

Beginning with Brian



Brian Bailey opened the meeting at 10:06 a.m. with Introductions and announcements:

Special ECHO Guest Host for November
Bob Happel, Portland Fire.

Brian will return the following month with tales of a 4-day OHSAS 18001 Audit.

- Greg Madden of the NW Industrial Area Neighborhood Association (NINA) sent a message that they had tested their ham radio system at fire station #8.
- Portland Office of Emergency Management (POEM) is forming committees for a local energy assurance plan (LEAP). This is a 16 month planning effort linking plans for emergency preparedness, climate change preparedness, conservation & alternative fuel use innovations into an energy assurance plan. POEM is asking for people to participate in one of the three committees: Industry, Response Agencies, or Utilities. To participate, please contact Tricia R. Sears @ 503-823-2360 or tricia.sears@portlandoregon.gov



- Krista Fischer of OSFM pointed out that the next meeting of the Portland area LEPC forming effort will not be on the 26th of October, but will be sometime in the beginning of November.
- John McGregor of Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) announced that the municipal separate storm water permit comment period is open. The permit review for the waste water treatment plant is not in public comment period yet. There will be a tunnel tour event for the Big Pipe coming up. Go to the BES website to sign up. ECHO would like to have a speaker about the Big pipe.



September Meeting Spotlights

Speaker: Kristen Stiegler of the Oregon State Office of Environmental Public Health

“Overview of the Hazardous Substance Incident Surveillance (HSIS) System for Oregon”

Kristen Stiegler of the Oregon State Office of Environmental Public Health presented an overview of the Hazardous Substance Incident Surveillance (HSIS) system for Oregon.

It is a federally funded program, part of the National Toxic Substance Incidents Program (NTSIP) coordinated by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) {more acronyms}.

There are only 7 states funded to participate in the program by providing state surveillance of incidents for a national database.

Oregon decided not to go with the new name for its program, but just changed the name slightly from its former incarnation, HSEES (Hazardous Substances Emergency Events Surveillance), to HSIS.

The seven participating states are Wisconsin, Utah, North Carolina, Louisiana, New York, New Jersey and Oregon.

The surveillance system excludes most incidents with petroleum-related products.

For Oregon incidents during 2005 – 2009, the most frequently released substances were paint, ammonia, sodium hydroxide, adhesives, hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, ethylene glycol, polychlorinated biphenyls, and mercury.

As part of its work, the HSIS program encourages industry to use green chemistry in developing substitutes for hazardous materials.

For example, Columbia Forest Products now uses a formaldehyde free wood adhesive; Nike has vegetable based shoe soles, and Coastwide Labs makes a green janitorial product.

In addition to helping businesses find safer alternatives, HSIS develops maps useful to ECHO and other CAER groups, and the HSIS program wants to hear success stories as well as incident reports

Kristen Stiegler's power point presentation is attached. She can be reached at 971-673-1014.

Thank you, Kristin, for a very interesting and stimulating presentation.

The next ECHO meeting is

**Who: Don Pettit
Senior Emergency
Response Planner
Oregon Department of
Environmental Quality**

**What: OR-IRIS Computer
Mapping System**

**When: November 11, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Where: GALVANIZERS Inc.
2406 N.W. 30th
Portland, OR**

**Questions, contact Brian Bailey at:
503-219-7801**

Thank you and kudos to Galvanizers for hosting our meetings and providing coffee and treats! And a big thanks to Theodora as well for taking these minutes and Krista Fischer for making them look so nice.

Brian





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ECHO

Emergency Communications for Hazardous Operations

UPCOMING MEETING

Date: November 11, 2010

Time: 10 am – 11:30 am

Topic: OR-IRIS Computing Mapping System
Don Pettit, Senior Emergency Response Planner
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Location: Galvanizers Co.
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Portland, Oregon