

# Commission on Emergency Planning & Response Meeting

## March 6, 2014

### **Members Present:**

- Chuck Magaha, Regional Councils
- Russ Tomevi, Public Works
- Martha Gabehart, Individuals with Disabilities
- Mark Willis, Emergency Services
- Jack Taylor, Firefighters, CEPR Chair
- BG Lee Tafanelli, Adjutant General
- Mike McNulty, KDHE, Health Side
- Leo Henning, proxy for Dr. Robert Moser, Jr., KDHE, Environment Side
- Chris Howell, Tribes
- Jeanne Dagenette, proxy for Tim East, Energy & CEPR Vice-Chair
- Kent Cornish, Business & Industry – Broadcasters
- Darryn Gillihan, Business & Industry
- Doug Grauer, Business & Industry
- Ashley Goss, Public Health
- Col. Ernest Garcia, KHP
- Clay Adams, proxy for Mike King, KDOT
- Sandy Johnson, proxy for Jackie McClaskey, KS Dept. of Agriculture
- Larry Stainbrook, Agriculture, Crop, or Livestock
- Henry Hungerbeeler, Transportation, Trucking & Rail
- Kirk Thompson, KBI
- Hank DuPont, proxy for Doug Jorgensen, KS Fire Marshal's Office
- Keith Meyers, proxy for Pat George, KS Dept. of Commerce
- Charles Keeton, Hospitals
- John Sweet, Cities

### **Members Not Present:**

- Scott Briggs, Counties
- Teri Smith, County Emergency Managers

### **Call to Order / Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 1002. Roll Call was called by Tina Fike at 1004.

**Chairman**

### **Consent Agenda Review:**

Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Martha Gabehart, seconded by Mike McNulty. Motion passed.

**Chairman**

## Presentations

### Managing the Risk

Jennifer Clark, KDEM

- Is an publication put out by KDEM on behalf of commission;
- Starts with roles & responsibilities for CEPR, contains disaster information that is current as of Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>; the Planning and Mitigation branch have articles about their initiatives and projects; there are several pages dedicated to the LEPCs, summarizing their roles & responsibilities; the LEPC highlight is Thomas County as they have done a great job in the last year; the hazardous materials spill report is included; have 2 articles regarding the major exercises we had last year
- Will send a copy to all counties & will be posted online on the KDEM website under Commissions;
- Always looking for articles so please send to Jennifer Clark if there is anything you want included.

### 2013 LEPC Status Update

Harry Heintzelman, KDEM

- Showed map of current LEPC letters, have had 10 more sent in after cutoff in December; state is approximately 65% compliant for letters compared to last year; there are 67 letters on file.
- Showed map of bylaws on file; have approximately 64% of counties from 66 different counties;
- Showed map of compliance certification, was 44% in 2010 so making progress;
  - Compliance certification tracks things that the counties should be doing every year;
- Showed map of meeting agendas that have the state has copies of; some are online, but is the least published;
- Showed map of meeting minutes; meetings are occurring but minutes are not being submitted; have approximately 51% of counties have submitted them;
  - Seeing trend of counties publishing minutes to their website for easier access instead of paying for them to be published in the local paper; trying to get counties to do both since not everyone reads the paper & not everyone is online;
- Showed map of public notice; counties are putting them online for easier access & cheaper than publishing in newspaper;
- Showed map of counties with LEPC websites; some counties have combined emergency management / LEPC sites, some have them separate, it just depends on what kind of support they have from their I.T. department;
  - Q: Is the goal 100%?
    - A: Yes.
  - Q: Is there a date timeframe for this to occur?
    - A: No, there is no timeframe due to not enough time for county EMs to get everything done.
  - Q: Are they aware they are required to follow KORA & KOMA?
    - A: Yes they are aware; I tell them every time I talk to them.
  - Q: Do you keep bylaws on file?
    - A: Yes, just keep them on file but can do more if needed;
  - Q: How many counties aren't really doing anything?
    - A: Probably about 7-10 counties that there is no information available;
- In January, myself & others went to a meeting for the EPA Region 7 Response Team, and they were discussing creating a subcommittee regarding Executive Order 13650, which came about due to the explosion in West Texas and needing to do better communication at the federal, state & local levels; subcommittee would handle order at the local level; one thing the Response Team is proposing is a

membership roster with one member representing LEPCs and one member representing KS Emergency Response Commission (CEPR); deadline for subcommittee being created is April 1; the Response Team is looking at data sharing so members would need to be someone who handles data; there is no specifications as to who would be a member from CEPR;

