

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKING GROUP (EPWG)

Quarterly Meeting

Video Teleconference (VTC)

Carson City Location: Division of Emergency Management

Las Vegas Location: Clark County Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security

November 29, 2011, at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present (Carson City): Chairman Herbert Marshall – Nevada Division of Emergency Management (NDEM); Tony Philips - Esmeralda County (representing Sheriff Ken Elgan); Rick Stever - Lincoln County; Jeff Knudtson - Elko County/City of West Wendover; and Russel Peacock - White Pine County.

Members Present (Clark County via Video Teleconference (VTC) to Carson City): Diana Blake – Clark County.

Members Present (Pahrump): Brent Jones - Nye County (connected via Teleconference).

Absent: Sheriff Ken Elgan – Esmeralda County

Others Present (Carson City): Pete Reinschmidt and Loretta Smith – DEM. VTC from Las Vegas: Irene Navis - Clark County Emergency Management, and Phil Klevorick, Clark County; Ken Small and E. Frank Di Sanza - Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Site Office (NNSA/NSO); and Barb Ulmer – Navarro-Intera, contractor to DOE

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Marshall called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Roll call was performed by Loretta Smith. It was established that a quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. IDENTIFICATION AND STATUS OF FISCAL YEAR (FY) 10 CARRY-OVER FUNDS

Loretta Smith, EPWG Administrative Assistant, provided a status update on the FY 10 Carry-Over funds. An “EPWG FY10 and FY11 Status of Funding for Participating Counties” spreadsheet was provided at the meeting, and EPWG county representatives gave a status update on their respective counties.

4. STATUS OF FY 11 AWARDS

Loretta Smith provided a status update of the FY 11 Quarterly Awards distributed to the EPWG counties for FY 11 prioritized activities. The “EPWG FY10 and FY11 Status of Funding for Participating Counties” spreadsheet was referred to for this topic. EPWG county representatives gave a status update on their respective counties. Counties were encouraged to expend FY 11

funds as soon as possible. If any supplemental funding is available for FY 11, the State will make distribution based on the updated priority list.

5. UPDATE TO THE FY11 PRIORITIZED ACTIVITY MATRIX

Herbert Marshall, EPWG Chair, provided a “FY11 EPWG Base and Supplemental Funding” Matrix to seek any clarifications, corrections, or update changes to FY 11 priorities.

There was a discussion regarding the timing of funding allocations to the State from the DOE Service Center in Albuquerque. It was resolved that Ken Small will request that the DOE Albuquerque personnel responsible for preparation of the requisition provide notification to him, and then Mr. Small will notify the State when the funds are available; so the funds can be submitted to the counties in a more timely manner. Ken Small posed the question whether a blanket waiver can be approved by the State Interim Finance Committee for guaranteed funding of varying amounts from the Federal Government. Pete Reinschmidt will ask this question, and provide the EPWG and DOE with a response prior to the next EPWG meeting.

6. REPORT ON THE FY 12 PRIORITIZED ACTIVITY MATRIX

Ken Small and Herbert Marshall provided an update of FY 12 prioritized activities recently identified during EPWG visits to the counties in early November. A “FY 2012 EPWG Funding” spreadsheet was provided to seek any clarifications, corrections, or recent updates.

Ken Small noted that it is projected that there will be approximately \$500,000 in funding available for FY 12, and there are is over \$1 million in priority needs included on the spreadsheet. Discussion of several options followed to cover the shortfall. Counties were informed that they may bring forward unfunded FY 11 priorities to FY 12 at their discretion by submitting a justified change order to the State and DOE. Ken Small also reminded the NDEM and the Counties that this over scoping was the exact situation the EPWG found itself in several years ago, and it caused the program to shut down for two years. The purpose of the projections from DOE is to aid the NDEM in developing an application that is practical and acceptable. The continued over scoping of projects and funding requests in the application will cause problems in the future and NDEM is dissuaded from continuing this practice.

