



# **Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group Meeting**

(Anchorage – BP Energy Center)

November 17, 2009

## **Meeting Notes**

December 7, 2009

1. **Participants:** See attached.
2. **Agenda:** See attached.
3. **Safety Moment:** Sandra Brewer (BP Energy Center) briefed the group on general safety procedures (fire, earthquake, evacuation) 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 from the previous meeting held on August 11, 2009 in Anchorage.
  - a. **2010 Alaska Hazmat Symposium:** Work group members were asked to provide their ideas and suggestions for symposium topics to Larry Iwamoto and Tyler Bones. **(Closed)**
  - b. **Container Inspection Training:** Jeff Ahlgren (USCG Sector Anchorage) will check on the status of the training and feasibility of providing this training to different locations in Alaska. **(Open)**
  - c. **Federal Homeland Security Grant Applications:** DEC (Alan Wien) will check with DMVA (Michelle Heun) on the typical timeline for submitting grant applications. The Statewide Hazmat Work Group will then advise work group members to prepare and submit grant applications in support of their Level A teams. Alan will also check to see if Homeland Security grant funding may be used to purchase training equipment needed in support of Hazmat courses for the Statewide Hazmat Team. **(Closed)**
  - d. **Training Needs:** Work group members should identify training requirements to Michele Sherwood for consideration and delivery by EPA's START contractor. **(Closed)**
6. **Hazmat Team Updates:**
  - a. **Anchorage Hazmat Team:** Update from Wade Strahan.
    - Responded to a couple of hazardous waste dump sites.
    - Responded to a radiological incident at the Anchorage airport. A flight from Prudhoe Bay contained a labeled package and a ramp crew

member saw fluids. Turned out the package was okay and the fluids were not from the package.

- The new training facility is scheduled to open in September 2010.
- b. **Fairbanks Hazmat Team:** Update from Jim Maltby.
- Responded to meth labs.
  - Had a chemical class and an ops train-the-trainer course.
- c. **103<sup>rd</sup> Civil Support Team:** Not present.
- d. **Elmendorf AFB:** Nothing to report.
- e. **Kodiak Hazmat Team:** Not present.
- f. **Ketchikan Hazmat Team:** Update from Jim Hill.
- Had LSU give WMD training. Only 9 people in the class.
  - Diethylether issue: had a licensed handler pick up the stuff and it was detonated (for disposal) at the landfill site.
  - Dealing with local fuel oil issues and leaking fuel tanks including unknown sources.
  - Had a fuel saturated carpet in a home to deal with.
  - ERTI training may be possible in Ketchikan.
- g. **Juneau Hazmat Team:** Update from Eric Mohrmann.
- Juneau Hazmat Team is now fully up and running.
  - The team has been able to acquire a lot of equipment.
  - Provided a briefing on the Pelican ammonia release threat.
  - Discussed ops training.
- h. **Central MatSu Fire Department:** Not present.
- i. **EPA:** Update from Bob Whittier.
- EPA followed the Pelican ammonia release threat incident closely and was ready to support it as needed.
  - Been involved in a lot of preparedness activity and training.
- j. **FBI:** Update from Derek Espeland.
- Doing primarily training.
  - No actual hazmat issues or responses.
  - Have dealt with a couple of bomb threats.
- k. **U.S. Coast Guard:** Update from Mickey Sanders.
- Doing primarily Hazwoper scheduling for next year.
- l. **Alaska Railroad:** Nothing to report.
- m. **Public Health Lab (DHSS):** Update from Stephanie Massay and David Verbrugge.
- Have some new employees.

- Conducted a virus scenario exercise with the 103<sup>rd</sup> CST.
- Have been involved with the flu response sample analysis along with the Fairbanks lab.
- Been involved in work groups for general unknowns and white powder.

**n. ADEC:** Update from Mark Sielaff.

- Working on a contaminated site on Post Road.
- Dealing with Toyo Stoves being stolen, primarily in the Mat-Su Valley, with the fuel lines being cut and drained into and under homes. The stoves are the targets for the thieves.

**o. Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM):** Update from David Kang.

- A nuclear detection group has requested a list of radiological detection equipment available in the State.
- Working on the after action report for the Eagle flood debris management issue. Need input on the Hazmat component of the debris.

**p. Ecology and Environment (E&E):** Update from James Heaster.

- Provided chlorine training to Mat-Su and will be doing ammonia training for them on Nov 18.
- Discussed Tier II reports and wondering if there has been a decline in reporting.

**q. Carlile Trucking:** Nothing to report.

**r. Center for Disease Control (CDC):** Nothing to report.

**7. Drills and Training:** Alan provided an updated Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group Activity Schedule for the group to review. An updated schedule is attached.

**a. Hazmat Technician Course.**

- Jim Maltby discussed the issue of using in-state trainers instead of out-of-state trainers. The recent tech course in Kodiak was a good course but the trainers were not familiar with Alaskan conditions and issues and in a way were not worth the money. Jim also discussed an ops level training.

**b. Other Training Opportunities – LNG and Liquid Methane.**

- Derek Espeland will talk to Conoco regarding LNG training.

