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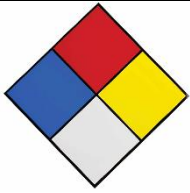


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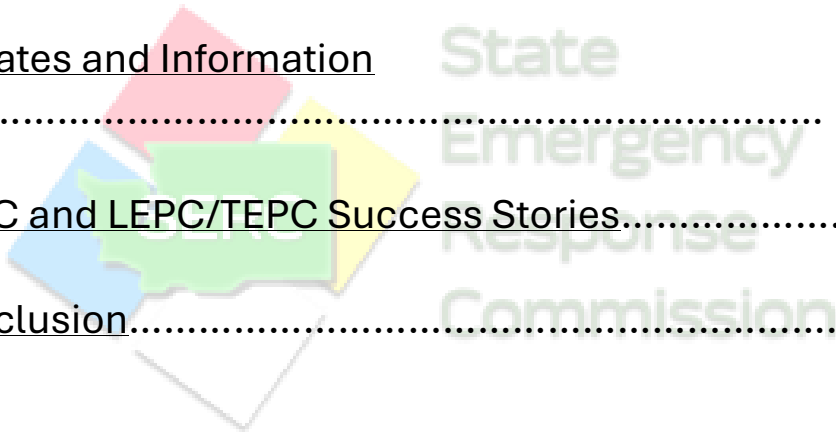


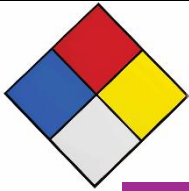
Please enjoy the 4th Edition of the Washington SERC Newsletter!

We hope the information will be useful and look forward to any feedback from readers. Thank you!

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Upcoming Events:

SERC EVENTS:

1. On Friday December 6th at noon Three EMD programs are working together to provide a short 45 Minute Lunchtime Seminar on the basics of Continuity Planning. The audience for this presentation is the partners in your LEPC who may not be aware of the need to have a continuity plan for their organization and are not aware of the free training resources and tool available to help them with this process. Please see this registration link ([Continuity Planning Lunch and Learn Session](#)) for organizations and individuals that are interested in the Seminar.

EMD / TRAINING EVENTS:

1. ICS 400 Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff
December 9-10, Puyallup EOC, [WA EMD](#)
2. O-0305 Type 3 All- Hazards Incident Management Team
December 9-13, Gig Harbor and Medic One, [WA EMD](#) *Registration Code Required*
3. ICS 400 Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff
December 10-11, DSHS Medical Lake Campus, [WA EMD](#)
4. MGT-318 Public Information in All-Hazards Incident
December 10-11, Snohomish County DEM Training Room, [WA EMD](#)
5. ICS 400 Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff
December 11-12, Snohomish County DEM, [WA EMD](#)
6. MGT-466: Sport and Special Event Enhanced Risk Management and Assessment
December 11-12, King County Office of Emergency Management, [WA EMD](#)
7. ICS 300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
December 16-18, DSHS Lacey Vocational Rehabilitation Office, [WA EMD](#)
8. K2302 EOC Leaders Skillset Course
December 16-20, Virtual – EMD, [WA EMD](#)
9. K2304 EOC Planning Skillsets
January 6-10, 2025, Virtual – EMD, [WA EMD](#) (No class on Jan. 8th)
10. ICS 400 Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff
January 8-9, Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management, [WA EMD](#)



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11. G2300 Intermediate EOC Functions

January 14-16, WSDOT Olympic Region, [WA EMD](#)

12. Public Safety Drone Pilot Training (FAA Part 107 Prep – Course)

January 27-30, hosted by Lakewood Police Department, Contact Detective Austin Lee to register: alee@cityoflakewood.us / For Questions call: (253) 830-5097

*Class cost of \$385**Class size limited to 25*

13. L0101 Foundations of Emergency Management

January 27-31, Thurston County OEM, [WA EMD](#)

14. L0110 Basic Academy Train the Trainer

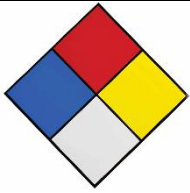
February 3-7, Camp Murray – Building 91, [WA EMD](#)

