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1 Rydeen: -- (inaudible - 00:00:44)

2 Hoage: Not going. So, Tom is having -- for anybody who's
3 just joining, Tom is having a little bit of an audio
4 issue. We're going to give him just a minute with Roy
5 to try to figure that out. I see people still
6 connecting, so we'll get started here in just a couple
7 minutes.

8 Roy: All right, Abner, uh -- I've already started the
9 recording process. Uh, just as a reminder for
10 everyone, uh -- this meeting will be recorded for, uh,
11 meeting minutes. I do have Tom on my, uh, cellphone
12 right here, so I am (inaudible - 00:01:22) speak with
13 him, he is able to listen to everything we're saying,
14 and he will be able to, uh, until we get this
15 technical issue resolved, uh, speak through this.

16 Hoage: Okay.

17 Roy: So, I will myself give that feedback, and, uh -- when
18 it comes, uh -- up for him to speak, then I guess we
19 can just, uh, try to work around this way if everyone
20 is okay with that.

21 Hoage: Okay, yeah, that works for me, uh -- we'll go ahead,
22 uh -- I've got 9:01 so I'll go ahead and call the
23 meeting to order of the LEPCA. October 15th, 2021.
24 9:01 a.m. And, uh -- I'm Abner Hoage. I'm one of the
25 co-chairs along with Mr. Tom Vaden, who has technical

1 issues with his computer. But we've got him on the
2 phone lines, so that's good. Uh -- did you want to go
3 through a rollcall of the members, Roy (ph)?

4 Roy: I am ready to do a rollcall.

5 Hoage: Uh, let's go ahead and do that, and then I'll do
6 welcome and introductions after that.

7 Roy: Okay. As I begin the rollcall I ask for everyone to
8 keep in mind this is recorded for meeting minutes, uh
9 -- I ask that as you -- uh, as you identify yourself,
10 please state your name loudly and clearly, so that we
11 may get it on, uh, the meeting minutes, and that will
12 begin now. Aleutian & Pribilof? Anchorage
13 Municipality?

14 Female 1: President (sic). Present.

15 Roy: Bristol Bay?

16 Female 2: Excuse me, Roy. Are -- are you asking us to state our
17 names or are you asking us to say present?

18 Roy: State your names, ple- -- please as I, uh, do
19 rollcall. That way we can record who is present, uh,
20 representing, uh -- for the, uh, LEPC.

21 Female 2: Okay, thanks.

22 Roy: Mmm-hmm. Moving onto Copper River. Delta Greely.

23 Paschall: Michael Paschall.

24 Roy: Thank you. Denali Borough? Fairbanks? Juneau?
25 Kenai?

1 Alberg: Brenda Alberg (ph).

2 Roy: Thank you. The greater Ketchikan area.

3 Hoage: Abner Hoage. And I have with me Steve Rydeen and
4 Scott Brenard (ph).

5 Roy: Thank you. Kodiak?

6 Mullican: Jim Mullican.

7 Roy: Thank you. Uh, Matanuska-Susitna?

8 Cook: Casey Cook's here.

9 Roy: Thank you. Nome?

10 Vaden: Tom Vaden here.

11 Roy: Thank you. Skagway? North Slope Borough? Northwest
12 Arctic Borough? Petersburg?

13 Dixson: Uh -- sorry, having a mute problem. Uh, Sandy Dixson,
14 Petersburg.

15 Roy: Perfect, thank you. Sitka? Craig?

16 Templin: Uh, Brian Templin here.

17 Roy: Thank you. Valdez? And Wrangell?

18 Sprehe: Dorianne Sprehe, Wrangell.

19 (CROSSTALK)

20 Roy: Thank you. Okay, we've had a few people attending, uh
21 -- while we're doing rollcall, so I'm going to do one
22 last quick passthrough. I ask that if I do call who
23 you're representing, please state your name. This is
24 being recorded for meeting minutes. Uh, Aleutian
25 Pribilof, Bristol Bray, Copper River, Denali,

1 Fairbanks, Juneau, Skagway, North Slope Borough,
2 Northwest Arctic Borough, Valdez, and Sitka. If
3 you've joined in the last few minutes, please identify
4 yourself, and state who you're representing. Hearing
5 no one else, we have, uh, 10 people in attendance
6 right now.

7 Hoage: All right, great. Thank you, Roy. Uh, so that brings
8 us to Item A, Welcome and Introductions. I do have
9 two introductions that I wanted to quickly make, uh,
10 as Kevin mentioned in the email that went out, I am
11 retiring, and today is actually my last day of work,
12 uh -- Scott Brenard, right here over on my right
13 shoulder will be taking over as the acting fire chief
14 and emergency manager after today, so I wanted to
15 introduce him, and then Steve Rydeen is the
16 chairperson for our local LEPC currently, so they'll
17 both be sitting in at least for part of this. I think
18 Scott has some conflicting meetings that he has to go
19 to, but, uh, wanted you to all get to meet them and --
20 and introduce them to the group. So, uh -- welcome to
21 both of you. And then, uh -- I see we have Director
22 Fisher on, or at least we did. And I wanted to just
23 briefly congratulate him on his promotion. Uh, also
24 as Kevin mentioned in his email to all of us, he has
25 retired from the state of Alaska, and I think as a



1 group he's done a lot for this organization, and I
2 just want to pass on my personal thanks to him for all
3 of the work that he has done over the years and wish
4 him well in his next endeavor. Uh, is there anyone
5 else that needs to make any welcome introductions?
6 Roy, is there someone I'm missing that we need to
7 introduce?

8 Roy: Uh, not at this moment. I will, uh -- I'm going to
9 minimize my camera while we go through this. I'm also
10 having to work through some technical difficulties on
11 our end.

12 Hoage: Okay, very good. Uh, Administrative Announcements,
13 Item B. Anything from this -- from you, Roy?
14 Normally we would cover bathrooms and exits and
15 emergencies and that sort of thing but, uh -- Tom or
16 Roy, anything for administrative announcements?

17 Vaden: I -- I have nothing.

18 Roy: Uh, Tom has just stated that he has nothing. Uh -- on
19 his end. Uh, as far as us, it, uh -- we -- if you're
20 able to get through on a phone call instead of, uh --
21 using it through the normal platform, uh, on the
22 computer, uh -- the one thing I will say is *6 to
23 unmute yourselves, and if there are any comments
24 needing to be made, remember this is being recorded,
25 uh -- so please state your name loudly and clearly, uh



1 -- that's about it on my end. Thank you, Abner.

2 Hoage: You're welcome. And that, uh -- that phone number to
3 call in is on your calendar invite down near the
4 bottom, and that would tie you directly into this
5 presentation, so, uh -- we'll con- -- oh, go ahead.

6 Roy: That is correct.

7 Hoage: Okay. Very good. Uh, approval of meeting minutes is
8 suspended, uh -- next is Item 3, Approval of and
9 Changes to the Agenda. Can I have a motion?

10 Paschall: What about the discussion of the minutes, uh, format
11 that was noted?

12 Hoage: Uh -- Roy? Any thoughts on that?

13 Roy: I apologize, what was that? I did not --

14 Hoage: Item 2 says discussion of meeting minutes format is
15 required. Even though it's suspended. What is --
16 what's the, uh, question there? Is there something we
17 need to decide today?