- Q: Do you have ideas on who would be a representative?
  - A: For LEPC, either myself or Jennifer Clark; for CEPR, could be anyone, will be up to commission, but would probably need to be someone that has access to data; KDHE would be good due to Tier II reporting or Kevin Diers from KDEM; can give this info out either by consent agenda or email;
  - A: KDHE is already a part of the Regional Response Team;
- Q: How often will they meet?
  - A: It's still being evaluated whether or not the subcommittee will be created at this time, just wanted to get information to you beforehand;
- Q: Can you put recommendations when you send it out?
  - A: Yes.
- Q: Is everyone comfortable waiting till next meeting?
  - A: Yes;
- Will get info to Tina and have it sent out with consent agenda for next meeting (email went out on March 13 ,2014 with information to commission members);
- Industry Outreach:
  - Meeting to discuss letter was held after the consent agenda was sent out;
  - Basic concept was to talk about what LEPCs do, the benefits to LEPCs and the legal requirements;
  - The suggestion was that the county fills in their county information on their letterhead, distributes it however it would get to all businesses and facilities;
- If anyone from the private side that would like to represent CEPR on this working group, please get with Harry;

## **2013 Spill Updates**

**KDEM, KDHE, KCC**

### **Jamie Schwartz, KDEM**

- There are three agencies in Kansas that require notification of a spill: KDEM, KDHE, & KCC;
  - KDEM requires notification only if a spill of an extremely hazardous substance exceeds the reportable quantity for that substance – is a number defined by EPA;
  - KDHE requires notification any time there is a spill that impacts soil, water, or anything that needs to be cleaned up;
  - KCC is responsible for spills that occur on an oil production property;
- Total releases for all agencies for 2013: 1,835; down 2 spills from 2012;
- Showed map of spills of total releases by county in the state;
  - Butler County had the most spills reported by all three agencies;
- KDEM had a total of 186 release reports – 39% decrease from 2012;
  - This is due to a refinement in the internal reporting process;
- Showed list of top 5 counties with most reported spills to KDEM :
  - Montgomery (51), Butler (26), McPherson (14), Wyandotte (8), Cowley (5);
- Showed list of top 5 commodities reported to KDEM:

- Anhydrous Ammonia (55 incidents with 71,365 pounds released), Sulfur Dioxide (40 incidents with 3,395,072 pounds released - was higher due to an extended release due to a malfunction at a refinery), Crude Oil (29 incidents with 383,072 pounds released), Diesel Fuel (21 incidents with 143,846 pounds released), Hydrogen Sulfide (15 incidents with 9,855 pounds released);
- Showed list of top 5 modes for releases reported to KDEM:
  - Fixed facilities (146 incidents), Motor Carrier / Vehicle (39 incidents), Pipelines (21 incidents), Various Other Modes (16 incidents), Railroads (3 incidents);
  - Q: What is the minimum quantity reported for a spill?
    - A: For KDHE, they want to know about anything that hits the ground or goes in water, and needs to be cleaned up; for KDEM, we go by the reportable quantity determined by EPA that has to be exceeded;

