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HAWAII STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION
MEETING # 138 Friday, June 20, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting at Red Conference Room, Uluakupu Building, located at 2385 Waimano Home Road, Pearl City, HI 96782

and via Zoom

Attendees

Voting: Kathleen Ho, Deputy Director of Environmental Health; Chris Takeno, Dept. of Transportation; Tom Eisen, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Scott Nishimoto, Dept. of Agriculture; Carlton Yamada, Honolulu County Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC); Kalani Abreu, Kauai County LEPC; Jeff Kihune, Maui County LEPC; Gerald Kosaki, Hawaii County LEPC; Kimberly Fuller, Dept. of Land and Natural Resources

Non-Voting: Grace Simmons, Elizabeth Galvez, Sharon Leonida, Isaiah Kela-Pacheco, Adam Teekell, Dept. of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response (HEER) Office; Shawn Carrier, Navy Region Hawaii, Lila Castellano, Cherry Pascual, Krystal Diaz, Navy Closure Task Force, U. S. Navy; Andrew Kenrick, Pipeline Safety; Bob Harter, City & County of HONOLULU; Matt Lockman, U.S. Marine Corp.; Eric Jensen, Tetre Tech, Ruth Yender, NOAA; Chris Curatilo, Jason Geneau Preparedness, Service and Training; Sonia Campbell, University of Hawaii; Sarah Pedroza, EPA, Greg Jenkins Maui County LEPC

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:13 am by Kathy Ho.
 - Introduction of attendees was done on Zoom and in person.
 - There was a motion to approve minutes from meeting #137. Motion to approve was accepted and approved.
 - Kathy did a roll call of members.

2. LEPC Updates:
 - 2.1 Hawaii County: Gerald Kosaki, LEPC Chair
Last LEPC meeting was on May 22, 2025, nine members and three non-members. Next LEPC meeting will be August 14th at the Civil Defense Emergency Operations Center

 - 2.1.2 Training:

Hazmat training with 93rd Civil Support Team at the beginning of the month.
This will be lanes training.

The LEPC is sponsoring four (4), HFD Hazmat personnel and two (2), LEPC members to attend Continuing Challenge on September 2 – 5, 2025.

2.1.3 Incidents:

Fuel tanker incident on Saddle Road, not a significant spill.

There was a diesel spill by Nan Inc., near Hilo Medical Center, Adam Teekell has the report.

2.1.4 Gerald reported to LEPC meeting, possible cuts to federal funds from different agencies and programs

At the National Association of SARA Title Three Program Officials, NASTTPO, Gerald spoke to trainers on doing a CAMEO refresher training.

Gerald will be submitting a letter to Mayor Kimo Alameda on the current LEPC Membership.

2.2 Kauai County: Kalani Abreu for Abraham Mohr, LEPC Chair

Last LEPC meeting was on May 5, 2025.

2.2.1 Training:

Two Kauai Fire Department personnel attending alternative fuels class in Pueblo Colorado at the beginning of July.

The Tactical Chemistry class is coming up in the middle of July.

CST training is scheduled for the third (3rd) week in July.

Recruit Hazmat Technician Class is scheduled for the first and second week in August.

2.2.2 Purchases

Approved funding for Personal Gas Monitors. Previous funding source is no longer available.

Approved \$10,000 to help purchase equipment for our confined space team.

2.2.3 Incidents

No Hazmat calls.

2.2.4 Jason Geneau has contacted them about the county EOP. Possible meeting in late August with shareholders.

2.3 Maui County: Jeff Kihune, LEPC Chair

Last LEPC meeting was held on April 29, 2025. Ten members and three non-members were attended. New members are from Hawaiian Electric and Hawaii Gas. Next meeting scheduled for July 22, 2025.

2.3.1 Updates:

Proposal to pay for the HazTech Systems Training Class of \$10,500.00 was approved.

Proposal to pay for the PEAC equipment license renewal of \$5,500.00 was also approved.

2.3.2 Training:

First Responder Awareness, FRA Training was completed for the present lifeguard recruits.

Tactical Chemistry by Cris Weber of Dr. Hazmat Inc., will be held June 30 – July 2, 2025. This was funded by the United States Department of Transportation USDOT through Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, PHMSA. This is part of the Sustainable Workplace Alliance Grant.

HazCat Operations by HazTech Systems is being held July 14 – 16, 2025.

This is funded through the LEPC.

Propane and Pipeline Emergency Training is being done by the Hawaii Gas Company, August 18 – 22, 2025.

