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## Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group Meeting

(Anchorage – BP Energy Center)

February 9, 2010

### Draft Meeting Notes

February 10, 2010

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 for the previous meeting held on November 17, 2009 in Anchorage.
  - a. **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. **(Closed)**
  - b. **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. **(Open – carried forward)**
  - c. **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. **(Closed – presentation provided at this meeting)**
6. **Hazmat Team Updates:**
  - a. **Anchorage Hazmat Team:** Update from Jim Vignola.
    - Responded to a potential biological threat involving white powder. FBI and the State Public Health Lab were also involved.
    - Several responses natural gas releases.
    - **Acknowledgement:** The Statewide Hazmat Work Group thanked Wade Strahan for his contributions to the Statewide Hazmat Program. Wade is one of the few original members of the Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group which was initially formed in 1997. Wade will be retiring in April after an illustrious career with the Anchorage Fire Department. Thank you very much, Wade, and congratulations on your retirement!

- b. Fairbanks Hazmat Team:** Update from Tom Richardson and Jim Maltby.
- Supported a major response to residential cabin where the owner was manufacturing explosives from a variety of chemicals and other materials. Derek Espeland provided a detailed briefing at the afternoon WMD Work Group meeting. Essentially, the individual was producing primary, secondary, and tertiary explosives. The 354<sup>th</sup> Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) group removed the materials from the cabin and detonated them on site.
  - Derek noted several lessons learned involving extreme cold weather operations. These include keeping diesel trucks running overnight to avoid problems with starting the vehicles in extreme cold weather; cameras and robot devices that rely on battery power do not function very well in extreme cold temperatures; normal PPE such as rubber gloves become brittle at extreme cold temperatures.
- c. 103<sup>rd</sup> Civil Support Team:** A representative was unable to attend the meeting.
- d. Kodiak Hazmat Team:** Rome Kamai briefed that there were no significant incidents to report since the last Hazmat Work Group meeting.
- e. Elmendorf AFB/Ft Richardson Hazmat Team/Bio-Environmental Engineer:** Update from Andy Lambert and Wendy Stanislawski. No significant incidents to report since the last Hazmat Work Group meeting.
- f. Ketchikan Hazmat Team:** Update from Jim Hill.
- No Hazmat incidents to report for Ketchikan. Dealt with several fuel spills and noted the importance of good PPE.
  - Conducting maintenance on assigned Hazmat equipment.
- g. Juneau Hazmat Team:** Email update from Eric Mohrmann.
- Very little Hazmat response activity in Juneau.
  - one minor oil spill on a roadway that was cleaned up by the Street Department. Capital City Fire/Rescue placed absorbent pads down. We were summoned to the Thunder Mountain High School which had been evacuated due to an unusual odor in the building. Nothing was found.
  - The Juneau haz-mat team has been conducting our usual monthly drills. We have been using our ProRae system that allows us to remotely monitor up to 64 pieces of ProRae equipment, maintain an electronic record and with the addition of some software, do plume predictions.
  - Our LEPC committee is continuing to pursue electronic filing on Tier II reports in Juneau for inclusion in a data base.
- h. Valdez Hazmat Team:** Mike Waide attended and noted that the Valdez Hazmat Team is re-grouping and will become more active.
- i. EPA:** Update from Matt Carr and Bob Whittier.
- Briefed on the late November oil spill on the North Slope.
  - Change 3 to the Unified Plan for oil and hazardous substance releases was finally approved in January.
  - Carl Lautenberger has proposed a joint planning initiative (similar to the Unified Plan) for natural disasters and Homeland Security and terrorism events.

- j. **FBI:** Derek Espeland and Jackie DeCou provided information on the Fairbanks incident and also discussed the Comprehensive Integrated Training and Exercise event (see the discussion notes under the Drills and Training paragraph).
- k. **Alaska Railroad:** Jim Seeberger noted that the Alaska Railroad had no significant responses since the last meeting.
- l. **Public Health Lab (DHSS):** Update from Eileen Nickoloff and Stephanie Massay.
  - Conducted an exercise with the 103CST and Anchorage Hazmat on the sampling kits.
  - More sampling kits are now available through Eileen and Stephanie. See contact information provided in the attached attendee list.
  - The mailing address for sending samples has changed. The location remains the same. The new address is:

Alaska State Public Health Laboratory  
5455 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.  
Anchorage, AK 99507