## **Kent Schierkolk, KHDE**

- Showed list of reported spills to KDHE:
  - Spills impacting soil and/or waterways – 691;
  - Spills impacting surface waterways – 41;
  - Spills impacting ground water and requiring expanded / long-term remediation – 9;
  - Spills site inspected – 261;
  - Joint response with KCC to oil lease spills - 15;
- Showed map of top 5 counties with releases reported:
  - Butler (85), Sedgwick (59), Wyandotte (51), McPherson (40), Johnson (39);
- Showed map of top 5 commodities released reported:
  - Diesel/Fuel, Oil/Heating Oil (156 incidents with 184,534 pounds released), electrical Insulating Oil / Mineral Oil (140 incidents with 20,889 pounds released), Lube / Hydraulic Oil (76 incidents with 12,096 pounds released), Crude Oil (55 incidents with 361,946 pounds released), Brine / Salt Water (45 incidents with 224,273 pounds released);
- Showed map of top 5 modes for releases reported:
  - Motor Vehicle (198 incidents), Fixed Facility (141 incidents), Transformer (139 incidents), AST (50 incidents), railroads (42 incidents);
- KCC Information:
  - 958 releases reported – includes 551 spills with crude oil & 740 spills included brine (spills can contain both oil and brine as the brine is a byproduct of what they use to get the oil out of the ground);
- McClouth Diesel Fuel Release:
  - A delivery truck overfilled an underground tank, 1500 gallons of diesel fuel; fuel flowed into natural drainage pathways through a residential neighborhood;
- Union Pacific Railroad Collision, Hays:
  - Helped assess & give cleanup advice regarding the fuel that had spread around due to the fire suppression and water used to put out fire;

## **Spills Working Group Update**

**Jamie Schwartz, KDEM**

- Working group was established to identify a better way to contact everyone needed for a spill;

- Meetings have occurred frequently since working group was established;
- Have gotten all three agencies (KDEM, KDHE, KCC) on board with a “one call spill notification system”;
- Will be one number for a person to call, it will be an automated call, the person calls the number and then chooses the appropriate agency to notify; will have an internal process developed so that agencies can notify each other when needed depending on incident size;
- Will simplify the notification process for spillers and increase compliance;
- Also will have a consolidated spill database for all three agencies;
  - Will have tools to enter the initial incident and send it out to agencies;
  - Will help to reduce duplicate reporting;
  - Will create one incident report per incident for the state;
  - Have identified a vendor to develop the database, and hope to have it built by this summer;
  - Plans are to go live with it sometime in the fall with both the “one call system” and the database;
  - Q: Who is funding this?
    - A: Still undetermined how it will be funded;
  - Q: How is it going to get it to those that need it?
    - A: There will be a big campaign for it to make sure that everyone knows about it;
  - Q: Does KDEM get involved with solid waste?
    - A: No, that’s more of a KDHE response. KDEM gets involved if it impacts a public water way and there’s no other way to get water, KDEM helps arrange to get water shipped in.

## 2014 HMEP Grant Update

**Swapan Saha, KDEM**

- Grant program is administered by KS Dept. of Transportation;
  - They collect fees from hazmat carriers, then transfer to state agencies & then that is passed to local agencies;
- Federal allocation for FFY2014-2015 is \$368,972.15 – 75% of that is passed to locals and the other 25% is used for administrative purposes;
- In January, the HMEP application goes out to counties, and they have six weeks to submit project proposals; once KDEM receives those, a grant committee reviews them;
- Project Proposal Priorities:
  - Commodity Flow Study
  - NFPA 472 Core Competency Training Courses;
  - NFPA 472 Mission Specific Training Courses;
  - Hazard Analysis;
  - Response Capabilities Assessment;
  - HazMat Plan Development / Revision;
  - Hazardous Materials Exercises;
  - Chemical Specific Response Training;
  - Other training courses authorized by PHMSA;
  - Attending HazMat Conferences;
- Proposal Selection Criteria:
  - Project Scope;