18 Roy: Uh, standby, please.

19 (CROSSTALK)

20 Roy: -- that we do have a, uh, transcriptionist now, so the
21 meeting minutes from the last meeting -- uh -- the
22 last meeting as well as the meeting minutes from this
23 meeting, uh -- will be transcribed.

24 Hoage: Okay, and do you know -- is that, uh -- I know we --
25 at one point we first had a transcriptionist -- we

1 ended up with a verbatim transcription. And that
2 wasn't really what the group felt that we wanted. Is
3 that maybe what this note is about or is there -- is
4 it just the information that we'll be getting this
5 transcription in the future?

6 Roy: The information that we will have that within 30 days
7 after the meeting.

8 Hoage: Okay, very good. Thank you.

9 Paschall: Abner, Michael Paschall again.

10 Hoage: Yes?

11 Paschall: We made a decision several years ago that we should do
12 a set of minutes that recorded the actions taken and a
13 summary of the presentations. In lieu of having a
14 transcription so that people that were absent could
15 actually look and -- or refer back to as a reference
16 and, uh -- that has -- as far as I'm aware, yet to be
17 implemented, but that decision was made years ago.

18 Hoage: Yeah, I remember that discussion, and I think that's
19 what Roy was just telling us, is they've now got a
20 transcriptionist contracted and those should be
21 forthcoming within about 30 days.

22 Paschall: Yeah, but as a group we made a decision to have a
23 normal set of minutes made for this.

24 Hoage: Right.

25 Paschall: And the department.

1 (CROSSTALK)

2 Paschall: Transcription is fine, but it'd be nice to have a
3 summary.

4 Fisher: Yeah, Michael -- we'll make sure -- this -- this is
5 Director Fisher. We'll -- we'll make sure that there
6 are minutes, uh -- derived and made out of the
7 transcription that we got. So, we -- we got that loud
8 and clear from (inaudible - 00:13:13) Roy and I and
9 the team will make sure that we have proper minutes
10 formatted like proper minutes to -- to be provided for
11 the -- like, the (inaudible - 00:13:22) agenda there
12 for the next, uh, hopefully in person meeting, over.

13 Hoage: Thank you, Bryan.

14 Paschall: Okay. Yeah, thanks, Bryan, and if it's -- as I say,
15 if that's something that could come out in the -- as
16 near of future as possible following the meeting so
17 that we have a chance to review it while it's still
18 fresh in our head?

19 Fisher: Yep, understood. We will do our best to get it to you
20 in a timely fashion. Thanks.

21 Hoage: Okay, thanks, Michael. Uh -- so we'll loop back to
22 Item 3, Approval of and Changes to this Agenda. Can I
23 have a motion?

24 Paschall: Michael Paschall, I move to approve the agenda.

25 Mullican: Jim Mullican, second.

1 Hoage: Thank you, both. Any discussion or any changes need
2 to be made to the agenda by anyone? Is anyone
3 opposed? The agenda is approved unanimous, which
4 brings us to Item 4, Old Business. And I -- if I can
5 figure out how to use my scroll button, so -- we have
6 correspondence, uh -- oh, it doesn't look like we have
7 any old business, so we'll continue Item 5,
8 Correspondence. In your packet, you had
9 correspondence from the SERC Finance Committee, and
10 Homeland Security and Emergency Management Leadership.
11 Uh, the various sections, and DEC. Hopefully everyone
12 had a chance to read through those, uh -- does anyone
13 have immediate questions on any of those? Director
14 Fisher, is there anything from Homeland Security that
15 you need? Last minute updates or anything you'd like
16 to highlight from that report?

17 Fisher: Thank you, Abner. And sorry if there's some
18 background noise. I'm in the -- I'm in the Cleveland
19 Airport right now heading back home from the National
20 Emergency Management Association. I did just want to
21 personally, uh, take the time and thank you, Abner,
22 for all of your service throughout the state not only
23 to the LEPC Association, but for the communities, that
24 you serve them. We all wish you well in your
25 retirement, uh -- can't -- can't wait to follow your -



1 - your travels on -- on, uh, social media, uh -- but I
2 did, you know -- we all, you know -- I think we all
3 had our challenges and continue to have challenges
4 throughout the -- with the pandemic, and, uh -- I have
5 to tell you, I -- you know, we all were seeing the
6 same thing at our various levels of government with --
7 you know, surprises from our assemblies and councils
8 and -- and, uh -- elected officials that we were
9 having to adjust throughout the pandemic. Uh, we all
10 breathed a pretty big sigh of relief in the -- in the
11 late spring of this year, and thought we had kicked
12 this thing, and obviously that's not the case. We're
13 unfortunately number one, uh, in the country for case
14 rates right now. Uh, we are still fully and
15 completely engaged with the Department of Health and
16 Social Services even though we had stood down our
17 unified command as of June 1. Uh -- but it's been a
18 tough, tough, uh, couple of years here, and -- and I
19 think all of you, uh, through the LEPC, uh -- or the
20 emergency managers around the state, uh -- biggest
21 thing -- uh -- I -- the biggest positive I took out
22 and we took out at the division from the pandemic was
23 the friendships. I can't tell you how many times
24 Abner and I had a very -- very late night Facetimes or
25 text sessions just checking in on each other to make



1 sure we were doing okay, trying to deal with this
2 great unknown that we had, uh -- so I think the report
3 has everything in there, and thank you Abner, as you
4 had said, uh -- I think at the last meeting, uh --
5 Paul Nelson (ph) had announced that he had resigned
6 from the state and moved over to Alaskan Command, uh -
7 - so I took over as acting director in April, and
8 then, uh -- Governor Dunleavy finally, uh, uh, wore me
9 out and I accepted a permanent appointment as the
10 director, uh, over the summer, so -- I'm happy to be
11 here and continue to serve all of you, uh -- you know,
12 we obviously have a -- some other staff changes, uh --
13 Abner already mentioned that Kevin Reeve has retired
14 from the state, moved back to the private sector. So,
15 ask for your patience and grace as we do a bit of new
16 hiring and -- and get people in, uh -- excited -- very
17 excited to have Roy here, and thank you for -- for
18 getting this together, uh -- unfortunately in a
19 virtual way again, but, uh -- we'll, uh, continue to
20 communicate, uh -- uh -- throughout the upcoming
21 months as we get new staff on board so you all know
22 who -- who the new points of contact are in all -- and
23 just you know, personally, Abner, congratulations on
24 your retirement, uh -- look forward to maintaining our
25 relationship and our friendship in the future, and, uh



1 -- I -- I'll be on as much as I can here at the
2 airport, so if anybody has any questions, you can
3 throw them in the -- in the chat and I -- I'll try to
4 do it that way since it -- it's a bit noisy here, uh -
5 - but that's all I have. Thank you, sir.

6 Hoage: Great. Thank you, Bryan, and, uh -- I think you're a
7 great choice to lead DHS, and again, they're in good
8 hands with you at the helm there, so -- uh -- we'll
9 continue on. We -- I wanted to offer DEC -- I know
10 Megan Collier (ph) was on, uh -- I didn't see if there
11 was anyone else from DEC. Is there someone from DEC
12 and do you have any comments, uh -- highlights from
13 your report that you'd like to cover briefly?

