

# Central Kansas Wetlands Sub-Area Committee Meeting

Stafford, Kansas — Quivira National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters

May 4, 2017

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The Central Kansas Wetlands (CKW) Sub-Area (SA) Committee convened at 1 p.m. on May 4, 2017 at the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge (QNWR), in Stafford, Kansas (KS). On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) Randy Brown of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 convened the meeting, and Eric Deselich of Tetra Tech, Inc. (Tetra Tech), a contractor for EPA Region 7, assisted Brown and recorded the minutes. Telephone and video conference lines were established for the meeting, and four SAC members participated remotely by phone. A list of meeting participants is on page 3.

Brown began by introducing himself and welcoming the group. After self-introductions, Deselich reviewed the agenda and asked for correction to the last meeting's minutes. He also indicated that updates to some contact information in the CKW SA Contingency Plan were needed and the plan would be distributed to the group to review their respective agency's information.

**Derek Lampkin, Burlington Northern – Santa Fe Railway (BNSF).** Lampkin overviewed BNSF's emergency preparedness efforts and response capabilities, as well as hazardous materials (hazmat) transport operations throughout the Mid-west and central Kansas. Lampkin fielded many questions throughout the presentation, which was noted as extremely informative by several attendees.

**Exercise and Training Discussion.** Deselich reported that several SA member agencies expressed continued support for a land-mobile radio (LMR) communications (coms) and field data collection exercise that had been discussed in late 2015 by the group. He explained that radio frequencies/channels had been collected from EPA and State systems; however, more information was needed to develop a workable exercise coms plan.

Deselich also presented information on various ESRI mapping and field data collection applications (app) that have been deployed by EPA during real-world incidents involving extended assessment and response operations. The following lists items discussed and tentative decisions made concerning the coms exercise:

- Exercise activities will be conducted within the boundaries of the QNWR and avoid private lands.
- Both LMR radio coms and field data collection using various types of mobile devices will be tested.
- Exercise field activities will occur over five to six hours with lunch and refreshments provided on-site.
- Several aspects of the CKW SA Contingency Plan will be exercised and evaluated.
- Late September 2017 was cited by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) staff and local agencies as the best timeframe for exercise.
- Participation of local agencies in Rice, Reno, and Stafford County is essential.
- A suitable exercise scenario would require responder to conduct a large-area assessment of simulated oil contamination in the QNWR resulting from one of following mechanisms:
  - Train derailment and discharge to Rattlesnake Creek
  - Pipeline discharge to Rattlesnake Creek
  - Tornado-related spills from multiple oil leases.

Note: Heavy precipitation in the days immediately preceding the incident will be part of the scenario.

- Current interoperability between Federal and State radio systems does not exist or is extremely limited.
- Coms assets (i.e., radio cache and coms tower trailer) maintained by Reno County will be deployed.
- Ideally, some agency's radios will be reprogrammed early during exercise play to test other means of achieving interoperability among response agencies.
- EPA will provide additional coms equipment such as radios and iPads, as needed.
- Just-in-training in the use of mobile apps will be provided the morning of the exercise.

- State assets (Public Information / Geographic Information [PI/GI] Emergency Response Support Vehicle maintained by the Kansas Adjutant General’s Department may be deployed to support Internet connectivity at the exercise incident command post at QNWR Headquarters.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will be contacted to gauge their interest in exercise participation.
- Participation from remote locations (e.g., home agency offices) by some SA member agencies will be pursued to demonstrate near-real-time data sharing capabilities with off-site partner agencies.
- Two exercise planning meetings will likely be needed, with one meeting occurring two to three weeks before exercise conduct.
- To ensure credit is received by State and local agencies, the exercise will meet Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) requirements for design, implementation, and evaluation.

Regarding upcoming training opportunities, Deselich reported that Transportation Rail Incident Preparedness & Response Training (TRIPR) trainings had begun in Region 7 states with the next training scheduled for Onawa, Iowa in early August. He described the course agenda and asked whether SA agencies are interested bringing TRIPR training to the SA in the near future. Brown indicated that TRIPR training could be delivered in conjunction with an SA meeting. Lampkin added that BNSF could also deliver a shorter rail response training (four hours) if this better meet the needs of the SA. Erik Stewart of the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) said that Crisis City, operated by KDEM, is an ideal venue for rail response training such as TRIPR or BNSF’s stand-alone training. Lampkin agreed that Crisis City was an exceptional venue and that he would work with the group to coordinate a training there, if desired. Decisions on the type of rail response training and venue location were tabled for later discussion at the next SA meeting.

**Reports on Other Local Incidents.** Approximately 100 gallons of oil were release from a tank battery in Ford County that impacted Elm Creek.

**Upcoming Events.** The following events were cited by SAC members attending the meeting:

- Chlorine Spill Response Training (BNSF / The Chlorine Institute) – BNSF Argentine Rail Yard – June 19-22, Kansas City, Kansas

**Next Meeting.** The next SAC meeting will convene at QNWR at a date to be determined.

**Follow-up Items.** Follow-up items generated during the meeting are as follows:

Meeting Follow-up Item	Lead SA Member
1. Contact organizations (anticipated) participating in the exercise to obtain radio make and model used; and pass this information to Todd Strain.	Deselich / Strain
2. Contact Stafford County and Jayhawk Pipelines LLC to garner exercise participation and possibly assistance in exercise planning.	Deselich
3. Work with USFWS personnel and other key participants to develop the exercise scenario; and share the scenario with the larger group for input.	Deselich / Mike Oldham / Bill Waln / Dave McCauley
4. Send out scheduling poll to identify suitable dates for the exercise.	Deselich
5. Coordinate with the Kansas Office of Emergency Communications on possible deployment of the PI/GI Emergency Response Support Vehicle for the exercise.	Stewart
6. Develop a draft exercise plan as information becomes available.	Deselich
7. Distribute an on-line poll to members to identify the most suitable date for the next meeting; and communicate results to the larger group.	Deselich

## Meeting Attendee List

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Notes:

\* Participated remotely by phone      EM      Emergency Management  
 EPA      U.S. Environmental Protection Agency      DOI      U.S. Department of Interior  
 KCC      Kansas Corporation Commission      KDHE      Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
 USFWS      U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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