

# DRAFT



## Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group Meeting

(BP Energy Center)

May 10, 2011

### Draft Meeting Notes

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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 November 18, 2010 at the Anchorage Fire Training Center. See additional comments below or in the notes for the following action items.
  - a. A work group will be formed to address medical monitoring issues for Hazmat team members and firefighters. (Open)
  - b. The Statewide Hazmat Detection Equipment listing will be distributed to the work group members. The intent is to have work group members review and update the inventory of detection equipment maintained by their organization. (Open-pending additional inputs from work group members)
  - c. A work group will be formed to begin planning for the Alaska Shield 2012 exercise and the Hazmat Symposium. (Closed – work group meetings in progress)
  - d. **FBI CITE Conference Feedback:** Jackie DeCou will check and see if she can summarize the lessons learned during the half-day tabletop exercise and breakout sessions. (Open)
  - e. Coordinate public outreach for seafood facilities to educate them on hazardous materials release reporting. (Open)
6. **Hazmat Team Updates:**
  - a. **Anchorage Hazmat Team:** A representative was unable to attend the meeting.
  - b. **Fairbanks Hazmat Team:** A representative was unable to attend the meeting.

- c. **103<sup>rd</sup> Civil Support Team:** A representative was unable to attend the meeting.
- d. **Ketchikan Hazmat Team:** A representative was unable to attend the meeting.
- e. **Kodiak Hazmat Team:** A representative was unable to attend the meeting.
- f. **Juneau Hazmat Team:** Update from Marc Ormsby.
- Trained with 103CST in March, primarily on decontamination procedures.
  - Conducted joint training with Juneau Police Department in April.
  - Updating Hazmat Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs) using 103CST SOGs as a model.
  - Recent responses included carbon monoxide and bear spray.
  - Working on a Hazmat Tech Course for Fall 2011.
  - Team consists of 5 paid firefighters and 8-10 volunteer firefighters.
- g. **Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER):** Update from Mendy Stanislawski.
- Air monitoring for potential radiation hazards from Japan has been concluded. Nothing beyond normal background readings.
- h. **EPA:** Update from Bob Whittier.
- Also continuing to monitor for radiation with three monitors located in Juneau, Nome, and Dutch Harbor. Instruments can be temperamental; Coast Guard Pacific Strike Team to assist with daily maintenance and operation of the air monitoring instruments; anticipate ceasing radiation air monitoring operation in June.
- i. **FBI:** A representative was unable to attend the meeting.
- j. **U.S. Coast Guard:** Update from Mark Wagner.
- Conducted training on oil spill response procedures and Hazwoper.
  - Budget reductions may have an impact on future activities.
  - Coast Guard's recent efforts focus on Arctic is primarily on search and rescue and vessel traffic; oil spill response has been tested in Northwestern Alaska only. Future plans for testing CG oil spill response in the Arctic are pending future budgets.
- k. **Public Health Lab (DHSS-PHL):** Update from Eileen Nickoloff
- Analyzed a suspicious letter sent to a banking facility. Substance later determined to be Kool-Aid.
  - Eight sampling kits remaining in stock at the Public Health Lab.
  - Volatile organic compounds (VOC) analysis capability exists at the Public Health Lab for 10-15 VOCs.
  - PHL responded to 81 toxic alcohol ingestion incidents last year. Primary substances consumed were methanol, ethylene glycol, and rubbing alcohol. Methanol poisoning

can result in blindness; ethylene glycol poisoning can result in renal failure. PHL maintains a 24/7 capability to respond to these incidents, of which 80% do not require any treatment.

- PHL staff are conducting air monitoring for radiation as well at their facility.

**I. Alaska Railroad:** A representative was unable to attend the meeting.

**m. Alaska Dept of Environmental Conservation:** Update from Mark Sielaff.

- Four fishing vessels sank this quarter.
- Three anhydrous ammonia releases at seafood processing facilities, mainly through scrubbing system; no actual release to the environment.
- Inebriated individual admitted to hospital after using malathion in his residence to get rid of bed bugs.