14 Collier: Hey, A- -- Abner, uh, et al. Uh, it's great to see
15 everyone's, uh -- the snapshot of faces on the call
16 and I appreciate the opportunity, uh -- I would like
17 to, uh, give the opportunity -- I think our -- our
18 notes are -- are pretty robust in what's kind of going
19 on, but I did want to, uh -- introduce that we have
20 had a one -- one staff change on here, and I wanted
21 to, uh, give Kara (ph), uh -- our new PPR program
22 manager the opportunity to introduce herself, uh -- if
23 she has the availability, and I also just sprung this
24 on her, so, uh -- that may be, uh, poor on me, so --

25 Hoage: Uh, you're on mute, Kara.

1 Kusche: All right. Appreciate -- appreciate that reminder.
2 Good morning, everybody. Thanks for welcoming me.
3 I'm Kara Kusche. I am, uh -- PPR manager now. Other
4 than that, I'm just kind of getting up to speed, uh --
5 thank you for welcoming me to your group and, uh --
6 look forward to working with you all.

7 Hoage: Very good. Thanks. Is that all you had, Meg?

8 Collier: That is all I had. I'm not going to -- uh -- I can't
9 top, uh, Director Fisher's comments.

10 Hoage: All right, so one last chance for the members. Are
11 there any questions on any of those reports? Hearing
12 none, we'll move onto public comment. Uh, Roy, is
13 anyone signed up through you for public comment?

14 Roy: Negative. And we are also having, uh, issues with our
15 website. We've had a few people that have, uh, showed
16 interest but they're unable to join us right now.

17 Hoage: Okay, and does there happen to be anyone on,
18 connected, that wanted to make public comment? All
19 right. Not hearing any, we'll move onto Item 7. Uh,
20 New Business. And first up, we have Anchorage
21 Municipality Tier 2 Fee Structure. Jean (ph)?

22 Jean: Hi. Good morning, everyone. Uh, Kathy Shay (ph)
23 asked me to just kind of speak on our, uh, CRTK fees,
24 because, uh, apparently we're the only municipality,
25 uh, that charges for hazardous materials, so this is

1 just a very quick overview, uh -- of our fees. Uh,
2 going -- I don't know if -- if you have my, uh --
3 slideshow at all?

4 Hoage: Roy, are you going to be able to put that up?

5 Roy: Yes, standby. One second, I'll bring it right up.

6 Hoage: Perfect.

7 Roy: Okay, bear with me. Should be sharing in just a
8 moment.

9 Hoage: All right, (inaudible - 00:22:41) screen now.

10 (CROSSTALK)

11 Roy: You can see it?

12 Hoage: Yes, we can see it.

13 Roy: Okay. Moving forward, uh -- I will wait for you to
14 give me the okay to move to the next slide.

15 Jean: Yes. Go ahead, please. I just did a little history.
16 I'm not going to go read through, uh, the initial part
17 of it, but, uh -- what, uh -- started our ch- -- uh --
18 CRTK program was in 1986, the U.S. Federal government,
19 uh, enacted the -- the SARA Act, the Superfund
20 Reorganization -- Reauth- -- Reauthorization Act,
21 which in turn required the municipality of Anchorage
22 to respond by enacting Charter 16 -- Title 16, Chapter
23 110 of the Municipal Code, known as the CRTK program.
24 The act requires all facilities within the geographic
25 boundaries of the municipality of Anchorage to

1 evaluate the hazardous, uh, materials, chemicals, and
2 any substances, uh, or materials used or stored on --
3 on their site and file a Tier 2 form annual to the
4 Anchorage Fire Department. Uh, the next slide shows,
5 uh -- items that are covered under the municipal code,
6 and, uh -- the municipal code outlines the reporting
7 requirements for the municipality of Anchorage. And,
8 uh -- the Anchorage Assembly, uh, approved a Ti- --
9 Title 16 on December 8th, 1987, and the ordinance
10 became effective on January 1st, 1988. Uh, within the
11 municipal code, I'll just, uh -- cover specific items,
12 uh, which are the reporting requirements, since
13 they're different from the state of Alaska, and the
14 CRTK fees. The next slide shows our reporting
15 requirements. So, they're lower than the state of
16 Alaska. We have quantities of 4,500 pounds or more
17 and compressed gas, uh -- hazardous class 1- -- rating
18 of three or four in quantities of 200 cubic feet or
19 more, and then in the, uh, box white area shows the
20 state of Alaska's, uh, amounts. And, uh -- since
21 Anchorage being the most populous city in this state,
22 uh -- we have that lower reporting threshold. And
23 that, uh -- was due to, uh -- in 1997, amendments to
24 the state's statutes limited the municipality's power,
25 uh, to require stricter regulations. These changes



1 conflicted with the municipal code, so in 1998, the
2 Municipality of Anchorage and Anchorage Fire
3 Department requested an exemption, uh -- by providing
4 justification for the lower threshold and was granted
5 the exception in reportable quantities. Uh, the next
6 slide are additional, uh, reporting requirements
7 differing from the state, and, uh -- and that's, uh,
8 hazardous waste in quantities of 220 pounds or more,
9 acute hazardous waste in quantities of 2 point -- uh -
10 - 2.2 pounds or more. And we do require, uh -- NFPA
11 Placard Ver- -- Verification. They have to provide,
12 uh, photos of the placard where they're located, uh --
13 and that is required on our end every subsequent -- e-
14 -- even reporting year, and first time f- -- filers
15 have to, uh -- when they have new chemicals, uh --
16 must report the -- those when they are received. Uh -
17 - the next slide shows our CRTK fees or, uh -- about
18 our CRTK fees, uh -- so, they were immediately
19 included when, uh, Municipal Code 16.110 was enacted
20 in 1987. And the most recent CRTK fees updates, uh --
21 were approved in 2018 and applied in 2019. Fees are
22 based on reportable quantities, uh -- they have
23 increased throughout the years, but we don't have a
24 set schedule as far as, uh -- when they should be, uh
25 -- increased. Except to the fire marshal to review

1 the fee -- the fee structure in a few years. Uh --
2 so, the next slide shows our quantity -- our
3 reportable quantities and the amounts. The next slide
4 is, uh -- we have a -- uh -- a sheet on our webpage
5 that shows all of our reportable quantities and the
6 fee structure, and I'll provide our webpage so you can
7 take a look at it, uh -- a little further. Uh, the
8 next slide is just, uh -- what -- what our, uh,
9 billing process, uh -- how I go through our billing
10 process, uh -- you know, looking over our E-Plan, uh,
11 reports, calculating the quantities, and, uh --
12 comparing the prior year fees for changes in
13 reporting. Uh -- it is then invoiced through our
14 third party billing company. We confirm payment of --
15 once payment of invoice has been received, a
16 certificate of compliance is, uh -- sent to the
17 customer. Uh -- so, uh -- this past reporting year
18 was my first time processing CRTK, so it was quite a -
19 - quite a learning process for me, uh -- so -- and my
20 CRTK season goes beyond the March 1st deadline,
21 because I have to go through every -- every single one
22 of those reports that come in and -- and I do check
23 the E-Plan database monthly for any new -- new reports
24 or first time filers. We administer, uh,
25 approximately -- approximately 460 CRTK reporting, uh



1 -- CRTK reporting facilities each year. And, uh, the
2 final slide just shows our, uh -- our webpage, and you
3 can look at the municipal code and reporting
4 requirements, uh -- in more detail. And if you have
5 further questions, you can contact me by email or by
6 phone.