**c. LSU Courses.**

- Mentioned possible CAMEO and WMD sampling training available.

**d. FBI Comprehensive Integrated Training and Exercise (CITE) Conference.**

- Derek Espeland provided a sample training schedule for the CITE conference that is now scheduled for some time in August 2010. The conference can accommodate up to approximately 250 people. Derek would like to know

what the hazmat teams and fire departments would like for training topics and issues. Also, the FBI may be able to provide radiological training for the 2010 hazmat symposium.

**8. Alaska Shield/Northern Edge Hazmat Exercise:** Discussion of the Hazmat teams participation in the statewide exercise. DEC obtained a \$50,000 grant to bring the 5 statewide hazmat teams together in Anchorage for a hazmat exercise. Proposed date is April 28, 2010 at the AK Railroad yard. Tentative plan is to bring in approximately 4 members from each of Fairbanks, Kodiak, Juneau and Ketchikan teams along with full response gear. The grant money will not cover other participants, however, any other fire departments or response teams are welcome to participate in support of the statewide level A teams. Anchorage Hazmat Team will also be involved in a chemical release exercise from the rubble pile at the Anchorage Fire Training Facility on the same date. USAR teams from the lower 48 will also be exercising in the rubble pile. A work group was formed for planning the hazmat exercise. Work Group members include DEC, AK Railroad, Anch Hazmat, Fairbanks Hazmat, Kodiak Hazmat, Juneau Hazmat, Ketchikan Hazmat, EPA, Mat-Su Fire Dept, 103<sup>rd</sup> CST, and maybe USCG and Elmendorf Bio Unit. A planning work group teleconference will be held on December 7, 2009.

**NOTE:** The AK Shield Hazmat Exercise Work Group met on December 7 to begin planning the exercise. Basic Scenario: Tentatively agreed on a chlorine release scenario and a hydrogen peroxide release scenario.

Alaska Railroad satisfying a State C-Plan requirement and an FRA passenger evacuation exercise requirement.

Chlorine release will also be used to generate a Port of Anchorage evacuation exercise to satisfy their needs.

Army component also wants to test their mass decon system in support of the passenger evacuation exercise.

Red Cross to provide volunteers to serve as simulated passengers.

Passenger extraction and rescue will be conducted in firefighter gear (not Level A).

Rubble Pile Hazmat Response: This is a separate exercise to be conducted on the same day as the Railroad Hazmat exercise. Anchorage Hazmat Team will be supporting both events. 103CST will support the Anchorage Hazmat Team as backfill for both events.

Central MatSu Fire Dept will be asked to support the passenger extraction exercise as well as the decon station for the Level A Hazmat team.

The next meeting of this work group will be December 22 at 10:00am.

## **9. Statewide Hazmat Budget Status:**

- **State Budget Information.** Update from Geoff Harben. Handout provided.
- **Federal Grants.** Update from David Kang (DHS&EM).
  - HMEP funding will start going directly to local jurisdictions in

- MMRS funding continues its shift towards medical, sheltering, and mass casualty issues.
- Homeland Security grant application period begins in March, 2010. A reminder to the group members will be provided at the February work group meeting.

**10. Discussion Items:**

- David Kang brought up for discussion the fact that the Fairbanks North Star Borough turned back approximately \$700,000 in homeland security grant money due to their lack of ability to manage the money and procure all items it was intended for. David also stated the FNSB has indicated they may no longer be able to support the Fairbanks Hazmat Team. David was asking for group input for who would be a good replacement for the FNSB to manage that money and take over support of the Fairbanks Hazmat Team. Possibilities seemed to be narrowed down to either the City of Fairbanks or the City of North Pole. Further discussions will still be needed. If anyone has any ideas, please contact David Kang, 428-7041.
- David Kang handed out a copy of the draft agenda for the Spring 2010 Bi-Annual Preparedness Conference. The conference topic will be Hazmat. David is asking for input on topics and volunteers as subject matter experts to teach individual sessions.

- 11. Hazmat Symposium:** Discussion led by Jim Maltby with the idea that we postpone the April 9-11, 2010 hazmat symposium due to many other commitments for key participants in that same time period. Decided to call for a symposium workgroup teleconference meeting to discuss the proposal of postponing.

**12. Action Items:**

- Radiological Detection Equipment:** The Work group members were asked to provide a list of their rad detection equipment to the State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The state received a request for this info from a federal nuclear detection group who is compiling a list of State detection capabilities.
- FBI CITE Training Conference:** Derek Espeland requested input from the work group members for what training topics and issues they would like for the August 2010 Comprehensive Integrated Training and Exercise (CITE) Conference.
- Container Inspection Training:** Jeff Ahlgren (USCG Sector Anchorage) will check on the status of the training and feasibility of providing this training to different locations in Alaska.

- 13. 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>

**14. Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2010, starting at 9:00am, in Anchorage at the BP Energy Center. The WMD Work Group will convene in the afternoon at the same location.