Hazmat Technician Certification Training is being provided by the Deans of Hazmat, July 28 – August 8, 2025. This is funded through the HMEP grant. Palmtop Emergency Action for Chemical, PEAC software subscription renewed and funded by LEPC.

2.3.3 Incidents:

March 24, 2025 report of an oil sheen in Kahului Harbor, no sighting, incident reported to HEER Office.

June 10, 2025, Gasoline spill at Aloha Petroleum, located at 60 Hobron Avenue. Engine 10, Rescue 10 were dispatched to Whole Foods in the Maui Mall for a strong smell of gasoline. R 10 located the source at the Aloha Petroleum Maui Fueling Terminal. Employees reported that the automatic fuel dispenser shut off had failed causing the overfilling of the tanker truck by “at least” 200 gallons. Fuel overflowed the trough on top of the tanker and spilled on to the ground. Employees had contained the spill on the ground and had begun pumping out the overfill trough at the time we arrived. Fire monitored clean-up efforts by Aloha Petroleum which appeared to be effective. Hazmat 10 notified HEER Office, Liz Galvez, of spill.

June 15, 2025 Hawaiian Electric Company notified the fire department of an incident involving a vehicle hitting a utility pole and damaging the transformers on pole. About 33.2 gallons had spilled, Hawaiian Electric notified the HEER Office and will handle the clean up.

2.4 Honolulu County: Carlton Yamada, LEPC Chair LEPC meeting would be on Tuesday, June 17th at the Honolulu Fire Department Training Center. There were fifty-eight attendees, in person and on-line. Next meeting will be on September 16, 2025.

2.4.1 Guest Speakers:

Jeff Spencer is an Emergency Management Specialist, from Department of Emergency Management office. He provided an overview on the Emergency Management Reserve Corps. They were formerly known as the Civil Defense Volunteer Program. They assist the city and county when there are emergencies, or requests are made from other agencies for help at an incident or special events. He described how they are activated and the uniform that they wear. These members must supply their own vehicles and are equipped by the city and county in case of activation.

Jason Geneau from Preparedness Services and Training (PST) LLC gave a preview of the statewide HAZMAT Annex Update Project. He will contact each County.

Marine Science Technician Chief Antonio Carrillo, - United States Coast Guard, Sector Honolulu, Incident Management Division Updates

He did a report on the Marine responses and pollution cases for the past quarter. There was a report on the Validating of Geographic Response Strategies (GRS). GRS are part of the Area Contingency Plan for over a dozen GRS's in the Hawaii Area Contingency Plan. This covers all major commercial ports in the main Hawaiian Islands, American Samoa and two remote territories.

IMD is working to validate that the GRS is current and ensure the information and strategies are still appropriate for the area. This can be done by an actual

incident, boom deployment, exercise, site visit, or table-top discussions with stakeholders and Subject Matter Expert's.

IMD has attended two industry-led boom deployments, this is to assess the effectiveness of this strategy and discuss changes to the GRS.

The first was at Pago Pago Harbor, American Samoa on April 24. This was led by PST.

The second was held at Nawiliwili Harbor, Kauai. This was led by PST and Marine Spill Response Corp, MSRC, on May 19, 2025.

Hilo Harbor will have an event on June 23, 2025.

It appears that some GRSs' will need updated strategies.

2.4.2 Events, Pre-planning activities:

Battalion Chief Yamada thanked the LEPC for being able to attend National Association of SARA Title Three Program Officials, NASTTPO, Conference April 21st -25th in Milwaukee, WI.

Hazardous Materials, First Responder Operators (HMFRO) level Annual Refresher Training for all incumbent HFD personnel was completed.

The 93rd Civil Support Team, CST, is having their weeklong Honolulu County Training and Exercise Event. Agencies participating include; Hawaii National Guard (HI-NG), CBRNE ENHANCED RESPONSE FORCE PACKAGE (CERF- P), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Honolulu Fire Department (HFD), Honolulu Police Department (HPD), Department of Law Enforce (DLE), Emergency Medical Service (EMS), Federal Fire Department (FFD), Department of Health (DOH).

2.4.3 Incidents.

On March 31st a refuse truck dumped it's load along Heeia Street, Kaneohe. Someone had disposed of Lithium-ion batteries in the trash.

2.4.4 Pre-planning visits to facilities (review emergency procedures and update contact Lists)

Three facilities were visited, Hawaiian Ice on Nimitz Highway, SPC Distributors on Ualena Street and Pacific Shipyard on Nimitz Highway.