7 Hoage: Perfect. Thank you, Jean. Does anyone have any
8 questions on that presentation? All right, thank you
9 very much. We appreciate you taking the time to share
10 that with us.

11 Jean: Thank you for your time.

12 Hoage: All right. That brings us to Item B, Hazmat Response
13 Plan Checklist. Uh, Kathy Shay with DEC.

14 Roy: All right, Kathy. I will have that up for you.

15 Shay: Okay, thank you.

16 Hoage: Was Tom able to get his microphone working? No? I
17 saw you disconnect and then reconnect, so I was just
18 curious.

19 Roy: Yeah, he said he's, uh, working on it, uh -- whenever
20 he's ready to speak or -- and what -- (inaudible -
21 00:31:17) when he's ready to speak, I will unmute him
22 and be the -- the intermediary there.

23 Hoage: Perfect. No problem, uh -- I have seen that we've had
24 several other people join from other LEPCs. I assume
25 you're kind of picking those up, Roy, as they sign in?



1 Roy: That is the intent.

2 Hoage: Okay. And Dave Miller from Sitka sent me a text,
3 asked if the meeting was happening, and I texted him
4 back and sent him the number. Oh, he's asking for an
5 ID number to use. Is that in his invitation? Or is
6 there a -- a single one?

7 Roy: Uh, standby one second. I am trying to swap out
8 between the screens and get that information in here
9 as well. Uh -- the --

10 (CROSSTALK)

11 Roy: -- issue appears --

12 (CROSSTALK)

13 Hoage: I see it here. I'm going to send it to him right now.

14 Roy: We'll put this in chat. We have had a few people
15 saying that this information -- despite looking at it
16 right now -- is not allowing them to join. So, that
17 is part of the technical issue we've been, uh, trying
18 to overcome right now. Uh, I just posted it again, uh
19 -- yeah. And, uh -- what I will do is I will move
20 forward with sharing, uh -- I'll start moving forward
21 with sharing the slides for Kathy's presentation now.

22 Hoage: That sounds good. Let's go ahead and proceed with
23 that.

24 Shay: Cool. Thanks, Roy. Uh, good morning, everybody. I
25 am Kathy Shay of the Alaska Department of

1 Environmental Conservation. I am the Tier 2, uh,
2 Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know
3 Coordinator here. I think I know everybody on the
4 call, uh -- could I have the next slide, uh -- please,
5 Roy? Uh -- you know, rec- -- in past meetings, we've
6 had some concerns from many of you on how to fulfill
7 some of the requirements of, uh -- LEPCs. I know
8 there are some challenges with resources and things,
9 uh -- and so, we wanted to find some solution that
10 might -- might help, uh, with some of it, uh -- and
11 so, could I have the next slide, please? Uh, and so,
12 just before I start, uh, with this new tool -- just a
13 quick reminder. Everybody knows this already but some
14 of the LEPC responsibilities are, you know -- we're
15 supposed to develop a -- a Hazmat Emergency Response
16 Plan, which from on I'm just going to call plan or
17 I'll stumble over my words this whole time. Uh, so,
18 we're supposed to review it annually, uh -- we're
19 supposed to send it to the SERC for review, and we're
20 supposed to exercise the plan, uh, and have the
21 resources to -- to do so. Uh, the other thing that
22 EPC- -- EPCRA gives us is -- or gives LEPCs is the
23 authority to request information from facilities in
24 their jurisdiction that have extremely hazardous
25 chemicals, uh -- at their -- at their loc- -- at their



1 facility and we can require them to participate in the
2 planning process. Uh -- and they're al- -- they also,
3 through their Tier 2 reports, they provide the name of
4 their facility emergency response coordinator, and sit
5 on the LEPC. Uh, next slide, please? And so, I'm not
6 going to read these next two slides, but these are the
7 mandatory minimum requirements that are supposed to be
8 in the plan. Uh -- next slide, please? And then
9 again, the next slide, please. So, that's just a
10 reminder of what those requirements are. And so, we
11 created a new tool to kind of help -- help you figure
12 out, uh -- where to find some of this information, to
13 reduce some of the burden on the planning efforts, and
14 what I've found as we've been working on this -- I --
15 I've looked at a lot of your websites and a lot of the
16 emergency plans that you already have, and a lot of
17 this information you've already done, uh -- so, I
18 think that, uh -- you know, if this checklist may be -
19 - is used as an appendix to your existing plan or --
20 as -- you could keep it separate too, but it will show
21 you -- it -- it kind of walks you through where you
22 can find the information. Uh -- and the next slide,
23 please, Roy? Uh -- is a closer look at that previous
24 slide which you couldn't actually read, uh -- and so
25 what we've done is in the blue sections on this page,



1 we have each of those nine mandatory requirements, and
2 then below that, the ABCs tell you where you can find
3 that information. And so, for example, the first one
4 is you know -- you're required to identify which
5 facilities have emergency -- or have extremely
6 hazardous substances in your -- your area, and so you
7 already have that list available to you in E-Plan so
8 you don't have to actually, you know, go around and
9 find it anywhere else. If you sign into E-Plan, uh,
10 and you filter your reporting facilities, uh -- by
11 extremely hazardous substance, you get that list right
12 away, and then you can look at that and find the
13 facility coordinator and, uh -- what -- what chemicals
14 they have, uh -- and how much and all that kind of
15 stuff to help with your emergency planning. Uh --
16 there's also you know -- in some of the -- the -- so
17 the total -- the checklist is three pages total for
18 each -- to, uh -- to follow the nine mandatory
19 requirements. Uh -- and so, a lot of them reference,
20 you know -- in the ABCs section they'll reference the,
21 uh -- the Alaska Regional Plan, and the Area
22 Contingency Plans for some of the response resources
23 that we have, and I'm really sorry if you can hear the
24 giant plane going overhead. Uh, you know, and so --
25 so, like I said it refers to a lot of places where you

1 can find the information that already exists to help
2 alleviate some of the burden that you might be facing
3 as you're doing your emergency planning. And we don't
4 intend for this checklist to be of- -- uh --
5 mandatory. It's optional, and I'm sure it's not
6 perfect, so I really look forward to your comments on
7 its usability, uh -- so that we can make it better as
8 we move forward. Uh, next slide, please? Yeah. And
9 that's all I got unless you have any questions for me.

10 Hoage: Thanks, Kathy. So, I'll open it up to questions here
11 in just a second. Before I do that, Roy, can we, uh,
12 plan to send these slides out to the members? I know
13 we have some people that weren't able to get on. I do
14 have Dave Miller and Craig Warren out of Sitka on my
15 desk phone. They're on speaker, listening in because
16 they could not connect to that number. They said it
17 wasn't working as well, so, uh, if we can send these
18 slides from this presentation and the previous one out
19 to the members with contact information for the
20 presenters in case anyone has questions, I think that
21 will go a long way to -- to help those who weren't
22 able to be on the call.