Encl: Final Agenda  
Activity Schedule  
Attendee Listing



# **STATEWIDE HAZMAT WORK GROUP MEETING**

**BP Energy Center – 900 E. Benson Blvd (see attached map)**

**Anchorage, Alaska  
November 17, 2009**

## **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/  
Team Capability Enhancements**
    - Anchorage Hazmat Team
    - Fairbanks Hazmat Team
    - 103<sup>rd</sup> Civil Support Team
    - Elmendorf AFB/Fort Richardson Hazmat Team
    - Ketchikan Hazmat Team
    - Juneau Hazmat Team
    - EPA
    - Others (FBI, CG, ARRC, DHSS, DEC, DMVA/DHSEM, Industry, Others)
  - **Drills and Training**
    - Schedule of Hazmat Activities
    - Hazmat Technician Course – In-State assets, certification
    - Other Training Opportunities (LNG and Liquid Methane Training)
    - LSU (National Ctr for Biomedical Research and Trng) Courses
    - FBI Comprehensive Integrated Training and Exercise (CITE) Conference
  - **Statewide Hazmat Budget Status**
    - DEC CIP Funding Status for Hazmat Teams (Geoff Harben)
    - Federal Funding (ODP, MMRS, HMEP Funding) (David Kang)
  - **Additional Items for Discussion**
    - 2010 Hazmat Symposium
    - Alaska Shield/Northern Edge Hazmat Activities
  - **Recap Action Items**
  - **Next Meetings:**           February 9, 2010 (BP Energy Center)  
  May 11, 2010 (BP Energy Center)
  - **Adjourn**
  - **WMD Working Group (Meeting will begin at approximately 1:30 pm)**

## Action Items from August 11, 2009 Meeting

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## STATEWIDE HAZMAT RESPONSE WORK GROUP – ACTIVITY SCHEDULE (as of: November 30, 2009)

| Activity   | Type of Event      | Date             | Location                  | Sponsor/ Coordinator      | Point of Contact  | Participating Agencies                                 |
|--|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|
| Alaska State Firefighter's Association Conference                  | Conference         | Sep 21-26        | Anchorage                 | Anchorage Fire Dept       | <a href="http://conference09.com/">http://conference09.com/</a>             | First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies |
| Hazmat Chemistry Course  | Training           | Oct 13-15        | Anchorage                 | Anchorage Fire Dept       | Jim Vignola   | Hazmat Team Members                                    |
| Hazmat Operations Train-the-Trainer Course                         | Training           | Oct 20-24        | Anchorage                 | DPS                       | Jodie Hettrick  | Hazmat Team Members                                    |
| Hazmat Operations Train-the-Trainer Course                         | Training           | Oct 26-30        | Fairbanks                 | DPS                       | Jodie Hettrick  | Hazmat Team Members                                    |
| Hazmat Operations Train-the-Trainer Course                         | Training           | Nov 2-6          | Juneau                    | DPS                       | Jodie Hettrick  | Hazmat Team Members                                    |
| National Hazmat Fusion Center Symposium                            | Conference         | Nov 4            | Denver                    | Natl Hazmat Fusion Center | Tom Wells   | Hazmat Team Members                                    |
| Emergency Preparedness and Prevention and Hazmat Spills Conference | Conference         | Nov 15-18        | Baltimore, MD             | EPA Region III            | <a href="http://www.2009conference.org/">http://www.2009conference.org/</a> | Hazmat Team Members                                    |
| Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group Mtg / WMD Work Group Mtg      | Meeting            | November 17      | Anchorage – BP Energy Ctr | DEC                       | Larry Iwamoto/<br>Alan Wien   | All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members            |
| Top 10 Alaska Chemicals Case Studies                               | Training           | Dec 3            | Anch EPA Warehouse        | EPA                       | Michele Sherwood  | First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies |
| HAZCAT Training  | Training           | Dec 9-11         | Anch Public Health Lab    | EPA/START                 | Michele Sherwood  | First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies |
| WMD/Drug Labs/Special Consideration Response                       | Training           | Dec 17           | Anch EPA Warehouse        | EPA                       | Michele Sherwood  | First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies |
| Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group Mtg / WMD Work Group Mtg      | Meeting            | February 9, 2010 | Anchorage – BP Energy Ctr | DEC                       | Larry Iwamoto/<br>Alan Wien   | All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members            |
| Alaska Hazmat Symposium  | Training, Exercise | April 9-11, 2010 | Fairbanks                 | Statewide Hazmat Wk Gp    | Symposium Work Group  | First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies |
| Alaska Shield Exercise   | Exercise           | April-May 2010   | Statewide                 | DMVA                      | Alan Wien/<br>Larry Iwamoto   | First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies |
| Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group Mtg / WMD Work Group Mtg      | Meeting            | May 11, 2010     | Anchorage – BP Energy Ctr | DEC                       | Larry Iwamoto/<br>Alan Wien   | All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members            |
| Comprehensive Integrated Training and Exercise Conference (CITE)   | Conference         | August 2010      | Anchorage                 | FBI                       | Derek Espeland  | First Responders, Industry, Federal and State agencies |

**STATEWIDE HAZMAT RESPONSE WORK GROUP-ATTENDEE LIST- November 17, 2009 Meeting**

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