Russel Peacock made a motion that the priorities for Clark and Elko County to be funded for the amount that they requested, the Personnel/Salaries Priority #1 for Lincoln, Esmeralda, Nye, and White Pine Counties to be funded, and the remaining funding to be divided between Lincoln, Esmeralda, Nye, and White Pine Counties to the amount of \$68,000 for each county. Lincoln, Esmeralda, Nye and White Pine counties are to revisit their FY 12 priorities and submit a reprioritized list to the State by the close of business on Friday. Ken Small reminded the EPWG that DOE owes the NDEM a response to their application, either approving it or denying the application. Brent Jones seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

7. UPDATE TO THE 5-YEAR ACTIVITY PLAN

Herbert Marshall provided a spreadsheet template, “EPWG 5-Year Plans (FY 12 - 17)”, and requested that counties look at priority projects that may require multiple years to fund. This information will be utilized to identify “long-term” activities; so they can be compared and aligned to projected EPWG funds for the next 5 years. Ken Small will provide the counties with

a NNSS 5-year waste projection for planning purposes. The projections will be provided to NDEM prior to the next EPWG meeting.

8. UPDATE ON THE PROJECTIONS OF THE LOW-LEVEL WASTE (LLW)

Ken Small, DOE Program Manager, provided an update on the anticipated projections of LLW waste scheduled for disposal at the NNSS and the corresponding projected funds for EPWG counties. Ken Small reported that projected EPWG funding for FY 12 will be approximately \$500,000, with FY 13 projected to be slightly higher.

Counties were reminded that EPWG funding is diminishing and to plan accordingly. The 29 NNSS waste generators no longer have American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funding available to them and their budgets are becoming increasingly reduced. Frank Di Sanza added that due to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), generators are moving towards onsite storage of waste by construction of CERCLA funded facilities to reduce their expense of shipping waste; consequently waste shipped to the NNSS will be greatly reduced in future years.

9. IMPACT OF THE SITE-WIDE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (SWEIS) TO EPWG COUNTIES

Herbert Marshall noted that the comment period for the Draft Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) has been extended to December 2, 2011 and passed out copies of the Nevada Site Office News Release for more information. The EPWG Counties were reminded that the SWEIS could potentially have impacts on their level of preparedness if NNSS activities were increased or if transportation routes identified in the SWEIS were implemented.

10. ROLE OF THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN THE EPWG

Pete Reinschmidt, Special Projects Manager, identified the role of the NDEM as included in the Agreement in Principal (AIP), Attachment B, Item 7, between the U.S. Department of Energy and the State of Nevada in regards to grant administration for the EPWG. The EPWG is a supporting emergency management function of NDEM. The State's role with its oversight of grants is to ensure that there is not an overlap of programs or duplication of efforts. The AIP for the period is attached to this document for the counties' use.

Brent Jones posed a question whether animal control and safety needs can be considered a public safety issue. Frank Di Sanza answered that verbiage is included in the AIP, Attachment B, Item 3: Emergency Preparedness and Response. If the county feels that purchasing animal control boxes is a priority, it can be included as an equipment purchase. Ken Small asked Mr. Jones to put this in writing by e-mail to DOE and NDEM.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Brent Jones noted that the Nye County 10-acre training site in Stetsonville is almost complete. Invitations will be going out for a grand opening event. This facility is available for various events by calling and scheduling the facility in advance. The renter would be responsible for any expendables required for their event.

Russel Peacock from White Pine County noted that their new training and meeting facility is great and has had a positive impact on their community. White Pine County has completed

Phase 1 on their phone system, and it will be one to two years before their Emergency Operations Center is fully functionally.

The next meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, May 23, and August 22, in Clark County with the same start time of 1:30 pm.

Loretta Smith encouraged county representatives to include their financial representatives at the next quarterly meeting to discuss preparedness for a potential audit of EPWG paperwork.

Due to the potential for inclement weather or various other reasons, Chairman Marshall encouraged county representatives to look into VTC capabilities in their respective jurisdictions.

12. ADJOURN

Diana Blake made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brent Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.