**n. 95<sup>th</sup> Chemical Company:** A representative was unable to attend the meeting.

**o. Alaska Air National Guard:** Update from Mark Hill.

- Unit has moved to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER), undergoing transition.
- Working on serving as primary backup to the JBER Hazmat Team.

**p. Central MatSu Fire Department:** Update from Randy Newcomb.

- Several staff attended the WMD Sampling course held in February.
- Three staff attended refresher training with the 103CST; 2 attended the Hazmat Tech Course
- Central MatSu Fire Department conducts annual LNG training at Pt McKenzie. Training for this year is scheduled in June.
- Team is currently at Level B response level; with primary roles as Level A decon support, and mitigating small Hazmat incidents.
- Staff also provided a Hazmat presentation at the public meeting sponsored by the MatSu Borough.

**q. U.S. Postal Service:** Update from Andrea Avery, Mike Christensen, and Alan Damron.

- Screening all letter mail at their Anchorage facility. Biohazard alert for anthrax in place.
- Most staff trained to Level C with a few to Level B; sampling capability also exists using sample kits provided by the Public Health Lab.

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

- a. Hazmat Technician Course:** Alan provided the flyer and information on the Hazmat Tech Course scheduled for May 31-June 4 at the Anchorage Fire Training Center. Space is still available for those wishing to attend. DMVA will likely fund for travel and per diem for students attending from outside of Anchorage.

- b. **Radiological Courses:** Jim Vignola recommended that those interested should attend the course in residence. All travel expenses are paid for by the course sponsors.
- c. **Alaska Shield 2012/Statewide Hazmat Symposium:** A small work group has been established and the initial meeting was held in April, with monthly teleconferences planned (next teleconference is scheduled for May 24 at 9:00 am). The work group agreed that combining the symposium with the Alaska Shield 2012 events would be the best use of staff time and available funding. Dates for the Symposium were established as February 9-10, 2012. Hazmat Work Group members were asked to provide agenda topics for the Symposium to Alan. The Alaska Shield exercise will be conducted on February 11 immediately after the symposium. The focus for the Alaska Shield 2012 event will be on cold weather operations, simulating a complete response from start to finish. Participants will include the Statewide Hazmat Team, Ft Wainwright responders, City of Fairbanks Fire Department, Eielson Air Force Base Hazmat, and probably others.
- d. **EPA Training:** Bob Whittier indicated that EPA will schedule pertinent training in conjunction with Statewide Hazmat Work Group meetings. Training will be open to work group members to attend. Types of training offered include the following: HazCat; Oil Spill Response; CERCLA training; Hazwoper Refresher; CAMEO/ALOHA; Meth Lab response; Chemical Specific Training (including chlorine, ammonia, mercury). Interested Hazmat team members should contact Bob Whittier (271-3247, [Whittier.robert@epa.gov](mailto:Whittier.robert@epa.gov)) to coordinate training requirements.

## 8. Statewide Hazmat Budget Status:

- a. **State Budget Information.** Update from Alan Wien. Approximately \$57,000 remains in the current Statewide Hazmat Capital Improvement Project (CIP), after this year's funding for Fairbanks, Anchorage, Kodiak, Ketchikan and Juneau. 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. The application process for Federal funding will begin shortly.

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  - e. Work group members were asked to provide topics for the Alaska Hazmat Symposium to Alan Wien.
  - f. Work group members who are interested in attending the upcoming Hazmat Tech Course (May 31-June in Anchorage) should contact Jim Vignola or Alan Wien.
- 10. Informational Items:** Just a reminder, meeting notes, 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>
- 11. Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2011 in Anchorage at the BP Energy Center.

