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HAWAII STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION  
MEETING # 105

Friday, December 16, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Department of Health  
919 Ala Moana Boulevard, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Attendees

Voting: Keith Kawaoka, Deputy Director, Dept. of Health; Gerald Kosaki, Hawaii County LEPC; Alex Adams, Honolulu LEPC; Valerie Yontz, Public Health Studies, University of Hawaii; Jeff Kihune, Maui County LEPC; Albert Kauai, Kauai County LEPC; Scott Glenn, Office of Envir.. Quality Control; Toby Clairmont, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Dept. of Defense; Mark Want, Energy Analyst, Dept. of Business Economic Development & Tourism; Thomas Matsuda, Dept. of Agriculture, Pesticide Branch; Tin Shing Chao, OSHA, Dept. of Labor and Industrial Relation

Non-Voting: Sharon Leonida, Fenix Grange, Curtis Martin, Terry Corpus, Dept. of Health, HEER Office; Robert H. Harter, City and County of Honolulu, Dept. of Emergency Management; Eric Jensen, Tetra Tech, Patty Coleman, Navy; Laura McIntyre, Dept. of Health, EPO, Gilbert Chun, Orasa Fernandez, Mark Behrens, Dept. of Education, Lorrin Kim, Dept. of Health, Donn Zuroski, Craig Benson, EPA Region 9, Bill Marhoffer, USCG Sector 14/Oceania RRT

1. Keith called the meeting to order at 9:15 am.
  - 1.1 Introduction of Attendees.
  - 1.2 No revisions to minutes from meeting #104. Motion to accept minutes was moved by Bob Harter, seconded by Valerie Yontz. Minutes accepted.
  
2. LEPC Updates:
  - 2.1 Hawaii County: Gerald Kosaki
    - 2.1.1 The LEPC meeting was held on December 6, 2016, fifteen members attended.
    - 2.1.2 There were three incidents that occurred. BEI had a chlorine release that started September 22 until the 23, 2016. Puna Geothermal Venture had two incidents, both minor releases. The first was on September 29, and second on October 3, 2016. PGV submitted a report on the incidents, a copy was given to Clean Air Branch. Gerald explained the community concern about the releases.

2.1.3 He met with Mayor Harry Kim December 12, 2016, to discuss the LEPC. Asked for the mayor to send a representative from his office to the meetings. Mayor will work on having someone attend. Chris Leonard from U.S. Broadcasting Corporation has become a member of the LEPC as the media representative. He oversees five radio stations on Big Island and is willing to do public service announcements; such as Tier II Reporting. Terry Napeahi represents the Keaukaha Action Network, has also been asked to join the committee. She has attended meetings to bring up concerns in the community. As part of the committee, she can help with solutions rather than just presenting problems. Cal Westergard from the Dept. of Agriculture, Pesticide Branch also attended. Everybody on the committee seems to be dedicated to attending the meetings. Questions on PGV release, what was released. Keith asked if there was a “hot wash report” done for BEI. Liz Galvez and Adam Teekell went to Hawaii to do an After-Action Review. A report is available. Plant manager that was exposed to gas is still out. Gerald gave an update on the ‘leaking tank’. It was sent to the mainland for inspection. Nothing was found to explain the leak.

2.2 Kauai County: Albert Kauai – Kauai Fire Department

- 2.2.1 Last LEPC meeting was November 16, eighteen members attended. Next meeting will be February 16, 2017.
- 2.2.2 The Budget was consolidated and new accounts were created. The budget was approved for this year.
- 2.2.3 Fantom Materials, formerly Trex, gave a presentation. They will be starting up their operations again, new owners.
- 2.2.4 BEI – Kauai asked the fire department to do a visit. This was after the Hilo incident. The vice president on Kauai wanted to meet with Hazmat. On the visit, there was a walkthrough of the facility. Fire went over the procedures for a chlorine leak. Only the shop supervisor was certified. There was a discussion on operation plans. BEI usually brings in ONLY 6 – 120 pound cylinders at a time. Only two facilities use chlorine on Kauai. One is the wastewater treatment plant, second is a water well. A chlorine class is being planned for fire department, wastewater and the water department. Class will be at the fire training center The department of health as well as other agencies will be invited to attend.
- 2.2.5 There were two incidents, a fifty-five-gallon plastic drum washed ashore, it was sealed. They did Hazcatting, used Hazmat ID. It was a 97% chance of being Kerosene. Liz helped to get it removed. The second incident was a chemical odor. A person sprayed their yard with Malathion and the smell traveled.