- Project Benefit;
- Project Focus;
- Type of Hazard;
- Impact;
- Complexity;
- Total number of proposals;
- Previous HMEP Grant Funding within three years;
- Planning Grant Proposals:
  - HazMat Exercises & drills were approved;
  - Plan development / update was approved;
  - Attending HazMat conferences was declined;
- Training Grant Proposals:
  - HazMat awareness / operations / technician: approved;
  - HazMat incident commander: approved;
  - HazMat IQ: approved;
  - Anhydrous Ammonia: approved;
  - LP Gas Emergencies: approved;
  - Full scale exercises: approved;
  - Tank car specialist / refresher: approved;
- Allocations:
  - For planning: \$159,972:
    - LEPC Planning sub-grant applications: \$50,500;
    - Plan development / update: \$68,000;
    - Hazmat symposium / LEPC conference: \$15,000;
    - Admin expenses: \$24,472;
  - For Training: \$ 209,010:
    - LEPC training grant applications: \$146,099;
    - Hazmat training (KF&RTI, OSFM, KDEM): \$62,911;
  - 100% of training grant was allocated for training;
- Bourbon County LEPC Application:
  - Full Scale HazMat Exercise – requested \$8000; was approved;
- Butler County LEPC Application:
  - HazMat Training – requested \$24,000; was approved;
- Douglas County LEPC Application:
  - Multi-Jurisdictional Airport TTX – requested \$30,000; was approved;
  - Multi-Jurisdictional Full Scale Exercise – requested \$80,000; was approved;
- Franklin County LEPC Application:
  - HazMat IQ training – requested \$11,900; was approved;
- Geary County LEPC Application:
  - Hazmat Operations Training – requested \$2,500; was approved;
- MARC LEPC Application:
  - Hazmat Preparedness Plan and CAMEO Update – requested \$10,000; was approved;
  - Hazmat Training – requested \$27,699; was approved;
- Shawnee County LEPC Application:

- Full Scale Exercise - requested \$2,500; was approved;
- KDEM Planning Application:
  - Local HazMat Plan Development / Update – requested \$68,000; was approved;
  - Funding approximately 10 counties, will receive approximately \$6,800;
- KDEM Training:
  - Various hazmat trainings through KU Fire and rescue Training Institute, Office of the State Fire Marshal, & KDEM- requested \$62,912; was approved;
- KDEM Other Activities
  - LEPC Conference;
  - Kansas Hazmat Symposium;
  - Support hazmat planning and training activities;
  - Equipment for training and exercise;
  - Travel for meetings, trainings, conferences, workshops, etc.;
  - Supplies,
  - Indirect costs;
- Asking approval to proceed with proposals:
- Motion to approve grants made by Charles Keeton & seconded by John Sweet. Motion carries.
  - Q: Is the pass through amount 75%? It looked like there was more than that for KDEM.
    - A: Yes. The way KDOT defines pass through is that if we engage in an activity that benefits the counties, that is eligible as pass through;
  - Q: Can you come back after & advise us who received the planning grants?
    - A: Yes.
  - Q: Would it be possible to get the after action reviews for the exercise?
    - A: Yes.
  - Q Do you want the reports or a presentation?
    - A: Maybe just a presentation showing what counties learned.
  - Q: Did all the LEPCs that submitted an app get funded?
    - A: Yes, this year they did. The end of the grant year is October 21<sup>st</sup>, so can come back at the December meeting and give a presentation on accomplishments.
- Chairman asked commission to approve or reject motion, motion passed with all members voting.

## **Fire Service Working Group Update**

**Ross Hauck, KS Forest Service**

- No written standards for fire service in Kansas and across nation;
- Attempting to create some basic standards to be used;
- Feedback from few local departments think that Fire Service was “meddling in their business”;
- Need to start with intra-state deployments and will go from there;
- NFPA has standards for fire personnel but are not as stringent as national standards;
- Have addressed 6 positions within standards: this is what you have to have to be deployed beyond a mutual aid ring around your department;
- Did not bring up equipment resource standards as that is being addressed through the mutual aid net program;
- After so long, Federal dollars will not support organizations that do not have some sort of standards;
  - Q: Are you going to bring back a final draft or do you want us to consider the one that we have here?

