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Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group Meeting

(BP Energy Center)
November 9, 2011

Draft Meeting Notes

1. **Participants:** See attached.
2. **Agenda:** See attached.
3. **Safety Moment:** Sandra Brewer (BP Energy Center) briefed the group on general safety procedures as well as provided a general layout of the facility.
4. **Introductions:** The meeting began with an overall welcome followed by introductions. A sign-in sheet was also circulated (see the attached participant list).
5. **Action Items from the Previous Meeting:** The group reviewed the action items for the previous meeting held on August 16, 2011. See additional in the notes for status of the action items.
6. **Hazmat Team Updates:**
 - a. **Anchorage Hazmat Team:** Update from Jim Vignola.
 - Approximately 40 responses to natural gas releases, carbon monoxide calls.
 - Chlorine release at the YMCA pool resulted in several minor exposures. Area was monitored with Rae detectors and a PID and ventilated.
 - Suspected biological threat at the Federal Building. Good overall coordinated response.
 - Jim is working on the Anchorage Hazmat surplus equipment. Funding sources and approximate date of purchase need to be resolved prior to release of the equipment.
 - b. **Fairbanks Hazmat Team:** Unable to attend the meeting.
 - c. **103rd Civil Support Team:** Update from Alan Hulse.
 - 103CST is in Hawaii with two other CSTs supporting the Asia Pacific Economic Conference.
 - d. **Ketchikan Hazmat Team:** Email update from Andy Tighe.
 - Numerous diesel odors where the sources could not be located. The local DEC responder was contacted on a few as sheens were present and absorbent material was placed to keep out of storm drains.
 - Responded to a recent call to the high school lab for a report of hazardous materials. Assessment revealed that the chemicals (mercury, sodium hydroxide, and rad sources) were all in appropriate containers and will be disposed of locally during Hazmat week.

- e. **Kodiak Hazmat Team:** Update from Jim Mullican.
- Responded to a possible anhydrous ammonia leak on a fishing vessel. Conducted atmospheric monitoring with negative results on the pier. Made entry to vessel; found no leaks. This call was very challenging due to the weather and location. Techs were required to climb down a ladder at night to a vessel with limited access and moving due to wind and seas.
 - Multiple responses to petroleum leaks/oil spills.
 - Will be conducting a Level A response drill with Trident Seafood/Coast Guard Fire Department on November 11. Focus will be on interoperability between responders.
 - Waiting to hear back on grant approval to purchase new Level A suits/comms gear.
- f. **Juneau Hazmat Team:** Update from Marc Ormsby.
- Coordinated with Ketchikan Hazmat on combined training. Acquired several Level A suits from Ketchikan.
 - Trained 13 additional volunteers.
 - Sending 5 Hazmat team members to Alaska Shield in Fairbanks.
 - HazCat, Mercury and Meth Lab classes scheduled for December 13-15 in Juneau.
 - Added one additional team member to the Hazmat team.
 - Responded to typical carbon monoxide calls and oil spills.
- g. **EPA:** Update from Nick Knowles.
- Recently concluded Fall training in Seattle.
 - Conducted joint training with DEC in providing 8-hour Hazwoper Refresher and a 24-hour spill responder course in Cordova.
 - Yellowstone/Silvertip oil spill was very challenging, especially in attempting to form a Unified Command. Alaska is much further ahead than the lower 48 in this respect.
- h. **Elmendorf AFB Hazmat/Bio-Environmental Engineering:** Update from William Mitchell and Mendy Stanislawski
- Recent directives now require that the bio-environmental engineering staff be trained and certified at the Hazmat Operations level.
 - Otherwise, very quiet with no significant responses over the past few months.
- i. **Public Health Lab (DHSS):** Update from Tricia Franklin.
- Good communications and good sampling operations during recent Federal Building suspected bio-hazard event.
 - Conducted class for 17 microbiologists to familiarize them with recognizing biological agents.
 - Sampling kits are still available for the hazmat teams.
- j. **Central MatSu Fire Department.** Update from Randy Newcomb.
- No major responses since last meeting.
 - Continuing with training of team members.
- k. **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).** Update from Derek Espeland.
- Federal Building white powder response - everything went well. Good support from the State Public Health Lab.
 - "Concrete" package response. Total of three packages; 2 to Fairbanks and 1 to Anchorage. Required EOD support due to nature of package (box vs. envelope). EOD X-rayed the box and determined no explosive hazard existed.
 - FBI/CST/AST participated in radiological training at Anchorage Fire Training Center in

August. Live radiation sources provided to support the training. DOE RAP assets also deployed to Seward for a radiological exercise.

- Consider radiological component for Alaska Shield exercise in February.
- Possibly add short tabletop exercise to test biological response protocol to agenda for Hazmat Symposium.

I. U.S. Coast Guard. Update from Mark Wagner.

- Will be attending upcoming training in Juneau in December.
- Budget cuts may have a bearing on a number of Coast Guard initiatives.
- Arctic issues at the forefront for spill response planning.

m. Alaska Dept of Labor and Workforce Development. Update from Krystyna Markiewicz and Paul Moyer.

- Covered basic State OSHA programs (consultation/training, and enforcement)
- Paul and Krystyna are part of the Consultation/Training Program.
- For maritime and military facilities, Federal OSHA has the lead. For everything else in the State, State OSHA has the lead.

n. Alaska Dept of Environmental Conservation: Update from Mark Sielaff.

