

**NATIONAL CONVERSATION ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND CHEMICAL EXPOSURES  
CHEMICAL EMERGENCIES WORK GROUP**

**Meeting No. 9 Summary  
Teleconference  
October 18, 2010**

**Call Objectives:**

- Review proposed changes to the draft Work Group report based on the comments received
- Agree on final changes to the draft report
- Reach shared understanding of the next steps for finalizing the Work Group report

**I. Action Items**

|   | <b>By Whom</b>                                     | <b>By When</b>   |
|---|--|------------------|
| Submit any remaining suggestions for language changes   | All <i>Chemical Emergencies</i> Work Group members | October 20, 2010 |
| Incorporate edits and language changes and finalize <i>Chemical Emergencies</i> Final Work Group Report                     | Montrece Ransom                                    | October 22, 2010 |
| Edit the report for clarity, consistency, grammar, and flow with the goal of improving accessibility for the outside reader | Dana Goodson                                       | October 25, 2010 |
| Collect final sign-on's   | Dana Goodson                                       | October 28, 2010 |
| Submit Final <i>Chemical Emergencies</i> Work Group Report to Leadership Council  | Dana Goodson                                       | October 31, 2010 |

**II. Meeting Summary**

**1) Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review**

Andrea Kidd Taylor, *Chemical Emergencies* Work Group Chair, welcomed Work Group member to the call, and thanked them for their work over the past year. She offered a special 'welcome back' to Dana Goodson, RESOLVE facilitator, who has returned from maternity leave. Goodson reviewed the objectives and agenda for the call, and led a roll call.

**2) Overview & Discussion of Proposed Changes to Work Group Report**

Work group members reviewed the comments received from the Leadership Council and the *National Conversation* public comment period. Edits to the *Chemical Emergencies* Draft Work Group report were incorporated based on the feedback and comments received. The Work Group discussed these edits and changes, and came to agreement on how to address each. These edits were made to the report, track changes, during the call, and as such, are not detailed in these notes.

### 3) Next Steps for Completing the Report and Beyond

Goodson reviewed the following timeline, noting that the Final *Chemical Emergencies* Work Group Report was due to the Leadership Council no later than October 31<sup>st</sup>. To meet this deadline, she will circulate the final report by October 26, 2010, and she requested approval within 48 hours via email.

#### Timeline:

- **Oct 19 – 25:** The WG leadership team makes final revisions to the report
- **Oct 26:** Report is circulated to WG for final approval
- **Oct 27 – 28:** Final signoffs from WG members collected
- **Oct 29:** Final WG report submitted to the Leadership Council
- **Nov – Dec '10:** Leadership Council continues to draw on WG reports to shape the Action Agenda, along with other inputs from community conversations and web dialogues
- **Dec '10 – Jan '11:** Public comment on draft Action Agenda
- **Early 2011:** Final Action Agenda is released and implementation phase begins

Before adjourning the call, Kidd Taylor thanked the group for their hard work and diligence, and offered congratulations to all members on a job well done.

### III. Participation

#### Members Present:

Bill Benerman, Denver Department of Environmental Health  
Nathan Birnbaum, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Kathleen Curtis, Clean New York  
Jacque Darbonne, Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services  
Fleming Fallon, Bowling Green State University  
Nancy Hughes, American Nurses Association  
James James, American Medical Association  
Betsy Kagey, Georgia Division of Public Health  
Andrea Kidd Taylor, Morgan State University (chair)  
Maureen Orr, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry  
Paul Orum, NGO Chemical Safety Consultant  
Jacqueline McBride, Love, Peace and Prosperity International, Inc.  
Darius Sivin, International Union, UAW  
Syndi Smallwood, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians  
Derek Swick, American Petroleum Institute  
Constance Thomas, South Fulton and Fayette Community Task Force  
Anthony Tomassoni, Yale University School of Medicine  
Wanda Lizak Welles, New York State Department of Health  
Clark Phinney, Maine Oxy

#### Regrets:

Scott Deitchman, NCEH/ATSDR *senior liaison*  
James Eaton, Maine Health and Environmental Testing Lab  
Joseph Hughes, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences  
Todd Jordan, Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
Mark Kirk, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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**Facilitation & Staff Team Present:**

Jennifer Peyser, RESOLVE *facilitator*

Montrece Ransom, NCEH/ATSDR *staff*