For additional training opportunities please see the EMD Training Calendar hosted at: [WA EMD \(abcsignup.com\)](#)

To access the Environmental Protection Agency - [SERC-TERC Monthly Updates | US EPA](#)



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Meet the SERC Leadership:

SERC Chair: Deputy Chief Michael Heffner, City of Kennewick

SERC Vice-Chair: Chief Mike Harris, Franklin County Fire District #3

SERC Member Organizations:

Dept. of Agriculture: Erin Coyle

Alternate: VACANT

Dept. of Ecology: Laura Hayes

Alternate: Emily Sidley

Dept. of Health: Sue Smith

Alternate: Brad Burnham

Dept. of Labor and Industries: John Geppert

Alternate: Darren James

Dept. of Transportation: John Himmel

Alternate: Nichole Benardo

Local Emergency Manager: Cindy Dickinson

Alternate: JoAnn Boggs

Local Emergency Planning Committee:

Eastside Representative: Sean Davis

Alternate: Sandi Duffey

Westside Representative: VACANT

Alternate: Cherie Nevin

Military Department: Casey Broom

Alternate: Kevin Wickersham

Private Industry: Gary White

Alternate: Emily Wade

Transportation Industry: Sheri Call

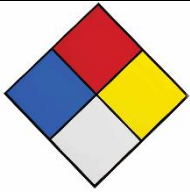
Alternate: Martin Crowley

Washington State Patrol: Melissa Gannie

Alternate: Bill Slosson

For contact information please utilize the Ecology SERC page:

[State Emergency Response Commission – Washington State Department of Ecology](#)



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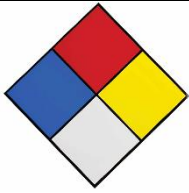


Updates and Information:

1. The AskRail mobile app has been updated. The AskRail app is a safety tool for first responders to access data about hazardous materials on railcars. The app provides more than 2.3 million first responders — from 49 states, the District of Columbia, and eight Canadian provinces — with immediate access to accurate, timely data about what type of hazardous materials a railcar is carrying so they can make an informed decision about how to respond to a rail emergency.
[AskRail® | Railinc](#)
2. In the Pacific Northwest the Northwest Area Contingency Plan (NWACP) was the primary plan for both the inland and coastal Area Contingency Plans (ACPs) and is the state plan for Washington and Oregon. However, due to the changes from a 2017 US Coast Guard (USCG) decision mandating that each Captain of the Port must create stand-alone coastal ACPs distinct from the Regional Contingency Plans (RCPs) the need for a new planning framework was identified. In 2021 the Sector Puget Sound and Sector Columbia River created their stand-alone coastal ACPs. To align with the new contingency planning needs the regional planning partners released a framework in 2024. This framework outlines the hierarchy of plans, leadership, and membership of the Region 10 Regional Response Team (RRT) and the Area Committees of the Pacific Northwest.

Review the Pacific Northwest Oil and Hazardous Substances Spill Contingency Planning Framework at <https://RRT10NWAC.com>, What's New?

Join here for a **Q + A Session on December 12th at 1300 PST** for an overview of these changes and answer any questions about the Framework and associated meetings and committees. We invite the public to submit questions to address at the Q&A session through our website at <https://RRT10NWAC.com/Submit Public Comments>



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Regional Oil Spill Preparedness Planning Public Q+A Session

LOCATION

Virtual via Zoom: <https://waecy-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/81912463210>

DATE AND TIME

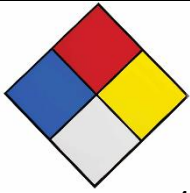
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Join Zoom Meeting: <https://waecy-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/81912463210> Meeting ID: 819 1246 3210 One tap mobile +12532050468,,81912463210# US

[Add a reminder to my calendar](#)