- m. **Coast Guard:** Mark Wagner and Jeff Ahlgren briefly mentioned the oil spill response out at Adak.
  - n. **95<sup>th</sup> Chemical Company:** Eric Norgard provided the following:
    - Capabilities include a platoon (21 team members) who are qualified for Level A entry.
    - Two other platoons are dedicated to area, equipment and personnel decon.
    - The 95<sup>th</sup> is interested in any training opportunities available thru the Statewide Hazmat Work Group. Matt Carr informed Eric of internal training that EPA conducts every two weeks. James Heaster is the point of contact for additional information.
  - o. **Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation:** Update from Mark Sielaff.
    - Briefed on the on-going response out at Adak. The response was delayed due to the discovery of a box of blasting caps along the creek. The EOD team detonated the box on site.
    - ADEC working on cleanup of a meth lab production site at B Street in Anchorage (no dwelling was contaminated on this site, just the soil).
    - A second site a contaminated fifth wheeler identified as a meth lab production site is currently missing from Palmer residence (location unknown). Information has been forwarded to Mat-Su Drug Enforcement for action.
    - A third meth lab production site was identified in Talkeetna using the one pot method.
    - Mr. Mrs. James and Sharon Carbaugh meth lab complaint from Senator Murkowski's office was forwarded with requested case information to State of Alaska DA's office upon Paula Wright request.
    - Two more DEC spill response containers are planned for Sutton and Wasilla.
7. **Drills and Training:** Larry provided an updated Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group Activity Schedule for the group to review. An updated schedule is attached.
- a. **Alaska Shield/Northern Edge 2010.**
    - Alan briefed the group on planned activities for the Hazmat exercise. The basic scenario is an earthquake aftershock which results in a passenger train colliding with a

cargo train. Passenger extraction and decon are included in the exercise, while the Hazmat portion will include multiple Level A entries to a chlorine release and a hydrogen peroxide release. Work group members will be participating in additional planning meetings leading up to the exercise which will be held at the Alaska Railroad Anchorage railyard on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**b. Hazardous Materials Technician Course.**

- Central MatSu Fire Department will be hosting a Hazmat Technician Course, tentatively in April over two separate weekends to accommodate volunteer firefighters. Interested parties should contact Ken Barkley or Larry Iwamoto.

**c. Alaska Hazmat Symposium.**

- The Alaska Hazmat Symposium has been officially postponed until further notice. Funding for this event was programmed for planning activities and the symposium was based more on a training format. The FBI-sponsored CITE Conference (see below) may very likely fill the needs in lieu of the Hazmat Symposium.

**d. WMD Sampling and CAMEO Courses.** Larry noted that we still have these two free courses offered by LSU. The Hazmat Work Group will need to decide on the date and venue for these courses.

**e. FBI Comprehensive Integrated Training and Exercise (CITE) Conference.** Derek led the discussion on this topic.

- The group agreed that the proposed August dates for the event were not opportune due to summer schedules, high seasonal hotel rates, etc.
- Derek received approval to re-schedule the CITE Conference for November. Derek stressed the need for the group to provide agenda topics. Several topics were discussed during the afternoon WMD work group meeting.
- Larry noted that we do have the Symposium Work Group established and that work group could assist Derek with the overall planning for this event.

**f. U.S. Coast Guard Container Inspection Briefing.**

- Coast Guard staff from Sector Anchorage provided a briefing on Coast Guard container inspection procedures.
- The Coast Guard does not physically enter containers and maintains a 3-foot clearance from the container entrance for safety reasons.
- The complete presentation will be made available on the Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group website.

**g. Other Items of Interest.**

- **Sodium Cyanide Training:** Dates for the training are April 7 (Anchorage, location to be determined) and April 8 (Fairbanks, location to be determined). Interested parties should contact Jim Maltby, Jim Seeberger, or Larry Iwamoto.
- **Railcar Incident Response Course:** scheduled for February 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Location is the Central MatSu Fire Department, Station #61. The flyer was sent via separate email by Larry.

**8. Statewide Hazmat Budget Status:**

**a. State Budget Information.** Update from Geoff Harben.

- Handout provided; roughly \$9,800 remaining in previous State Hazmat budget.

Another \$200,000 budget increment is available to support the Hazmat teams. Anticipate annual funding of approximately \$10,000 per Level A Team, as the funding is intended to be applied over a period of five years. Teams will need to submit their budget requests to Geoff. An agreement will be negotiated between DEC and the recipient community. Allocated funds will need to be expended (e.g., invoices received) by December 31, 2010.

**b. Federal Grants.**

- Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant program. Funding from this grant will be applied towards the Hazmat Tech Course; the ammonia training course for Kenai Peninsula Borough; an updated Hazmat Commodity Flow Study; and the Alaska Shield Hazmat Exercise.

**9. Additional Items for Discussion:**

- Domestic Nuclear Defense Office (DNDO): Brian Fisher indicated that the DNDO is available to provide a briefing of the results of their recent survey if the Hazmat Work Group is interested.
- **Statewide Hazmat Equipment Inventory Listing:** Larry provided an updated listing of detection equipment to work group members. Additional updates should be sent to Larry for consolidation and preparing the final updated list.