Encl: Final Agenda  
Attendee Listing  
Updated Schedule of Activities



# STATEWIDE HAZMAT WORK GROUP MEETING

BP Energy Center – 900 E. Benson Blvd

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

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## Final Agenda

- 9:00 am
- Introductions
  - Safety Moment
  - Review Agenda for any Additions/Changes
  - Review Status of Action Items from Previous Meeting (See attached)
  - Team Updates/Lessons Learned from Any Recent Responses/Capability Enhancements
    - Anchorage Hazmat Team
    - Fairbanks Hazmat Team
    - 103<sup>rd</sup> 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
    - 95<sup>th</sup> Chemical Company
    - Others (FBI, CG, ARRC, DHSS, DEC, DMVA/DHSEM, Industry, Others)
  - Drills and Training (see Schedule of Hazmat Activities)
    - WMD Sampling Course (Completed February 2011)
    - Alaska Shield 2012
    - Hazmat Symposium
    - LNG/LPG Training
    - Radiological Response Training
  - Statewide Hazmat Budget Status
    - DEC CIP Funding Status for Hazmat Teams
    - Federal Funding (ODP, MMRS, HMEP Funding)
  - Additional Items for Discussion
  - Recap Action Items
  - Next Meeting: August 16, 2011 (BP Energy Center)
  - Adjourn

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## STATEWIDE HAZMAT RESPONSE WORK GROUP – ACTIVITY SCHEDULE (as of: May 11, 2011)

Activity	Type of Event	Date	Location	Sponsor/ Coordinator	Point of Contact	Participating Agencies
Statewide Hazmat Work Group Mtg / WMD Work Group Meeting	Meeting	February 9	Anchorage – BP Energy Ctr	DEC	Alan Wien/ Larry Iwamoto	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members
LSU WMD Sampling Course	Training	Feb 15-17	Anchorage Fire Training Ctr	DEC	Larry Iwamoto/Alan Wien Jim Vignola	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members
Hazmat Tech Refresher Course	Training	March 14-18	Anchorage (Ft Richardson)	103 <sup>rd</sup> CST	Bernie Smith	Statewide Hazmat Team Members
Statewide Hazmat Work Group Mtg / WMD Work Group Meeting	Meeting	May 10	Anchorage – BP Energy Ctr	DEC	Alan Wien/ Larry Iwamoto	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members
CERCLA Training	Training	May	Anchorage	EPA	Bob Whittier	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members
Hazmat Technician Course	Training	May 31-Jun 4	Anchorage Fire Trng Center	DPS/ Anchorage Hazmat	Jody Kettrick (DPS) Jim Vignola	Statewide Hazmat Team Members
Alaska CAMEO Training Course	Training	TBD	TBD	EPA	EPA START	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members
HazCat Training	Training	TBD	Juneau	EPA	Bob Whittier/ Joe Mishler	Juneau Hazmat Team, Others
Hazmat Technician Course	Training	Fall 2011	Juneau	DPS/ Juneau Hazmat	Jody Kettrick (DPS) Joe Mishler/Ed Quinto	Statewide Hazmat Team Members
Statewide Hazmat Work Group Mtg / WMD Work Group Meeting	Meeting	August 16	Anchorage – BP Energy Ctr	DEC	Alan Wien	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members
LNG/LPG Training	Training	August	Anchorage	DEC/DMVA	Alan Wien	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members
Alliance of Hazmat Professionals Conference 2011	Conference	August 28-31	Austin, TX	AHMP	<a href="http://ahmp.confex.com/ahmp/2011/cfp.cgi">http://ahmp.confex.com/ahmp/2011/cfp.cgi</a>	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members
Continuing Challenge Hazmat Conference	Conference	Sept 6-9	Sacramento	<a href="http://www.hazmat.org">http://www.hazmat.org</a>	<a href="http://www.hazmat.org">http://www.hazmat.org</a>	First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies
Statewide Hazmat Work Group Mtg / WMD Work Group Meeting	Meeting	November 9	Anchorage – BP Energy Ctr	DEC	Alan Wien/ Larry Iwamoto	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members
Alaska Hazmat Symposium	Training	Feb 9-10	Fairbanks	DEC/DMVA	Alan Wien	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members
Alaska Shield 2012 Hazmat Exercise	Training/ Exercise	Feb 2012	Fairbanks	DEC/ DMVA	Alan Wien	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members

= Past Event

