

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE

ARIZONA STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (AZSERC)

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona State Emergency Response Commission (AZSERC), Local Emergency Planning Committees, and to the public that the AZSERC will hold a meeting open to the public on **Thursday, September 24, 2026**.

Notice about the meeting and the agenda will be posted on the ADEQ website azdeq.gov. ADEQ is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. except legal holidays. Copies of the Public Notice and Agenda may be requested by email at azserc@azdeq.gov or by calling 602-771-0397.

AGENDA

ARIZONA STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (AZSERC)

Virtual Meeting via GoToWebinar

September 24, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

Members of the Public please register at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8036350736802455895>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

- 1. Establish quorum (Roll Call) Chairman/Vice Chair**
- 2. Call meeting to order Chairman/Vice Chair**
- 3. Welcome and Introductions Chairman/Vice Chair**
 - a. Virtual Housekeeping**
- 4. Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)
Update - J. Riemenschneider**

- a. ADEQ will provide updates on policy, personnel, current events, or other matters relevant to the Commission. The Commission will not discuss or take action other than directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.
 - i. ADEQ will inform the Commission that David Varela is assuming the role of ADEQ's Emergency Response Unit Manager.
 - ii. ADEQ will inform the Commission that Michele Martinez has been appointed as the AZSERC Coordinator.

5. Approval of Minutes – Discussion/Action Chairman/Vice Chair

- a. June 3, 2026, AZSERC Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. June 3, 2026, AZSERC Executive Session Minutes (Confidential)

6. Coordinators Report

- a. **America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA)- (Discussion)**Background: The America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA), signed in 2018, amended the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) to improve and streamline communication between community water systems and emergency response agencies. **M. Martinez**
- b. **Highly Hazardous Flammable Trains (HHFT) - (Discussion).** In 2019, PHMSA issued a rule under the FAST Act concerning High-Hazard Flammable Trains (HHFTs). The primary objective of this rule is to ensure that state and local emergency responders are informed of hazardous materials moving through their jurisdictions to facilitate better preparation and response. **M. Martinez**

7. New Business

- a. The Commission staff will provide updates on personnel, current events, and other matters relevant to the Commission. The Commission will not discuss or take action other than directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

8. Old Business (Discussion/Action)

- a. **Emergency Response Plan Review Sub-committee** –The primary objective is to form a committee consisting of SERC members to review Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Emergency Response Plans (ERPs). This review

ensures that all plans adhere to Arizona Revised Statute and EPCRA requirements. Furthermore, this process adheres to the formal procedures for the submission, review, and acceptance of these plans established by the Arizona State Emergency Response Commission (AZSERC). This process is in accordance with Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) §49-125 Comprehensive emergency response plans and Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). **Chairman/Vice Chair**

9. Local Emergency Response Planning Committees (LEPCs) – (Discussion/Action)

a. Emergency Response Plan Review Chairman/Vice Chair

- i. Review of LEPC ERPs – Conducted accordance with A.R.S. §49-125 Comprehensive emergency response plans and the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act. Review of the Emergency Response Plans of the following LEPCs.
Yavapai
Graham-Greenlee
Santa Cruz
Mohave

b. LEPC Membership Application RatificationM. Martinez

c. Biennial Exercise Training Status (A.R.S. §49-125 (C.)) ... M. Martinez

d. LEPC Meeting Status (A.R.S. §49-125 (B))..... M. Martinez

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Commission members may go into executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Commission’s attorney on any of the agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38- 431.03(A)(3), including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. The Commission members may vote to go into executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Commission’s attorney on the Open Meeting Law implications regarding the Emergency Response Plan Review Subcommittee.

11. Resume Open Session (Roll Call) - Establish Quorum

12. Executive Session Review (Discussion/Action)

13. Action Item Review (Discussion) Chairman/Vice Chair

- a. The Commission will summarize any outstanding items arising of the preceding agenda items.

14. Call to the Public (Discussion) Chairman/Vice Chair

- a. Members of the public please submit any questions to azserc@azdeq.gov.
- b. Discuss emails received from members of the public regarding any agenda items. The Commission members may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. Therefore, action taken as a result of public comments will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further consideration and discussion at a later date.

15. Future Agenda Items (Discussion) Chairman/Vice Chair

16. Proposed Date and Time of Next Meeting Chairman/Vice Chair

17. Adjournment

Note: Agenda items may be taken out of order at the discretion of the Chair/Vice-Chair.

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