23 Roy: Sounds like a plan, Abner. I'll make sure that
24 happens.

25 Hoage: Perfect, and with that, we'll open it up to any

1 questions for Kathy. Well, that was rude, I was
2 talking and left my camera off. Sorry about that.
3 But I'm not hearing any questions, Kathy, to thank you
4 for the thorough presentation, and I'm sure people
5 will be calling you afterwards to ask more questions.

6 Shay: That's fine. Thank you.

7 Hoage: So, we will move on then to -- my scroll button not
8 working again. Everybody's having technical
9 challenges today. There we go. Uh, so that brings us
10 to Item 7C. LEPCA work group recommendations to the
11 SERC. And Tom Vaden is going to be attempting to do
12 this discussion via telephone through a microphone to
13 a computer. Anyhow, we'll see how it goes. Tom?

14 Vaden: Can -- can you hear me?

15 Hoage: I can.

16 Vaden: Okay, uh -- (inaudible - 00:41:02)

17 Hoage: If everyone can mute if you're not muted, that might
18 help. We're getting some feedback.

19 Vaden: Am I muted now?

20 Hoage: That sounded better. Go ahead. Go ahead, Tom.

21 Vaden: The SERC is written document and the recommendation is
22 -- is that they know about it and start (inaudible -
23 00:41:48) we will address it -- uh, all these issues
24 again and provide them to SERC in the April meeting.

25 Hoage: Tom, is your -- is your desktop computer or whatever

1 you're watching the presentation on, is that muted?

2 Roy: Okay, let's try that again.

3 Vaden: So, I show everything's muted, and I don't know what -

4 - this -- my computer worked well on Zoom. I have no

5 idea (inaudible - 00:42:25) going like this, but I

6 (inaudible - 00:42:29)

7 Roy: I would mute all (inaudible - 00:42:38)

8 Vaden: Okay, how's that? I muted my speaker on this phone.

9 I mean -- on my computer. No?

10 Roy: Uh, it's sounding better, on -- as far as I can tell.

11 Vaden: Okay, so we have the report, we're going to present it

12 to the SERC this afternoon. And then the -- the plan

13 is to work on it again through -- to the -- until the

14 next LEPC meeting and then present it to the SERC for

15 some recommendations and action. Correct?

16 Roy: Uh, that -- that -- that's what we were tracking

17 earlier.

18 Vaden: Okay. So, I -- I'm speaking (inaudible - 00:43:25)

19 sorry, Abner.

20 Hoage: Oh, I think --

21 (CROSSTALK)

22 Hoage: You came through, Tom, and -- and what I heard you say

23 is you just highlighted the fact that we have this

24 report from the workgroup with the recommendations, uh

25 -- the intent at this point is to give a high level

1 overview and let the SERCs see that this afternoon,
2 uh, with the follow up information that this is going
3 to be a -- more of a d- -- uh -- a work item for the
4 next meeting, from what I recall?

5 Vaden: That is correct.

6 Hoage: And I guess for this group, uh -- from what I remember
7 from our previous conversation, I think we wanted to
8 know if anyone had, uh -- any major heartburn with the
9 content that's in there. Was that something we were
10 looking for? We weren't looking to have an in depth
11 discussion on this today from what I recall.

12 Vaden: That's correct. We just wanted to do a high level
13 overview, see if anybody has any heartburn for this
14 right now.

15 Hoage: Very good. So, uh -- I apologize to everyone that
16 we're having these technical difficulties with the --
17 the sound, uh -- does anyone have any comments,
18 questions, concerns about the workgroup
19 recommendations to this point, knowing that that's
20 kind of a broad overview and there's obviously more
21 detail work that's going to need to be done on some
22 portions of that.

23 Paschall: This is Michael Paschall. Just a quick question. I
24 realize that this is the SERC, uh -- doing this, but
25 has -- is the division going to weigh in on how to

1 address the recommendations at some point? Uh --
2 coming out of the workgroup?

3 Hoage: That's a good question. Uh, Roy, is that something
4 you can field, or is there someone better? Bryan?

5 Fisher: Yeah. Yeah, this is Bryan. Thanks for that Michael,
6 thanks, Abner. Ye- -- and yes, absolutely. So, we
7 want to make sure as -- you know, it's still --
8 obviously it's still a -- a living document if you
9 will, and still more input forward to provide to it
10 for the -- for the commission, for the -- the spring
11 meeting. And the answer's yes. Yeah, we -- we are
12 happy the way -- and we need the -- the work with Tom
13 and -- and the workgroup to -- to -- to discuss that
14 as we're moving forward and -- and trying to get this,
15 uh -- these recommendations g- -- uh -- finalized and
16 documented. I will tell you, I've had a number of
17 discussions with the commission co-chairs,
18 Commissioner Brune and Commissioner Saxe, uh --
19 they're very much looking forward to looking through
20 this, uh -- you know, we've obviously had lots of
21 discussions since, uh, you know -- since the funding -
22 - the general fund funding was eliminated from the
23 budget a few years ago on, uh -- how we at the state -
24 - not -- not just the division but the -- kind of the
25 whole -- the whole emerging (inaudible - 00:46:35)



1 commission can continue to support the great efforts
2 that all of the committees are -- continue to do
3 without funding for the last number of years, uh --
4 Commissioner Saxe and Commissioner Brune are very
5 interested in trying to support you and -- and, uh --
6 you know, the results I think of our decisions in
7 April, which will hopefully be much more robust and in
8 person, like it needs to be, uh -- will be for -- for
9 the commissioners to -- to carry the water for -- for
10 the association and all the LEPCs to, uh --
11 potentially move forward and -- and look and try and
12 get resources back to allow you, uh -- you know, to at
13 least have something to continue your effort, since
14 you're -- you're all absorbing that on your own time
15 right now. So, they -- they are very interested, and
16 they're willing to look at that, uh -- and I think
17 that's pretty positive that we have, you know, the --
18 the co-chairs of the commission -- our two
19 commissioners -- uh -- willing to carry the water
20 forward and -- and, uh -- make requests, even -- even
21 -- even with the fiscal situation that the state's in,
22 so -- so, yeah, Michael, we're definitely, uh -- we'll
23 want to weigh in and it's just -- uh -- both us and
24 DEC as far to, uh -- uh -- work on the -- the
25 recommendations and the findings and the documents to

1 make sure that, uh -- they're supportable and -- and
2 we make it clear for -- for the commission so they can
3 take some action to try to continue supporting
4 everybody. Hope that makes sense.

5 Hoage: Did that give you what you were looking for, Michael?

6 Paschall: It did. Thank you. I -- this is just a little bit
7 off topic but since we're discussing SERC at this
8 point, uh -- is there a reason why we're not receiving
9 any information about SERC and the SERC meeting that
10 we normally attend in the afternoons when we're in
11 person?

12 Fisher: I mean, we might follow up between this meeting and
13 then, you know -- maybe Roy can follow up. Because we
14 did -- we did send all the stuff out similar to -- or
15 Kevin did before he left, uh -- similar to what we did
16 for the mor- -- the meeting this morning, so, uh -- if
17 there was something lost in transmission we can try to
18 get that cleared up, hopefully before the me- -- the
19 meeting this afternoon.