3. The EPA has published a new List of Lists (<https://www.epa.gov/epcra/consolidated-list-lists>). The List of Lists was prepared to help facilities handling chemicals determine, for a specific chemical, whether they may be subject to certain reporting requirements. These lists should be used as a reference tool, not as a definitive source of compliance information. Please refer to the following requirements in the appropriate part of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR):

- Emergency planning notification under EPCRA section 302 (40 CFR Part 355);
- Emergency release notification under EPCRA section 304 (40 CFR Part 355);
- Toxic chemical release reporting under EPCRA section 313 (40 CFR Part 372);
- Hazardous substances release notification under CERCLA sections 102-103 (40 CFR Part 302); and
- Accidental release prevention requirements under CAA 112(r) (40 CFR Part 68).



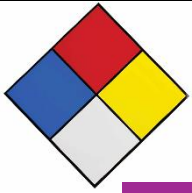
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4. Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) and the Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) in San Antonio released a report detailing the extensive contamination of firefighting equipment during lithium-ion battery fires. The report details the high concentrations of contamination and the attempts and success with cleaning the gear with standard extraction washers *NFPA 1851) and liquid carbon dioxide extractors. The full report can be found here: [LITHIUM-ION-BATTERY-FIRES-AND-EMISSIONS-CHARACTERIZATION.pdf](#)
5. The Department of Ecology has new publications available for lithium-ion batteries and AFFF.
 - [Lithium-ion batteries](#): **NEW!** Safety and storage guidance for businesses with lithium-ion batteries.
 - [Focus on: Lithium-Ion Batteries](#)
 - [Aqueous Film-Forming Foam Collection and Disposal Program: Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement](#)
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SERC and LEPC/TEPC Success Stories:

The SERC elected a new SERC Chair, a Private Industry Representative, and Transportation Representative at the November 6th meeting. The new SERC Chair is Deputy Chief Michael Heffner, serving in the City of Kennewick. We are pleased to have a new SERC Chair and look forward to working with him to accomplish many of the SERC's goals.

Emily Wade from the Towing and Recovery Association of Washington (TRAW) was selected as the alternate private industry representative. She serves as the Director of TRAW, and we are happy to have her as part of the SERC team! Emily's contributions to the SSB 5812 workgroup, exploring the dangers of lithium-ion battery responses in EV fires to first and second responders, including towing operators, has been invaluable.

Martin Crowley was selected as the alternate for transportation representative. Martin is the regulatory compliance officer with Multi-Star which is a family-owned business providing the Pacific Northwest region (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska, and Montana) with professional expertise, speed, and 24/7 anhydrous ammonia (NH₃) service.

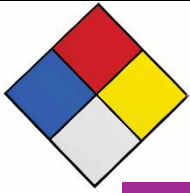
The SERC meeting also addressed progress on the SSB 5812 report to the legislature on the dangers of lithium-ion battery fires to responders. Chris Burd gave an update on utilizing HMEP funds for assistance to LEPCs with some of the remaining funds in this funding cycle. Overall, the meeting was very productive and took great steps into moving forward on the SERC's goals.

The SERC will meet again in the first quarter of 2025 with more information to follow.

Grant County LEPC held their annual HazMat Tabletop on October 29th. They chose to focus specifically on evacuations, public information and warning during a hazmat incident. The scenario was a collision at an intersection in Moses Lake, involving a tanker truck hauling Anhydrous Ammonia and a pick-up. Multiple agencies participated in the discussion of events and the decisions around issuing Shelter-in-Place orders and evacuation orders and how that information would be provided to the public that was affected.

The tabletop was a success, with the evaluations showing that all objectives were performed without challenges. It also led to some additional partnerships with county agencies and business.

Congratulations to Grant County LEPC!



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CONCLUSION: We'd Love to Hear from You!

We hope this has been a useful resource and look forward to receiving feedback on improving the product moving forward. Thank you for all the hard work you and your programs do to be successful. Our team looks forward to supporting you in the future so that we can work together to create a safer, more prepared, and more hazard-aware Washington.

Please send your comments to:

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Additionally, if your LEPC/TEPC wants to be featured or has news to share for future issues of the SERCular please reach out to:

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