- A: The one you have now is the one we'd like for you to consider.
- Q: Can the emergency responder training that the Kansas Pipeline Association puts on be included as a recommended training?
  - A: Yes, we could include that.
- Q: Under KDEM we were doing this package in the regional areas by getting key personnel trained & giving them badges; Kansas Municipal Utilities was doing something similar with State assets, would this eliminate them off this program outside their mutual aid area if we adopt this?
  - A: No.
- Q: So a fire department could still respond 4 to 5 counties away even though they are not in that mutual aid region to support?
  - A: As a general rule probably not, but would not rule it out. This is to be guidance.
- Q: So if personnel are not trained to the suggested minimums, they would not be requested to go to a mutual aid site?
  - A: Correct.
- Q: Will this change our process that we do today with fire equipment and personnel responding from one site to another?
  - A: No. Let Bryan Murdie speak on this.
- Q: (to Bryan Murdie) Can you explain how the credentialing works especially for the fire service and how that doesn't circumvent mutual aid & why we're doing that?
  - A: (Bryan) For the credentialing side, with CRMCS we've adopted these standards for Tier II state definitions for ESF 4. This helps identify responders who are on scene as far as their capabilities, and even helps with requesting. So counties are able to look within their own county and identify who has the training to meet these standards and get a group together for a mutual aid response.
- Chairman: Would like to ask committee to approve or disapprove document.
  - Motion made to approve document made by John Sweet; seconded by Doug Grauer. Motion passed.

## **Disability Integration Specialists**

**Lisa Bothwell, FEMA**

- Disability Integration Specialist:
  - Advises and provides technical assistance to FEMA staff to ensure accessibility of FEMA programs and activities;
  - Does outreach and community engagements;
  - Does training and technical assistance;
  - Brings emergency managers and disability community leaders together as partners;
  - Deployed during disasters;
- Federal laws prohibiting discrimination in emergency programs on the basis of disability:
  - Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 – gives a broad description of a person with a disability and has three different types:
    - Substantially limited for one or more major life activities;
    - Regarded disabilities;
    - Record disabilities reported;
  - Stafford Act of 1988:

- Was amended by the Post Hurricane Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act to include people with disabilities;
  - Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006:
    - See above;
  - Rehabilitation Act of 1973:
    - Made sure that federally funded programs are accessible by those with disabilities;
  - Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988:
    - Made sure that housing for disabled persons were accessible;
  - Architectural Barriers Act of 1968:
    - A predecessor of the ADA;
  - Education for All Handicapped Children Act (EHA) of 1975:
    - Made schools accessible for disabled children;
    - Was renamed in 1990 as Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;
    - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1990 came from this Act; governs how states & public agencies provide early intervention, special education and related services to children with disabilities;
      - Was renamed in 2004 as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA);
  - Telecommunications Act of 1996:
    - Making telephones accessible for people with disabilities, and hearing aids compatible with phones;
  - Twenty-first Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010:
    - Designed to ensure that telephone and television services would be accessible to all Americans with disabilities;
    - Provides captioning to TV broadcasts and those videos uploaded to the internet;
- Disability facts:
  - 56.7 million Americans report having a disability (20% of the population);
    - 12% are children between the ages of birth and 18 years;
    - 10% are adults 18 – 64;
    - 38% are over the age of 65;
    - Many report having more than one disability;
  - 11 million people over the age of 6 need assistance with daily living activities;
  - 1 billion people with disabilities worldwide;
  - Approximately 21% of the population aged 16 years or older with a disability live in poverty;
  - Hidden disabilities:
    - Disabilities that are not immediately apparent;
- Other individuals who may have access & functional needs:
  - Older adults, women in late stages of pregnancy, people needing bariatric equipment, people with limited English proficiency or low literacy, people with very low incomes, people without access to transportation, the homeless;
  - Idea is to get away from limited / broad terms;
  - Social model: changes the environment to accommodate everyone; medical model: focuses on fixing the disability;
- CMIST: identifies the following things for planning for a disaster for those with disabilities:
  - Communications- captioning, or going to someone's house & how people make announcements;