20 Hoage: Yeah, the -- so, I guess the -- if there's something
21 specific that you want or -- or whatever, follow up
22 with Roy. I suspect that if -- if you didn't get
23 something, it was probably just a -- a miss during the
24 transition from, uh, Kevin to Roy as -- as Kevin tried
25 to -- to tie up loose ends before he left. Uh, I

1 think that's very easy to do. I keep realizing though
2 as I go along here more and more things that I go oh,
3 I almost forgot about this, and then I got to do
4 something to pass that on, so, uh -- it's really easy
5 to do as you're departing.

6 Fisher: I appreciate it.

7 Hoage: Other questions? Any other questions or discussions
8 on the workgroup recommendations? Uh, I guess I'll
9 just add a couple of thoughts on -- on that, you know
10 -- there's some good thoughts in the workgroup
11 recommendations already, uh -- I think we all realize
12 the value of LEPCs. We, uh -- know that the funding
13 hasn't been there, but we all also recognize that an
14 all hazards response and these -- the work that these
15 groups do really do help our communities a lot, so I
16 encourage you to continue to engage, uh -- try to come
17 up with ways that we can continue to utilize that all
18 hazards approach and enable our communities to be
19 better prepared as -- as we go forward, so -- uh --
20 that's going to bring us down to Item D. Uh -- Co-
21 chair Nominations and Action. Uh, we did -- I believe
22 Tom just stepped into his role as a co-chair at the
23 last meeting, if I recall correct. Uh -- and now that
24 I'm leaving, we need to elect someone to take my seat
25 as a co-chair with Tom. So, I will open the floor to

1 nominations for that role.

2 Roy: All right, Tom?

3 Vaden: Yeah, uh -- I -- I spoke with Casey Cook out of Mat-
4 Su, and -- and, uh -- he said he would, uh -- accept a
5 nomination.

6 Hoage: So, I have a nomination for Casey Cook. Is there a
7 second for that?

8 Mullican: Jim Mullican. Section.

9 Hoage: Good. Are there any other nominations? I think I
10 hear the train coming. It's nice that you at least
11 gave Casey the heads up, Tom.

12 (CROSSTALK)

13 Vaden: -- with that, but I did, uh -- (inaudible - 00:51:33)

14 Hoage: Any other nominations? If none, I'm going to close
15 nominations. All right, nominations are closed. Is
16 there anyone opposed to Casey Cook being elected as
17 the co-chair to serve with Tom? Hearing none, you're
18 elected unanimously, Casey. Would you like to say
19 anything?

20 Cook: I wanted to make a comment about Dave Miller in the
21 background there but I won't, because now that I'm the
22 co-chair, I need to be appropriate.

23 Hoage: Very good. Yeah, that's probably true. All right.
24 Uh -- let's see here.

25 Miller: Thanks, Mr. Cook.

1 Hoage: It -- I have seen a few other people able to join as
2 we've been going through this, uh -- we have made
3 really good time through this agenda, uh -- so, I am
4 going to go ahead and do something which is to allow
5 member closing comments, just to make sure with the
6 difficulties we've had that everyone who's on and --
7 was able to get what they need and if they have any
8 thoughts, so I'm just going to run through the list
9 alphabetically the way that I have it here real quick,
10 and -- and see if anyone has any closing thoughts, uh
11 -- I have Jean Boydo (ph). And I know these aren't
12 all members, but I just don't want to miss anyone with
13 our technical difficulties. Brian Templin?

14 Templin: Uh, just, uh -- thanks for everybody working extra
15 hard to make a meeting this year.

16 Hoage: Very good.

17 Templin: Congratulations, Casey.

18 Hoage: Thanks, Brian. Casey?

19 Cook: No, I don't have anything to add. Thanks for the, uh,
20 you know, support and we'll see what we can do with
21 it. So, appreciate it, and Abner, and Dave, again,
22 thanks for all your guys' efforts over the last --
23 seems like forever doing this and (inaudible -
24 00:53:45) appreciate it and have fun in your
25 retirement.

1 Hoage: Absolutely. Thank you. Jerry Reddick (ph)?
2 Reddick: Yes, sir?
3 Hoage: You have any thoughts or comments for the group?
4 Reddick: Not at this time. Thank you.
5 Hoage: Chris Noel?
6 Noel: Hey, good morning, everybody. Just want to say Abner,
7 thank you for your work over the years. Appreciate
8 it. Happy retirement. Casey, thanks for stepping
9 out, jumping in, and Tom, thank you for caring those
10 workgroup, uh, take away messages to the SERC. And
11 good to see everybody, kind of.
12 Hoage: Thanks, Chris. Craig Warren?
13 Warren: Well, other than Abner, uh -- and Dave both retiring
14 in the same year and making me awful jealous, uh --
15 thank you all for your -- your work.
16 Hoage: Very good. Uh, and -- and Dave's there with you on
17 your connection?
18 Warren: Yes. I can't get rid of the guy.
19 Hoage: Dave, any thoughts from you?
20 Dave: No, I think, uh -- Tom and Casey will do an awesome
21 job. I'm glad the railroad track ran to Casey, uh --
22 I could hear it coming right down the line anyways.
23 So, I know that -- Abner, once -- once again, like
24 everybody said, thanks for all you've done, uh -- for
25 LEPC and SERC over the years. Uh -- you know, it's an

1 interesting thing how the budgets are being cut and
2 have been cut, and how we're going to survive, and --
3 but those are all good fights and Michael Paschall,
4 you have a great day, bud.

5 Hoage: Thanks, Dave.

6 Paschall: Thank you.

7 Hoage: Uh -- Roy, I'm going to circle back to you at the end
8 for any comments you might have right before we close,
9 uh -- Director Fisher?

10 Fisher: I'm glad to see Dave there. Dave, my friend, thank
11 you for all your service too, and congratulations as
12 you're stepping into the next chapter of your well
13 seasoned life, uh -- I just want to say thanks, you
14 know, we definitely, uh, intended to have an in person
15 meeting this fall and -- and obviously with the delta
16 vi- -- variant, we couldn't. Uh -- but, uh -- I -- I
17 don't foresee any reason why we wouldn't be able to
18 bring everybody in to, uh -- into Anchorage in the
19 spring to, uh, get back to business. We are -- I
20 don't know about you all and your -- your agencies or
21 -- or with your committees, uh -- we -- we're having a
22 lot of transitions since the last time we met in
23 person, and with all of, uh -- uh -- in all the
24 changes throughout the pandemic, so I -- we're kind of
25 using a theme of back to the basics, uh -- a lot of us



1 have just been doing COVID for this whole time, and we
2 all do need and I encourage everybody to -- to think
3 about the same thing, to get back to, uh -- kind of
4 our regular disaster business and -- if you will and
5 preparedness, training, exercise, outreach, all of
6 those things. So, I look forward to seeing everybody,
7 uh -- in the interim. I hope everybody has a relax-
8 full, uh, holiday season, and as well, reach out to me
9 or any of our team, uh, ant you need us and -- and
10 we'd be ha- -- we're going to -- that's what we're
11 here for, so thank you, Abner, uh -- fair winds and
12 following seas, my friend, and, uh -- for everybody
13 else, uh -- we'll be talking soon.