- Supersack of PCBs dropped in Dillingham Harbor.
- Kudos to Anchorage Hazmat for assisting with analyzing suspected aerial spray on residential homes in Wasilla. Source turned out to be plant seed from a nearby tree.
- Two former meth labs were declared fit for re-occupation.
- Two ammonia releases (Dutch Harbor and Kodiak) each less than 10 lbs in quantity.

o. State DPS Fire Standards Council: Update from Gordon Descutner.

- Council is appointed by the Governor.
- Council issues firefighter training certificates in Alaska. Certification exists for **Hazardous Materials** Awareness and Operations level courses, but not for the Hazmat Technician level course.
- Certification criteria should follow NFPA 472 standards as much as possible.
- Practical proficiency demonstration is included in the certification tests.

7. Drills and Training: Larry provided an updated Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group Activity Schedule for the group to review.

a. Hazmat Technician Course: Juneau Hazmat is coordinating a possible course in early 2012. Derek indicated that Juneau Police Department is in need of the training as well. Marc Ormsby will contact Juneau PD and keep them informed. Anchorage Hazmat will likely need a Hazmat Tech course in the upcoming year as well. Training needs should be provided to Andy Jones in order to acquire HMEP funding to support the training events.

b. Hazmat DVD Training Library: Alan indicated that Andy Jones (DMVA/DHSEM) has purchased a set of training DVDs for each of the Level A teams.

c. Alaska Shield/Hazmat Symposium: Alan provided a handout with the potential topics and general schedule for the field exercise and the symposium.

- Provide any and all topics to Alan for consideration.
- DHSS (Tricia Franklin) can provide a poster presentation for display (if she is unable

- to attend)
- Consider including a radiological training component into the Symposium agenda, or even as part of the field exercise.
- Next scheduled teleconference is November 29. Alan will send an email reminder out to the planning work group.

8. Statewide Hazmat Budget Status:

- a. **State Budget Information.** Update from Alan Wien. Approximately \$57,167 remains in the current Statewide Hazmat Capital Improvement Project (CIP), after this year's funding for Fairbanks, Anchorage, Ketchikan, Kodiak, and Juneau. This funding will need to sustain the Statewide Hazmat Team over the next two years. DEC will submit another CIP proposal in support of the Statewide Hazmat Team during the FY2012 budget cycle.
- b. **Federal Grant Funding:** Hazmat teams were also encouraged to apply for annual federal grant funding. Interested team members should contact Alan Wien for additional information.

9. Action Items:

- a. DHS&EM Andy Jones to provide training schedule for this next year. (Open from previous meeting)
- b. Need to solicit training needs from all hazmat teams to plan for next year's Hazmat grant money. (Open from previous meeting)
- c. Coordinate public outreach for seafood facilities to educate them on hazardous materials release reporting. (Open from previous meeting)
- d. Work group members were asked to provide topics for the Alaska Hazmat Symposium to Alan Wien. (Open from previous meeting)

10. **Informational Items:** Just a reminder, meeting notes, Hazmat schedules, work group member listing (including phone numbers and email addresses), photos from past activities, etc. are posted at the following website:

<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/perp/hazmat.htm>

- a. **CAMEO:** Vivian Melde provided a presentation on CAMEO to the work group. The Calendar Year 2010 Tier Two Data Summary is available on a CD. Larry Iwamoto provided CDs to several work group members. Larry reminded the group that the information is considered sensitive and should be controlled per directions from the State Emergency Response Commission.

- b. **Inspections at Facilities Using Ammonia:** Paul Moyer provided a short presentation on OSHA inspection requirements at facilities which use ammonia. Process Safety Management (PSM) requirements and other information on ammonia are covered at the following weblink. EPA's Risk Management Plans cover emergency actions in the event of a release at the facility.

<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/ammoniarefrigeration/index.html>

- 11. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 2012 in Anchorage at the BP Energy Center. The February 2012 meeting will not be held; the Hazmat Symposium and Alaska Shield Hazmat Exercise will be taking place in February.

Encl: Final Agenda
Attendee Listing



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BP Energy Center – 900 E. Benson Blvd

<http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/hazmat.htm>

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Agenda

- 9:00 am
- Introductions
 - Safety Moment
 - Review Agenda for any Additions/Changes
 - Review Status of Action Items from Previous Meeting
 - Team Updates/Lessons Learned from Any Recent Responses/Capability Enhancements
 - Anchorage Hazmat Team
 - Fairbanks Hazmat Team
 - 103rd Civil Support Team
 - Elmendorf AFB/Fort Richardson Hazmat Team
 - Ketchikan Hazmat Team
 - Kodiak Hazmat Team
 - Juneau Hazmat Team
 - Valdez Hazmat Team
 - EPA
 - Central MatSu Fire Dept
 - 95th Chemical Company
 - Others (FBI, CG, ARRC, DHSS, DEC, DOL&WD, DMVA/DHSEM, Industry, Others)
 - Drills and Training (see Schedule of Hazmat Activities)
 - Alaska Shield 2012 Hazmat Exercise
 - Hazmat Symposium
 - Hazmat Tech Course (Juneau)
 - Radiological Response Training
 - Hazmat Training Materials (Andy Jones)
 - Statewide Hazmat Budget Status
 - DEC CIP Funding Status for Hazmat Teams (Alan Wien)
 - Federal Funding (ODP, MMRS, HMEP Funding)
 - Additional Items for Discussion
 - Stafford Act Federal ESF-10 Discussion (Dale Becker)
 - Reporting Year 2010 Tier Two Inventory Data (Vivian Melde)
 - Inspection Requirements for Facilities that Use Anhydrous Ammonia
 - Recap Action Items
 - Next Meeting: Alaska Shield/Hazmat Symposium (Fairbanks-Feb 2012)
 - Adjourn

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