**10. Action Items:**

- FBI CITE Training Conference:** Derek Espeland requested input from the work group members for training topics and discussion items for the Comprehensive Integrated Training and Exercise (CITE) Conference (now scheduled for the November 2010 timeframe).
- State Hazmat Budget Requests:** Geoff Harben asked members of the Statewide Hazmat Team to provide their budget proposals for this year's budget increment. DEC will review the proposals and allocate funding based on the requests.
- Statewide Hazmat Equipment Inventory Listing:** Larry provided an updated listing of detection equipment to work group members. Additional updates should be sent to Larry for consolidation and preparing the final updated list.

**11. 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>

- **Additional Container Inspection Training:** Hazmat Work Group members interested in additional container inspection training should contact the Coast Guard Sector Anchorage Office (see contact information for Jeff Ahlgren, Chris El-Cassabgui, and Mike Vinson provided in the attached attendee listing). For Ketchikan, Chief Durden is the primary contact for this topic for the Coast Guard.

**12. Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2010 in Anchorage at the BP Energy Center. The WMD Work Group will convene in the afternoon at the same location.

Encl: Final Agenda  
Attendee Listing  
Updated Schedule of Activities



# STATEWIDE HAZMAT WORK GROUP MEETING

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

Anchorage, Alaska

February 9, 2010

## 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
    - Others (FBI, CG, ARRC, DHSS, DEC, DMVA/DHSEM, Industry, 95<sup>th</sup> Chemical Company)
  - Drills and Training (see Schedule of Hazmat Activities)
    - Alaska Shield/Northern Edge Hazmat Activities
    - Hazmat Technician Course
    - WMD Sampling and CAMEO Courses (provided by LSU)
    - FBI Comprehensive Integrated Training and Exercise (CITE) Conference
    - Ammonia Training – Kenai Peninsula Borough
    - Container Inspection Briefing (USCG)
    - Other Training Opportunities (LNG and Liquid Methane Training)
  - Statewide Hazmat Budget Status
    - DEC CIP Funding Status for Hazmat Teams (Geoff Harben)
    - Federal Funding (ODP, MMRS, HMEP Funding)
  - Additional Items for Discussion
    - Domestic Nuclear Defense Office (DNDO) Follow-up
  - Recap Action Items

Next Meeting: May 11, 2010 (BP Energy Center)

Adjourn

WMD Working Group (Meeting will begin at approximately 1:30 pm)

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## STATEWIDE HAZMAT RESPONSE WORK GROUP – ACTIVITY SCHEDULE (as of: February 10, 2010)

Activity	Type of Event	Date	Location	Sponsor/ Coordinator	Point of Contact	Participating Agencies
Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group Mtg / WMD Work Group Mtg	Meeting	November 17	Anchorage – BP Energy Ctr	DEC	Larry Iwamoto/ Alan Wien	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members
Statewide Hazmat Work Group Mtg / WMD Work Group Meeting	Meeting	February 9	Anchorage – BP Energy Ctr	DEC	Larry Iwamoto/ Alan Wien Derek Espeland	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members
Railcar Incident Response Course	Training	February 27	Central MatSu Fire Station #61	AK Div of Fire & Life Safety	Liz Goodman <a href="mailto:goodman@findlay.edu">goodman@findlay.edu</a>	First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies
Sodium Cyanide Training	Training	April 7 April 8	Anchorage Fairbanks	DuPont	Jim Maltby	First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies
Alaska Shield Hazmat Exercise	Exercise	April 28	Statewide	ARRC/ DEC / DMVA	Alaska Shield Hazmat Exercise Work Group	First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies
Statewide Hazmat Work Group Mtg / WMD Work Group Meeting	Meeting	May 11	Anchorage – BP Energy Ctr	DEC	Alan Wien/ Larry Iwamoto Derek Espeland	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members
Hazmat Technician Course	Training	TBD	MatSu	Central MatSu FD	Ken Barkley	First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies
Ammonia Training	Training	TBD	Kenai Peninsula Borough	DEC	Larry Iwamoto/ Alan Wien	First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies
Statewide Hazmat Work Group Mtg / WMD Work Group Meeting	Meeting	August 10	Anchorage – BP Energy Ctr	DEC	Alan Wien/ Larry Iwamoto	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members
Continuing Challenge Hazmat Conference	Conference	Sept 7-10	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
Hazmat Symposium	Conference	TBD	TBD	Statewide Hazmat Team	Symposium Work Group	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members
Comprehensive Integrated Training and Exercise (CITE) Event	Conference	November	Anchorage	FBI	Derek Espeland/ Jackie DeCou	First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies
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