14 Hoage: Thanks, Bryan. Paul Fussey (ph)?

15 Fussey: Uh, I just want to, uh -- say Abner, I really
16 appreciate all the work you've done, uh --
17 congratulations on your retirement, and Casey, thank
18 you for stepping up. I really appreciate it. It's
19 been wonderful and, uh -- we'll talk to everybody in
20 the afternoon, so thank you.

21 Hoage: Thanks. Mary Goolie?

22 Goolie: Hi, everyone from EPA. I haven't seen you in a long
23 time. Sorry, I'm just ex o- -- ex officio member.
24 Uh, of the SERC that we listen in as EPA, uh -- on the
25 LEPCA, and just -- I put a message in the chat, uh --



1 if anyone, uh, has a chance to take a look at that,
2 just for, uh, upcoming area committee meetings for
3 area contingency plans. Those, uh -- and with
4 interest in, uh, possibly other resources to help you
5 with your hazmat planning within your, uh, LEPC and
6 your emergency plans there, that might be a resource
7 for you. And then also put in information on the
8 upcoming Alaska Regional Response Team Meeting that
9 will happen in February. We're hoping for in person.
10 We tried -- we were hoping in September to do it in
11 person, but it ended up going virtual, but we'll
12 continue to be the hybrid model. We've done it for
13 years with Adobe Connect, but now we're, uh, stepping
14 it up a little bit with Zoom Gov, so we always offer
15 virtual participation for the RT business meeting for
16 anyone to listen in to. And then, uh -- I believe
17 that we -- as we go through the list, I think -- I'm
18 looking at the participant list. I think we still
19 have, uh -- our new EPA Federal On Scene (ph)
20 Coordinator, Tory Hoolsketter (ph) has joined us, so,
21 uh -- maybe when it gets to her, she can if possible
22 share camera so you get to know her face, uh -- she
23 joined us during COVID, during the pandemic, uh, but
24 we'll -- we have been participating in, uh, virtual
25 drills and hopefully, uh, in person drills in the

1 future. But maybe you'll see her at our RRT meeting
2 or an Alaska Inland, uh, Area Committee Meeting.
3 That's it for me. Thanks for the opportunity to talk.
4 Appreciate it.

5 Hoage: Thanks, Mary, and we'll just go to Tory next.

6 Hoolsketter: Hey there, uh -- sorry, I was having an issue
7 getting all the buttons, uh -- but yeah, I am Tory. I
8 worked at the state previously. I am the new FOSC
9 with the EPA. I recognize some of the faces and, uh -
10 - I just appreciate the opportunity to listen in and,
11 uh, work with you guys, uh -- hopefully in a
12 prevention only, uh, capacity in the future. Thanks.

13 Hoage: Thank you. Audrey Gray (ph)?

14 Gray: Uh, I have no comments at this time. Thanks.

15 Hoage: Thank you. Jim Mullican?

16 Mullican: Hey, Abner, uh -- first off, seriously, uh,
17 congratulations on your retirement. You've beat me by
18 six months, uh -- because I -- I've tenured mine here
19 in Kodiak too, so -- uh -- outside of that, I know, uh
20 -- been -- it's been great working with the -- the
21 group for putting together our -- our recommendations
22 to the SERC. I hope they move forward with them,
23 because I think it's imperative that we get a lot of
24 these things resolved so that we can continue moving
25 forward and getting the LEPCs online to -- to complete

1 a lot of the -- the mandates that I think we've been
2 missing over the years because we've kind of gotten a
3 little bit astray, so, uh -- look forward to seeing
4 that take place, but again, seriously, congratulations
5 on your retirement and enjoy it, bud.

6 Hoage: Thank you. Meg?

7 Cooler: Hey, hello again. Uh, I have nothing to add other
8 than, uh, so much congratulations on your retirement.
9 Uh -- it was a pleasure working with you, uh -- we
10 appreciate your support in the SERC, and with hazmat,
11 uh -- and all of those things, so is there any other
12 comments from DEC? Sorry, I'm -- hearing none, I
13 think that's it. Thank you so much.

14 Hoage: All right, good, thank you. Kara?

15 Kusche: Hi. Nothing additional from my end. Thank you.

16 Hoage: Thank you. Amanda Loach?

17 Loach: Hey. Good morning, everybody. Uh, as most of you
18 know, and -- and read in the papers, Anchorage
19 continues on with our long slog of a response to
20 COVID-19. And so, uh -- we are just, uh -- now
21 starting to get the capacity to continue with our
22 preparedness work, so we're looking forward to working
23 with the fire department and our new CIKR, uh,
24 coordinator, Jean Boydo, who -- who you heard from
25 this morning to, uh -- increase our -- our

1 preparedness level through our LEPC and to working
2 with all of you. Appreciate it. Casey, uh, way to go
3 on stepping forward to help out with the group, and I
4 know, uh -- uh -- we'll be working together on
5 whatever we can do to, uh -- increase capacity as
6 neighbors, and then to Abner, you definitely do not
7 look old enough to be retiring, so good on you. Good
8 on you, thank you. Thanks to all of you.

9 Hoage: Thanks, Amanda. Michael Paschall?

10 Paschall: Thank you. Uh, my only thing is Amanda, is the
11 retirement age mandatory?

12 Hoage: No. Nope. It's optional. Michelle Brown (ph)?

13 Brown: Yes, this is Michelle and I just wanted to say a
14 really big thank you to Dave and Abner, uh -- LEPC,
15 SERC, and Southeast Alaska are all going to miss you
16 and I'm going to miss you, so thank you for everything
17 that you have done in partnership with us and all the
18 communities in southeast as well. Casey, I remember
19 when you were new to all of this, and, uh -- your
20 enthusiasm and foresight and organizational skills
21 have really stuck in there, and, uh -- I appreciate
22 that you're still with us and -- and playing such an
23 important role, so thank you.

24 Hoage: Thanks, Michelle. Alison Natcher (ph)?

25 Natcher: Uh, yes, good morning. I just wanted to say hello to

1 Abner and, uh -- congratulations on your retirement.

2 I don't know if you remember me. I worked with you in
3 Southeast when I worked with the DEC, uh -- and I just
4 wanted to thank you and congratulate you. That's all
5 I had to pass. Thank you.

6 Hoage: Thank you. Uh -- Andrew -- is it Price (ph)?

7 Price: Yeah, you nailed it, Abner. Uh, nothing to add, uh --
8 but enjoy retirement. If you get bored, come down and
9 visit us sometime.

10 Hoage: Very good. Sandy Dixson?

11 Dixson: Good morning, uh -- so, I again don't have anything to
12 report for Petersburg, but Abner, thank you so much
13 for your service on the LEPCA and being a resource for
14 us in Southeast Alaska. Greatly appreciated. Dave
15 Miller, old hat, he already retired. He knows what I
16 think of him. Uh -- Casey and Tom --

17 Hoage: I'm doing it right, though. Dave's still around.

18 Dixson: That is true. That is true.

19 Hoage: Yeah.

20 Dixson: Uh, Casey and Tom, thank you for serving as the co-
21 chairs -- not obviously -- people weren't, uh, jumping
22 at the bit to, uh, take that role on, so I really
23 appreciate that. And to Bryan Fisher, I think you're
24 perfect for the role as the director, to thank you.
25 And then, of course, Kevin's not here but he deserves

1 a round of applause for the work that he did for the
2 LEPCA. Thanks, and happy retirement, Abner.

