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## Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group Meeting

(BP Energy Center)

August 16, 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 May 10, 2011. 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. A work group was formed to include DEC, Anchorage Hazmat (Jim Vignola), Fairbanks Hazmat (Tyler Bones), 103<sup>rd</sup> CST (Medical Officer), DHSS (Chris Laborde). **(Closed)**
  - 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. Members were asked to submit updates to Larry or Alan by November 1, 2011. (Open, pending additional updates from work group members)

**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. Due to the amount of time that has passed since the conference, this item is closed. **(Closed)**
  - 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. Topics suggested: Mercury response/cleanup, HazCat, ammonia, chlorine, propane, cyanide, meth lab awareness, mutual aid. **(Open)**

## 6. Hazmat Team Updates:

### a. Anchorage Hazmat Team: Update from Jim Vignola.

- Responded to a white powder in a package at the Peterson Towers. ANC Hazmat responded and sampled. Sent sample to Anchorage Health lab, but testing was cancelled. Fairbanks had similar incident which was analyzed as cement dust.
- Tractor trailer accident. 6 batteries with minor leak.
- Hydraulic oil release of 15-20 gallons from DOT rig.
- A few abandoned drum incidents.
- Hazmat Tech course held in May/June.
- Sending 3-4 staff to Sacramento for Continuing Challenge Hazmat Conference.
- 2 new vehicles coming for hazmat trailers.
- Upgrading decon units.
- Hoping for 2011 HS grant for training and equipment.

### b. Fairbanks Hazmat Team: Update from Tyler Bones.

- AST checked out dumpster at transfer station. Noticed chemical odor. Found film processing equipment with spilled fluids. Containers were gone overnight.
- Responded to one drug lab incident.
- Also had white powder call yesterday. FAI Hazmat responded. One person covered with powder and 4 others exposed. Eielson AFB Hazmat unit assisted.
- NAPA store fire. BBQ out back started fire. Hazmat in store. Discussed event.
- FAI Hazmat sending 6 staff to Sacramento as well.

### c. 103<sup>rd</sup> Civil Support Team: Update from Joe Radke and Steve Wilson.

- Looking into options if military can transport hazmat teams.
- Military carrying hazmat has same restrictions as commercial transport.
- Air support will likely come with high reimbursement costs. Requests for support must first be run through the SECC.
- Did decon training with Seward and Providence hospital.
- Did training in Kodiak in June.

### d. Ketchikan Hazmat Team: Email update from Andy Tighe.

- Since the last meeting KFD has responded on numerous fuel leaks, one of which the DEC was notified as 50-70 gallons spilled out of a heating fuel tank. The culprit turned out to be a cracked fuel filter.
- Also AST was provided with equipment and Decon established for a meth lab. Decon was not needed. Coordination with AST and KFD went smoothly.

### e. Kodiak Hazmat Team: Update from Jim Mullican.

- Doing free fit testing for workers at canneries.
- Canneries have various levels of response gear.
- Worked with police dept on white powder call. Bad coordination.
- Working on grants for training and equipment.
- Jim Mullican is now Deputy Chief of Kodiak Fire Dept.
- Discussion on ammonia system inspections.

### f. Juneau Hazmat Team: Update from Joe Mishler.

- Pick-up truck with drums in back ran into pond. Drunk driver. Said the drums were hazardous. Nobody would test content. Turned out to be asphalt sealer. Question

- Training with university on chemical storage.
- g. EPA:** Update from Bob Whittier.
- Len Marcus passed away from a motorcycle accident. Len was one of their EPA START contractors with ENE.
  - Andy Maguire is now the primary ENE contact.
  - Radiation monitoring from the Japan incident has ended.
  - 400 drums at Port of Anchorage – to be shipped out.
  - Will be working Cordova Hazmat training event with DEC.
  - Planning a HazCat class in Juneau in December 2011.
  - Will be working the upcoming MAD drill and AK Shield.
  - Discussion on activation of hazmat teams.
- h. Public Health Lab (DHSS):** Update from Eileen Nickoloff and Chris Laborde.
- Lynn Lucher of the DHSS Bio-Unit has retired.
  - Eileen is retiring at the end of August.
  - Sampling kits are still available for the hazmat teams.
  - Chris working on awareness issues with communities on what she has to offer for emergency preparedness.
- i. Alaska Dept of Environmental Conservation:** Update from Mark Sielaff.
- 6 ammonia releases all under 100 pounds each.
  - Report on orange goo at Kivalina. Still investigating but appears to be microscopic crustacean eggs.
  - Briefed on Meth lab in Palmer.
  - Military plane crash site cleanup. Part of plane is made from composite carbon fiber material the size of asbestos particles. Inhalation hazard. Fibers are like little needles.
  - Discussed site with fire ring crystals. DEC to give sample to ANC hazmat to perform HazCat test.
- j. State DHS&EM:** Update from Andy Jones.
- Contractor developing series of tabletop exercises on disk. Includes cannery release, train derailment, and truck rollover. Due Sept 15.
  - DVD Library being developed on a variety of hazmat training videos. To be distributed to the Statewide Hazmat Teams.
  - Sacramento funding may be available still for this year.
  - Revamping grant use criteria. May go to project applications.
  - Discuss E-Plan for TIER II reporting.
  - Working on integrating capabilities with the JBER Hazmat Team.
- 7. Drills and Training:** Alan provided an updated Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group Activity Schedule for the group to review.
- 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. New Action Items:**

- a. DEC Mark Sielaff to report on State inspections of ammonia facilities at November meeting.
- b. DHS&EM Andy Jones to provide training schedule for this next year.
- c. Need to solicit training needs from all hazmat teams to plan for next year's Hazmat grant money.

- 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>

**Excess Detection Equipment:** Any Hazmat Team with excess detection equipment should contact the State Public Health Lab (Dave Verbrugge). Dave is interested in building the lab's detection capability.

- 11. Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2011 in Anchorage at the BP Energy Center.

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 (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)
  - Alaska Shield 2012 Hazmat Exercise
  - Hazmat Symposium
  - Hazmat Tech Course (Juneau)
  - LNG/LPG Training
  - Radiological Response Training
- Statewide Hazmat Budget Status
  - DEC CIP Funding Status for Hazmat Teams (Alan Wien)
  - Federal Funding (ODP, MMRS, HMEP Funding)
- Additional Items for Discussion
- Recap Action Items
- Next Meeting: November 9, 2011 (BP Energy Center)
- Adjourn

**STATEWIDE HAZMAT RESPONSE WORK GROUP MEETING – AUGUST 16, 2011 (SIGN-IN SHEET)**

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