- Maintaining health: making sure that durable medical equipment is available;
- Independence: how people integrate back into society; those with disabilities tend to have lower incomes, they may lose wheelchairs or hearing aids that don't get covered by insurance.
- Safety, Support Services and Self Determination: can possibly targeted for crime due to being disabled (safety), making own decisions as to what they want (self-determination);
- Transportation: there are several types of transportation, but are they accessible for everyone;
- General Population Sheltering
  - Planning;
  - Finding subject matter experts;
  - Selecting potential shelter sites;
  - Accessible toilets and bathing facilities;
  - Personal assistance service needs;
  - Medical care;
  - Durable medical equipment (DME) and consumable medical supplies;
  - Legal obligations;
  - Service and assistance animals;
- FEMA Personal Assistance Service (PAS) Contracts:
  - Augments the ability of States, tribes, and Territories to help individuals with access and functional needs maintain their health, safety, and independence in congregate facilities after a Presidential disaster declaration;
  - Provides two levels of support:
    - Basic personal care: grooming, eating, bathing, toileting, dressing / undressing, walking, transferring, and maintaining health and safety;
    - Higher level of care: changing dressings on wounds (such as pressure point sores), administering medications / injections, catheterization, and respiratory care (when allowed by the State or Territory);
- Proactive community actions that may reduce the need for PAS:
  - Physical, programmatic and effective communication access in shelters;
  - Assist those with PAS/AT/DME/service animals, etc. and their PAS providers along with the circle of support to plan for emergencies;
  - Encourage active involvement of people with disabilities. PAS providers, disability services and advocacy organizations and assistive technology loaner programs in community preparedness efforts, as partners, subject matter experts, and local resources;
  - Teach first responders not to separate people from their PAS/AT/DME/service animal during evacuation;
  - Plan for accessible transportation to keep people with their PAS/AT/DME/service animal during evacuation;
- New ADA Technical Assistance Manuals:
  - Published by the Dept. of Justice;
  - Other power-driven mobility devices - Segways & golf carts;
  - Effective Communications – using iPads / Skype;
- New FEMA course:
  - IS-368: Including People with Disabilities and Others with Access and Functional Needs in Disaster Operations;

- California Emergency Management will host a webinar on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 2 -3pm; best practices for interpreters, how to standardize interpreting & interpreters ;
- FCC will open the electronic comment filing system for PS Docket # 07-114 (addressing location accuracy for 911 calls); unknown when it will be posted;
- Etiquette:
  - Treat individuals with disabilities the same way you would treat anyone else;
  - Ask before helping;
  - Ask how you can help;
  - Avoid making assumptions;
- Q: Regarding the PAS, is that requested through an individual assistance declaration or direct federal assistance?
  - A: I will find out & let you know;
- Q: What is your role during disaster deployments?
  - A: To make sure that the FEMA programs are accessible for those with disabilities. So when a disaster recovery center is set up, we make sure that resources are available, will get interpreters, get captioning set up, get Braille, whatever is needed;
- Q: For Jane Piles (doing CART transcription): When I'm watching a live broadcast, is there a person doing that or is it automated?
  - A: It can be both;
  - (Lisa) Many stations have captioning done beforehand, but during emergencies, they bring in a live person. Have to make sure that the names or logos aren't blocked; sometimes an official will have in interpreter stand next to them so the new station needs to make sure that the interpreter is on screen as well as the official;

## **EPA On-Scene Response Update**

**Scott Hayes, EPA**

- Sponsoring two TRI training sessions:
  - Fundamentals Course: April 15<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 4pm in Lenexa;
  - Advanced Course: April 15<sup>th</sup> from 1pm – 4pm in Lenexa;
- Webinars will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> for the 5 year updates to the risk management plans;
- Regional Response Team meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> in Kansas City, MO;
- Integrated Plastics Solution at El Dorado:
  - March 2013;
  - Assisted with criminal investigation;
  - Initiated an order for the facility to clean up the chemicals and property;
  - Company is going through a multi-phase clean-up process;
  - A criminal trial is pending as well;
- Enerjex – Noe Lease in Rantoul:
  - March 2013;
  - Initiated by complaint;
  - Referred to KDHE's Enforcement program for possible SPCC violations;
- Instrument Flight Research in Wichita:
  - Small businesses were stripping aircraft dials of radium & improperly disposing of it;
  - Still pending but should be starting in a few weeks;
- R3 Energy in Cottonwood Falls:

- May 2013;
- Was a biofuel operation but had not been operating for a while;
- Fire chief was concerned regarding oily materials in storm drain-off due to excessive rains;
- Found deceased migratory birds due to release so Fish & Wildlife was involved;
- Did part of the cleanup due to company not getting it done quickly enough or well enough;
- Company was compelled to dispose of waste at their own cost;
- Sunflower Army Ammunitions Plant in DeSoto:
  - February – May 2013;
  - Assisted with sampling for company that wants to develop property;
- Sheen Lease in Bluff City:
  - June 2013;
  - Initiated by complaint;
  - Spill didn't threaten waterways;
  - Mostly "sloppy housekeeping";
  - Was referred to the Enforcement Program;
- Terry Street Mercury Spill in Leavenworth:
  - July 2013;
  - Occurred in a local residence & EPA responded due to small children being in residence;
  - Assisted homeowner with cleanup & monitored air quality;
- O'Neill Tank in Great Bend:
  - Sept. 2013 - present;
  - Was from oil pipes being stored for periods of time, & after so long, radon scaling & radiation would build up on pipes & slough off onto ground;
  - Found Radium 226 contaminated soil;
  - Shipping cleanup out west by rail, saved taxpayers money;
- Riggs Lane Mercury Spill in Overland Park:
  - November 2013;
  - 10 lbs. was stored in antique grandfather clock;
  - Apartment owner hired a contractor & EPA oversaw cleanup;
- Mercury Spill in Coffeyville:
  - December 2013;
  - A jar of mercury in an apartment spilled;
  - Compelled apartment owner to clean it up & pay for it;
- Former W&J Lanyon Smelter in Pittsburg:
  - Completed in July 2013;
  - KDHE not able to get responsible party to do clean up so EPA got order for company to clean up property;
- Oil Terminal Inspections
  - Inspected 20 facilities for their response plans actions;
- Q: What were the results of the inspections?
  - A: Not sure, generally speaking the petroleum facilities are in pretty good shape. The ethanol facilities have quite a few violations, some don't even have plans. Sometimes we'll do unannounced exercises, & have them show us that they are able to respond to a spill. Sometimes they fail.

## Nomination Committee for June Elections

Jack Taylor, Chair

- Would like to have people serve on election committee:
  - Mark & Mike McNulty will be on committee & present findings at June meeting;
  - Q: Is there anything required for the position?
    - A: If we continue along the same path, we would be looking for a public sector person;
  - Will have election for new chairperson next meeting;

## Remarks from Committee Members:

- Kent Cornish: Had the National Weather Service Tornado Awareness Week, a waiver was filed with FCC so that the warning can be broadcasted as a test; if there were issues in community, let me know as that is the only way we know something needs fixed. , KBI has a new Amber Alert coordinator;
  - Q: Was a problem with KC Metro area during the NWS tornado siren test, they are having their tornado warning today, do you do any coordination with the KC area?
    - A: Yes, usually they coordinate with the same day as we do, not sure what happened this year;
    - Chuck Magaha: There was a filing with FCC, but it got held up; we got the waiver on the Wednesday after the test;
  - Charlie: Regarding the statewide test, I had a hospital ask if the office of emergency would put it out over the 800 MHz system now that hospitals are using that system.
    - A: We'll let them consider that;
- John Sweet: Is the 2014 KS Response Plan out?
  - A: Yes, it's on KDEM's website.
- John Eichkorn: There will be a conference call with DHS regarding the future of the preparedness grants program; the President wants some changes but Congress is not allowing it as of yet; doesn't look like FFY14 has changed that much, but will know more when we receive it;
- Mike McNulty: One project is a 7 page feature in the Topeka magazine with Fred the Preparedness dog; receiving national attention with Healthy Pet magazine article that is due out in June, theme is helping kids be prepared;
- Sandy Johnson: Doing a tabletop exercise in each region for quarantine management;
- Clay Adams: Regarding using 800 MHz for tornado sirens, we have not been using them for amber alerts, will need to get with KHP for that; could talk about using frequency AM1610, and also the highway road signs;
  - Angee Morgan: You would have to get an FCC waiver for that; it's what we did in Greensburg;

## Remarks from Public:

- Anthony Fadale: in the KC area, there is the School for the Blind & the School for the Deaf, so need to be mindful for them when you are sending out drills and reminders for alerts, especially to the TV stations and other formats.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 1315.

**Next Meeting: June 5, 2014**