3 Hoage: Thank you. Uh, Kathy Shay?

4 Shay: Thanks, Abner. Uh, one thing -- to -- a couple things
5 I should have said during my presentation that I
6 failed to say, uh -- the checklist was emailed to you
7 by Roy, uh, separately from the meeting invite, uh --
8 because I don't think he was able to add it to Kevin's
9 meeting invite to this meeting. Uh, and so you do
10 have a copy of the Word document in your email
11 folders, uh -- and I'll go ahead and send it to the
12 LEPC list that I have after this meeting, along with
13 information about how to get onto E-Plan. Uh, and
14 I'll also work on getting that, uh, checklist onto our
15 website, uh -- if that's a possibility on our end, so
16 that you can always have access to the most current
17 one. Uh, and aside from that, I also wish to
18 congratulate you, Abner. I, uh, hope you enjoy
19 retirement and it's been fun working with you when
20 I've had the opportunity, so take care.

21 Hoage: Thanks, Kathy. Tom Mattice (ph)?

22 Mattice: Oh, I just wanted to say a huge special thanks to you
23 guys for all you've done over the years. I remember
24 the day that I started in emergency management and
25 felt like the new kid and you guys are slowly making



1 me feel like the old guy on the block but, uh -- I
2 can't thank you guys enough for everything you've
3 done, uh -- you know, it's just amazing to see that
4 the LEPCs are not always focused on the goals of the
5 LEPC, but we have 30 plus members that, uh -- 30 plus
6 people in attendance at our last LEPC meeting and --
7 and we're always getting good things done, and so the
8 work of this group is so critical and -- and the focus
9 that you guys provide is -- is extra important, so I
10 just wanted to say a huge special thanks to everybody
11 for all you do. We're going to be reaching out to
12 some regional players here in Southeast Alaska and
13 talking about doing another disaster drill -- another
14 regional disaster drill here in a cou- -- in a couple
15 years here. We've got some training and exercise
16 money over the next couple years. We'll be inviting
17 some folks in for it, and, uh, we hope to be able to
18 play with all of you again, uh -- and thanks for all
19 you're doing throughout the COVID response, and -- and
20 just thanks for being supportive of, uh, emergency
21 management in Alaska.

22 Hoage: Thanks, Tom. Uh, Michelle Torres (ph)?

23 Torres: Well, good morning, everyone. Thank you for all being
24 here. I am super excited to see everybody. It's been
25 a long time. We missed you at the last conference in



1 person, so April of 2022, we are planning, uh, the
2 conference right now, so if any of you are interested
3 in speaking or having a session, it is not too late to
4 get it to me. As Bryan mentioned, our theme is back
5 to the basics. So, there are a lot of retirements
6 that, uh, have occurred. A lot of people have left
7 their positions, so, uh -- we've had a long, what --
8 almost year and a half now with COVID, so getting back
9 to the basics, if you have something you'd like to
10 share, uh, at the conference, please send me an email
11 as soon as you can, because I'm putting the agenda --
12 agenda together as we are, uh -- moving forward right
13 now. Other thing I wanted to mention is if any of the
14 communities are interested in SERC, please reach out
15 to me. Our SERC teams in Alaska have done amazing
16 things over COVID. They have been so instrumental in
17 helping communities with, uh, COVID testing sites, and
18 with vaccine clinics, so if you have a team of people
19 that would like to volunteer, that -- just reach out
20 to me. We have some great opportunities to do things
21 virtually now. So, uh -- and then I also put in there
22 we have a great new campaign called Good Better Best.
23 That's another opportunity to get your people in your
24 community prepared, and it's a stepped approach
25 starting with three days, moving up to seven, and up



1 to two weeks. We have come to realize that many
2 people, uh, don't take those necessary steps when you
3 tell them that they need two weeks or seven days, and
4 this pandemic has not helped -- it -- people have been
5 out of work. And so we're really looking at a stepped
6 approach so that people feel that there's things that
7 they can do that don't cost them money to start that
8 journey. So, reach out to me. My team and I are
9 super excited to work with people, uh -- we're doing
10 things virtually. We're just not doing in person
11 right now, but we have been extremely busy and we are
12 anxious to share all of the things that we've done
13 over this pandemic with you guys to help you guys get
14 better prepared in your communities. Thanks.

15 Hoage: Thanks, Michelle. So, my -- my screen is showing me
16 there's plus one more and I know I haven't gone to Tom
17 Vaden yet or to Roy, but other than those two, is
18 there anyone else on the call that I -- I somehow
19 missed as I went through the list of participants?
20 All right, Mr. Vaden, any closing comments?

21 Vaden: Hello, I don't know if you guys can hear me. I just
22 wanted to say thanks, Casey. Thanks, Abner, not only
23 for your SERC, LEPC -- but also your service on
24 (inaudible - 01:10:16) and service to the, uh,
25 citizens of Alaska.

1 Hoage: Thanks, Tom. We could hear you, so very good. Uh,
2 Roy, any closing thoughts from you for the group?

3 Roy: Uh, yeah, first I'd like to say I sincerely apologize
4 for the technical issues that we ran into this
5 morning, uh -- I would ask that everyone, uh, continue
6 to be patient as we try to sort that out, uh -- we are
7 going to be looking into it for the SERC meeting
8 upcoming. And if there is a similar issue, uh, going
9 on with that, I would anticipate new, uh, connection
10 info to be sent out shortly.

11 Hoage: Very good. Thank you. Uh, for me, I wanted to just
12 mention if you haven't looked at the meeting chat, you
13 should do that. Uh, there's several really good
14 pieces of information dropped in there. Michelle
15 Torres has some information about SERC, and, uh -- if
16 you're interested in getting a SERC team going in your
17 community. Uh, Chris Noel mentioned something about
18 the fact that there's a vacant rural LEPC seat
19 available on the SERC. Uh -- and several other things
20 -- I'll miss them if I try to cover them all. Oh,
21 don't forget to join AKEMA, which is the Emergency
22 Managers Association for Alaska. And, uh -- other
23 than that, you know, I've really enjoyed working with
24 all of you and -- and working to try to, uh, better
25 our local community here and the state, and, uh -- I'm

1 going to miss all of you, but I'm going to enjoy
2 retirement as well and not having to answer to anyone,
3 so -- thanks for all that you do for your communities,
4 and for the state, and I wish you well as you continue
5 your service. For Casey and Tom, the good news is as
6 a co-chair of the LEPCA, that means you're getting
7 close to retirement. The last several co-chairs have
8 all gone from co-chairing the LEPCA to retirement, so
9 you're close. And that is all I have for closing
10 comments. So, it looks like we've come to the end of
11 the agenda, and unless there's anything else, I would
12 entertain a motion to adjourn.

13 Mullican: Jim Mullican, so motioned.

14 Hoage: Very good, and is there a second?

15 Dixson: Dixson seconds.

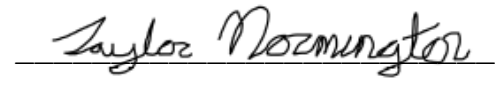
16 Hoage: Anyone opposed? We stand adjourned. 10:12. Thank
17 you, all.

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