected by this change. These 157 chemicals also appear with two TPQs (the higher TPQ is 10,000 pounds) in Appendices A and B of 40 CFR part 355. Organizations and facilities subject to Section 302 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) and its implementing regulations found in 40 CFR 355 subpart B may be affected by this rule.

NASTTPO Meetings 2011

The most recent meeting of the National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials (NASTTPO) was held Tuesday, April 26 through Thursday, April 28, 2011 at the Mission Palms Hotel and Conference Center in Tempe, AZ.

The "mid-year" NASTTPO conference was originally scheduled for this October to be combined with EPA's national program meeting and the commemoration of EPCRA's 25th anniversary. Due to budget constraints, that has been scaled back and a more subdued commemoration with outreach materials (such as short videos, website feature,

and EPCRA timeline) for SERCs and LEPCs nationwide are being planned in lieu of a national conference. However, the "mid-year" NASTTPO is now scheduled to be held in Houston, TX on October 19-20, prior to the annual HotZone conference. A plenary session commemorating the 25th anniversary of EPCRA is scheduled to be held on Friday, October 21 at the HotZone conference.

EPA's National Website for Emergency Prevention and Preparedness

Recent highlighted additions to the EPA's national website for EPCRA (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act) and related programs are located at www.epa.gov/emergencies.

One of the newest documents posted on the EPA's Office of Emergency Management web page is a 12-page guidance on "Measuring Progress in Chemical Safety: A Guide for Local Emergency Planning Committees and Similar Groups."

EPA Is Recognized with Prestigious Library Award

On May 17, 2011, the Library of Congress Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) presented EPA's National Library Network with the Federal Library / Information Center of the Year award. With this award, FLICC recognized EPA libraries for outstanding, innovative and sustained library achievements in fiscal year 2010, including:

- Digitizing 7,500 agency publications, adding to the collection 45,000 publicly available digital documents.
- Addressing nearly 9,000 public reference questions and loaning more than 8,000 documents, saving taxpayers an estimated \$266,000.

EPA Pacific Southwest EPP Program Contact

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