Robert Harter is retiring at the end of this month. He has 14 years of service with the Department of Emergency Management for the City and County of Honolulu and was the LEPC coordinator. LEPC presented Bob with a plaque and a lunch celebration.

3. Encouraging non-reporting facilities to file Tier II: Sharon Leonida, HEER Office
Under the current Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS)128E, and Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) 11-453, Lithium-ion batteries are not listed as a hazardous or extremely hazardous substance for our state. To protect the community from possible incidents, the commission can use rules from HAR 11-453-16(a)(2). Under this section of the rules, the HSERC Commission can designated those facilities that store, use, or manufacture Lithium-ion batteries equal to or in excess of 10,000 pounds maybe required to submit a completed Tier II form.
A vote was taken, and the commission members gave approval to have these facilities submit a Tier II if they meet these requirements.
An example of the ad to be placed in the media, to include, newspapers, department of Health (DOH) and DOH's Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response (HEER) office and websites were shown.

4. County HAZMAT Planning, Validation and Adoption: Jason Geneau, Preparedness, Services and Training LLC, PST; Christopher Curatilo, Tetra Tech, Todd Jasper, PST
The HSERC has funded PST to work with the LEPCs to:
 1. Develop/update county-level HAZMAT annexes, integrate coordination with ports, airports and military, hold a HAZMAT stakeholder workshop, conduct a validation tabletop exercise, support adoption and promulgation.
 2. Confirm stakeholders for HAZMAT Annex Planning. Identify date, time and location for Stakeholder Workshop and Tabletop Exercise. Conduct targeted outreach to key stakeholders. Update/Revise existing HAZMAT Annex based on feedback. Distribute draft HAZMAT Annex to LEPC/Stakeholders for feedback/comments. Conduct Stakeholders Workshop to discuss draft. Additional draft revisions. Conduct HAZMAT TTX and develop after-action report (AAR). Finalize draft HAZMAT Annex. Support adoption and promulgation.

5. Annual Unknow Sample of the Month Results: Sonia Campbell from the University of Of Hawaii, Elizabeth Galvez, HEER Office
Liz gave the history of how this award was started and slides showed some of the past winners.
Sonia explained how the results were judged and how points were awarded.
Tied for Second Runner -Up:
Maui Fire Department, Kahului Station 10, Shift B
Hawai'i Fire Department Kaumana Station 4, Shift B
First Runner-Up:
Hawai'i Fire Department, Makalei Station 21, Shift C
First Place;
Honolulu Fire Department, HazMat 1, Shift C

6. Reactivation of Navy Aiea-Halawa Shaft, Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill
Lila Castellano, Community Planning and Liaison Officer
Slides were used to show the different dates that events took place
November 2021 – December 2021, was the release impacts of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam System.
December 2021 – March 2022, Interagency Drinking Water System Team from DOH, EPA, Navy, and Army were formed to develop requirements.
December 2021-March 2022, JBPHH Drinking Water System flushing. The flushing Was done to all facilities and residences. DOH lifted the health advisory in March 2022. The system was certified as safe.
March 2022-March 2024, Drinking Water Long Term Monitoring, this was twenty-four (24), month monitoring of the HBPHH drinking water system. Over 9,200 samples taken and analytes for different types of metals, hydrocarbons, compounds. There were repeated sampling of different sources and schools in 19 zones.
April 2024-March 2025, Navy voluntarily extended Drinking Water Monitoring. This was approved by the EPA. Over 6,200 samples taken and analytes. A new zone in Manana was added. Priority areas were tested more frequently.
Reactivation of the Navy Aiea-Halawa Shaft.
Slide shows the timeline of the reactivation of one of the drinking water wells for JBPHH. There is a listing of the month and year that each step is taken for reactivation. July 2025 is listed as the reactivation period.

7. United States Environmental Protection Agency Updates, Bill Jones,
Current Handouts when available. ORRT Meeting on March 17, July 17, 2025.
8. Hazard Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) update: Harold Lao
He will be applying for Year 1 of the next three (3) year HMEP grant which is
\$160,792.00.
The activities that are being funded are; HAZMAT Tech Training, LEPC NASTTPO
Conference, OT costs for Hazmat Tech Training and Chemical Safety Day Training.
9. Announcements from other Agencies: HSERC, LEPC
Kathy announced that House Bill 242 concerning a working group to develop a plan
for best management practices for the recycling, reuse, or repurposing of electric
batteries had passed second reading.
10. Open Forum: Public comment on issues not on the agenda:
There were no comments.
11. Next HSERC Meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2025.
Meeting was adjourned.