- 2.3 Maui County: Jeff Kihune - Maui Fire Department
- 2.3.1 There was a Vikane leak in August, due to strong winds, gas leaked out of a tented resident, it dispersed.  
 In September, unknown luggage was left at a hotel check in counter. Fire worked with DOD to make sure it was safe.  
 Maui is having a problem with abandoned vehicles. You must pay to dispose of cars on Maui. Fire usually responses to 2 – 3 burning cars a week. One car had 65 – 1 gallon containers of waste oil. Another had 75 – 100 sharpies, used needles, inside. DOE on Maui helped the fire department with this.  
 There were two propane leaks, a car hit a house and created a leak. Fire stopped the leak. At another location, the same incident occurred, it was also taken care of.  
 At a Tesoro gas station, a person was not aware that the hose from his gas tank was not connected to his filling portal. There was a spill of thirteen gallons. It was cleaned up.  
 A grocery store had a Ferron leak, 90 – 100 pounds was released. Fire stopped the leak and ventilated the store.
- 2.3.2 Hazmat Training for the whole department is 90 % completed. They are having a Hazmat I. C. class this year.  
 BEI did training for Awareness level for chlorine in November, 2016.
- 2.3.3 LEPC adopted their By Laws, Rules and Regulations. It was sent to Corp Counsel for approval. It will be sent to HSERC after approval.  
 They are waiting for Tetra Tech for Maui's EOP.
- 2.3.4 Next meeting will be on March 10,2017
- 2.3.5 Purchase was made on four throat mikes for Hazmat Unit. They work with the new radio, cost was \$3,000. This was from the LEPC fund.  
 Keith asked about shutdown of HC&S. Jeff explained about dumping on HC&S lands before and the problems now. Closure of construction landfill could cause more dumping on former sugarcane land. Large amount of land, lack of security to prevent dumping.
- 2.4 Honolulu City & County: Alex Adams
- 2.4.1 LEPC meeting was December 13, 2016, 39 attendees, next meeting is March 21, 2017.
- 2.4.2 Went over previous HSERC meetings. Visit to Roll Off Hawaii site.
- 2.4.3 During Pearl Harbor's 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration, HFD, HPD, EMS, set up "All Hazard Teams", for heightened awareness. An "Incident Command" was set up during the Marathon. CST was involved in these events also.  
**During the December 7, 1941 attack, several fire personnel were killed when responding to Hickam AFB.** Alex recounted the incident and personnel that received the purple heart.
- 2.4.4 Fire Fighter Dean Randall gave a review of the Continuing Challenge in Sacramento, CA., held in September, 2016.  
 Kaneohe Marine Corp Base talked about exercise that was held.  
 Coast Guard gave their quarterly report.  
 Lynn Baily from the HEER Office gave a presentation on Brownfield cleanup.

- 2.4.5 Engine was called out on a spill. After checking car, someone had drilled into the gas tank to take the fuel. Fire has had several calls where this has happened.
- 2.4.6 Pre-plan visit with Par Hawaii in the coming week. It will be at their two locations, Sand Island and Campbell Industrial Park. Working with Hawaii Gas Company and HFD to have Mike Callum come down. He is a respected Hazmat instructor and speaker. He would be conducting classes. Still in the planning stages.
- 2.4.7 Fire has received the new “Hazmat I. D. Elite”, it takes the place of the Hazmat ID 360. Vendor will be giving training.

### 3. Department of Education Update, MOU Lab Cleanup Agreement

- 3.1 Keith explained how the School Lab Cleanup idea was brought to HSERC by LEPC Henry Silva. Gilbert Chun talked about how the cleanup began. Grace Simmons and Travis Hiramoto from Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch and Mark Behrens, Orasa Fernandez from DOE worked together to do the inspections. Orasa handles the Hazardous Materials Removal Program that takes chemicals out of the schools. Mark Behrens set up the program that is in the MOU. He will be doing the inspections. Good news is that Mark has seen schools that do not have any hazardous chemicals. There will be a new director, Max Mendoza, he will be starting in 2017. Keith signed the MOU on behalf of the HSERC, Kathryn Matayoshi signed for the DOE at an earlier date.

