

# Indiana Emergency Response Commission

## MEETING MINUTES

### INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

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**Meeting Date:** November 8, 2021

**Meeting Time:** 1:30 PM (Indianapolis time)

**Meeting Location:** 1610 Reeves Rd., Plainfield, IN 46168 and via Microsoft Teams

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#### **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** (in person participation unless otherwise noted)

Joel Thacker—State Fire Marshal, Chairperson

Peggy Dorsey—Designee for IDEM Commissioner (*via Microsoft Teams*)

Larry Hamby—Designee for IDHS Executive Director (*via Microsoft Teams*)

Bruce Palin—Public Representative

Jeff Larmore—Local Government Representative

Cara Cyrus—Business/Industry Representative (*via Microsoft Teams*)

Jim Pridgen—Business/Industry Representative (*via Microsoft Teams*)

Vincent Griffin—Public Representative

#### **COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Matt Bilkey—Designee for Superintendent of Indiana State Police

Stephanie McKinney—Local Government Representative

Shawn French—Business/Industry Representative

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Casey Kenworthy—IDHS

Amanda Horner—IDHS

Mike White—IDHS

#### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Thacker. He welcomed everyone to the November Indiana Emergency Response Commission (IERC) meeting. Chairman Thacker welcomed the newest Commissioner, Ms. Peggy Dorsey. She is the designee Commissioner for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM).

#### **QUORUM**

Ms. Horner indicated a quorum was present after the roll call, with seven (7) members in attendance. Ms. Dorsey was not present during initial roll call.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Mr. Palin made a motion to approve the September 13, 2021, meeting minutes. Mr. Griffin seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.**

**Record of Votes**

Chairman Thacker—	Mr. Larmore—Yes	Ms. Dorsey—Absent
Abstained	Mr. Hamby—Yes	Mr. Griffin—Yes
Ms. Cyrus—Yes	Mr. Palin—Yes	Mr. Pridgen—Yes

**ROSTER APPROVAL**

Ms. Horner reported 12 Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) have submitted rosters for membership appointments or approvals between September 9, 2021, and November 11, 2021. Mr. Palin made a motion to approve the changes as submitted. Mr. Griffin seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.** A copy of the roster report detailing the changes is attached. Mr. Larmore abstained from the approval of Marion County roster changes due to his LEPC membership.

**Record of Votes**

Chairman Thacker—Yes	Mr. Hamby—Yes	Mr. Griffin—Yes
Ms. Cyrus—Yes	Mr. Palin—Yes	Mr. Pridgen—Yes
Mr. Larmore—Yes	Ms. Dorsey—Absent	

**OLD BUSINESS**

***America’s Water Infrastructure Act Update***

Ms. Horner reported that testing began within the last week on the AWIA update on Tier II Manager. She continued to say testing went well and some small items will need to be adjusted. The AWIA module should be rolled out by the end of 2021.

**NEW BUSINESS**

***2022 Meeting Schedule***

Ms. Horner presented the proposed meeting schedule. The Commission requested some dates be changed to reflect the second Monday of every other month. Mr. Pridgen made a motion to accept the proposed meeting schedule with the reflected changes and Mr. Palin seconds. **Motion Passed.**

**Record of Votes**

Chairman Thacker—Yes	Mr. Hamby—Yes	Mr. Griffin—Yes
Ms. Cyrus—Yes	Mr. Palin—Yes	Mr. Pridgen—Yes
Mr. Larmore—Yes	Ms. Dorsey—Absent	

***2022 LEPC Compliance***

Ms. Horner reminded the Commission of their decision in spring of 2020 to not withhold funding from LEPCs who could not meet the meeting or exercise requirements for the year. This decision was carried over into 2021. Ms. Horner asked for discussion regarding the upcoming year and LEPC funding requirements. After much discussion, the Commission tabled the conversation for the January meeting due to the uncertainty surrounding COVID.

***IDEM Incident Reporting***

Mr. Kenworthy informed the Commission that during conversations had with IDEM, we discovered there was not a clear understanding of the incident reporting processes. He continued saying that IDEM is responsible for taking incident calls through the spill line and reporting the

appropriate incidents into Tier II Manager. The spiller would then be responsible for contacting IDHS to complete the incident report. Mr. Kenworthy said that having a better understanding of responsibilities by both parties will encourage more accurate reporting onto Tier II Manager.

### ***PFAS Foam Collection Program***

Chairman Thacker reported on another project between IDHS and IDEM regarding PFAS foam. PFAS foam or AFFF foam is a known hazard to the environment and people. A survey was sent to all fire departments and other agencies who may have fluorinated foam to get an understanding of the amounts throughout the state. Currently, over 15,000 gallons has been identified. Chairman Thacker said the first goal is to get the foam and dispose of it. He continued saying there is not currently a plan to replace the foam, however most departments do not need a large stockpile. Chairman Thacker informed the Commission that one way to replace the AFFF foam is through the LEPCs. The purchase of "green" foam is an approved LEPC expense assuming all departments within the county have access to the supply. There are alternative "green" foams available on the market. Mr. Larmore suggested that Indiana consider a quantity purchase agreement for the replacements.

### **SARA TITLE III PROGRAM REPORT—SARA Program Staff**

The LEPC Program Manager began testing with IDEM on the AWIA module addition to Tier II Manager. She also began reviewing the LEPC Plan Module addition to Tier II. The Program Manager worked with the US EPA on a tabletop exercise for 2022. She also completed the review of LEPC plans and has begun reviewing LEPC fiscal reports. As of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 42 LEPCs are compliant for the 2021 year. 39 have not yet turned in a 2021 LEPC Plan, and 3 are needing additional documents. The Program Manager attended six different LEPC meetings and exercises in addition to various other out of office meetings to assist with LEPC activities.

The SARA Program Manager continued to manage Tier II Manager facility compliance, user accounts and answered questions pertaining to Indiana Tier II reporting. He continued to review LEPC plans and attended two LEPC tabletop exercises. Additionally, the Program Manager also learned how to integrate Tier II Manager data into the CAMEO and MARPLOT software programs.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Griffin made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Larmore seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.**

### **Record of Votes**

Chairman Thacker—Yes

Mr. Hamby—Yes

Mr. Griffin—Yes

Ms. Cyrus—Yes

Mr. Palin—Yes

Mr. Pridgen—Yes

Mr. Larmore—Yes

Ms. Dorsey—Yes

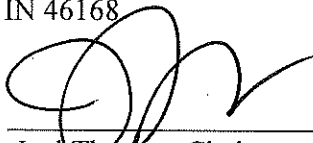
Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING**

January 10, 2022

1610 reeves Rd.  
Plainfield, IN 46168

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Joel Thacker, Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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