### 4. Legislature Bill to Increase Tier II Fees

- 4.1 Curtis gave the background on the Community Right-To-Know Act. The SERC, State Emergency Response Commission, LEPC and Tier II programs are part of this act. The \$100 fee was set by the legislature when it adopted this program twenty-three, 23, years ago. Fenix has gone to the Honolulu, Maui, and Kauai LEPCs to talk about the fee increase. There seems to be a lot of support for this bill. We need support from the LEPCs and Tier II facilities to send in testimony to help get it passed. HEER Office will be sending out a letter to all Tier II facilities letting them know about the legislation bill for the fee increase. Keith cautioned that there may be some objections to the increase. Just continue to support and provide testimony when hearings come up. Fenix will be asking the LEPCs for input for a fact sheet. This could include pictures of equipment, training, incidents. Examples of incidents or events that show how LEPC money is used could be a major boost to help this bill. Lorrin Kim explained about procedures for a bill. His role is helping to track the bills and talk to people on the committees to help the bills advance. Discussion on the Pesticides, Agriculture and OSC bills, how they may be linked. Questions if there are templates that can be used to submit testimony. Examples will be made available.

### 5. HSERC Financial Report, Tier II Division of Funds, Decisions

- 5.1 Curtis explained about collection of fees from Tier II facilities. How the amount of money given to each county is determined by the amount of facilities reporting from that county. LEPCs voted to accept the budget. Motion to release funds to LEPC from Valerie, seconded by Tin Shinge. HSERC voted to release funds.

6. Updates on Health Department

Keith spoke about the Biennium Session. This is the time you can ask for positions, resources for your program. Not much extra money available. Vector Control, Epidemiology, Water Quality, State Labs, HEER are all asking for additional positions. Governor's Budget is submitted package. It is not the same as a bill like Tier II. Lorrin and Keith went over how important it is to have testimony. They must stress how important the governor's package is to the various staff members and the financial committee. Pointing out specific items can help bring attention to it, such as the additional OSC position. If there is an exercise, meeting, event, invite members of the committee to attend. No matter how much professional testimony is submitted, **one good personnel story can be the deciding factor**. Examples of personal stories from last year were given.

Strategic Plan, theme is, HOW DO WE IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF PEOPLE OF HAWAII OUTSIDE OF ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH. Website has more information. Another issue is 'Health Data'.

Medical Marijuana –

Environmental Department has a lot of concerns about marijuana. This includes permitting, approval of water systems, sanitation, solid waste. Counties should oversee the building permits and other related issues dealing with this industry. Fire departments need to check to see if the license have filed the required permits, plans. Every facility will be different; each part of the process may be in a separate location. The growing and processing plant would not be at the same location as the retail shop. Lorrin spoke about some of the places he has visited. Lots of chemicals, fertilizers, compressed gas, CO<sub>2</sub>, solvents. Health department is asking Attorney General for guidance. Hoping to have workshops for each county. This would inform the licenses on each island about what environmental and county requirements are. Some facilities are organic, others using chemicals as mentioned above. This is another item of attention in the legislature. Need to push for rule amendments, changes in the law. This is a high priority because of first responders. Other states have county health departments; Hawaii has the health department at the state level.

7. Other Business

7.1 Alex Adams expressed concern about how the facilities would react to a fee

Increase. Many businesses are part of the different LEPCs. Sharon explained about speaking with different companies when they call about Tier II. Many commented about how 'low' the fees are compared to other states. Several companies have already stated they would submit testimony in favor of the fee increase.

7.2 Bill Marhoffer – The National Response Team's, Preparedness Committee, Training Sub Committee, is going to develop a primer, training guide, for SERCs and LEPCs.

Some states, counties, municipalities, don't have these committees, or they are not as functional as here in Hawaii. This guide can be used as an instruction manual for new LEPC membership and briefing **new political elected and appointed officials**. If they have never heard of the SERC or LEPC, this would give the background of the program and explain the function.

7.3 Bob Harter has handouts on the table concerning Holiday Safety.

8. Next HSERC Meeting - March 24, 2017. Happy Holidays. Meeting adjourned 10:46 am.

Respectively Submitted,

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