

APPENDIX F

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (CAER)

“SPONSOR AND WORKING GROUPS”

Appendix F:

Sponsors of the Contra Costa County CAER

Sponsor	Location	Sponsor	Location
Air Products, Martinez Hydrogen Plant	Martinez	Dow Chemical	Pittsburg
Air Products, Tosco Hydrogen Plant	Martinez	Equilon Refinery	Martinez
Allied Propane Services	Richmond	GWF Power Systems	Pittsburg
ARCO Products	Richmond	Great Western Chemical	Richmond
BAAQMD	San Francisco	HASA Chemical	Pittsburg
BOC Gases	Richmond	IMTT	Richmond
Bio-Rad Laboratories	Richmond	Kem Water	Antioch
California Oils	Richmond	Kinder Morgan	Martinez
Calpine Corporation	Pittsburg	Martinez Water Treatment	Martinez
Chevron Products Co.	Richmond	Paktank	Richmond
City of Antioch Water Treatment Plant, OES, Police, Fire	Antioch	Radiant Color	Richmond
City of Richmond City Managers Office, OES, Police	Richmond	Rhodia Inc.	Martinez
Clean Bay	Concord	Richmond Fire Dept.	Richmond
CCC Fire District	Pleasant Hill	San Ramon Valley Fire Dept.	San Ramon
CCC Health Services	Martinez	Shell Martinez Catalyst Plant	Martinez
CCC Sheriff's Office	Martinez	Shore Terminals	Martinez
Criterion Catalyst	Pittsburg	Shore Terminals	Richmond
Danville Police	Danville	Shore Terminals	Shelby
Diablo Services	Pittsburg	UDS, Golden Eagle Refinery, Avon	Martinez
Diablo Water District	Oakley	Phillips Refinery	Rodeo

Contra Costa County CAER - Community Outreach Group

Plans for the Community Outreach Group include attendance at large events to meet face to face with community members to help educate them about CAER, shelter-in-place, and evacuation. This group also recruits volunteers for the revitalization of the school mentor program. In this program, volunteers work with schools to familiarize them with the protective action of shelter-in-place and help them determine how best to shelter-in-place during a chemical emergency.

The Community Outreach Group also is involved with the development of a post-incident survey. Once completed, the survey will be ready for immediate distribution following a chemical accident. Its intent is to get feedback on the effectiveness of outreach and education prior to an incident and the alert and notification during the incident. The goal would be to enable CAER to determine from the survey what has worked in the areas of education and alert and notification and what additional steps need to be taken to better reach the community.

The Contra Costa County CAER Outreach Group attends numerous community functions throughout the year to interact with local communities and stimulate communication. Below are some recent examples of outreach events in early 2001:

February 3, 2001 Antioch Crime Prevention/Emergency Preparedness Fair
April 28th, 2001 Richmond Earthquake/Safety Fair
April 29th, 2001 Earth Day 2001
May 22, 2001 Richmond Senior Information and Health Fair
June 1, 2001 Kids Day - Contra Costa County Fair - in Antioch

CAER also maintains a website with all of the information provided in this section of Appendix E at: <http://www.cccaer.org/index.html>

The Community Outreach Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 9:00 am until 11:00 am, usually at the Muir Parkway Office Center Conference Rooms. Nancy Ross is the Chair of this group and she can be contacted at (925) 370-3626 for more information about the next meeting.

Contra Costa County CAER - Emergency Notification Group

This group meets monthly to discuss issues related to the Community Warning System operation and protocols and the County's policies on Hazardous Materials Incident Notifications. The group includes public emergency responders and agency representatives as well as facility emergency responders. Much of the work of this group in the past resulted in the Hazardous Materials Accidental Release Matrix.

The Emergency Notification Group meets the 1st Thursday of every month between 9:00 am - 11:00 am at the County Office of Emergency Services offices, 50 Glacier Drive, Martinez. Randy Sawyer is the Chair of this group and he can be contacted at (925) 646-2879 for more information about the next meeting.

Contra Costa County CAER - Emergency Preparedness Group

This group's mission is to improve the preparedness of industry, agencies, and the community in responding effectively to emergencies through drills and exercises. Their goals are to:

- To maximize efficiency of existing resources by coordinating drills and exercises between industry, agencies, and the community in Contra Costa County;
- To establish and maintain a list of stakeholders that can be used to in planning drills and exercises;
- To publish an emergency response resource guide specific to Contra Costa County which can be used to assist industry and communities in emergencies, and;
- Review incidents and share lessons learned.

Their current priorities are to regularly publish a schedule of Contra Costa County CAER member drills and exercises along with a list of stakeholders that can be used in

planning drills and exercises. They also plan to develop and distribute a Request for Proposals which will be sent out to local businesses and organizations in an effort to help small facilities conduct comprehensive drills or exercises. Based on the need and requirements, two facilities per year (at least in the first year) will be chosen for grants. These facilities will need to provide only modest resources to achieve and conduct the drill or exercise, as the CAER group will provide most of the funding and resources and personnel effort.

The Emergency Preparedness Group meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm, usually at the Shell Martinez Refining Company Clubhouse in Martinez or at the Contra Costa County Fire Protection Training Facility on Treat Boulevard in Concord, California. Scott Etzel is the Chair of this group and can be contacted at (925) 432-5410 for more information about the next meeting.

Contra Costa County CAER - Industrial Hygiene Group

This group discusses regulatory compliance issues, community monitoring, emerging health issues (e.g., indoor air quality), and lessons learned through incident response.

The Industrial Hygiene group meets the 2nd Thursday of every month (on even months) from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm, at various locations. Pat Owens is the Chair of this group and he can be contacted at (925) 313-3768.

The Contra Costa County CAER Petrochemical Mutual Aid Organization (PMAO) Group

This group is responsible for sharing safety information, identifying and cataloging available equipment for emergency response, and keeping current protocols for call outs. This group is developing a single identification badge system for use by all public agencies and industry responders to hazardous material incidents.

The PMAO Group meets the 4th Wednesday of every month from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm at Amotos Restaurant in Martinez, California. Dennis Derewsky is the Chair of this group and he can be contacted at (510) 242-2302 for more information about this group.

The Contra Costa County CAER Incident Review and Regulatory Issues Group

This group is responsible for reviewing safety incidents/near misses and promoting discussion about new regulations and implementation standardization.

The Incident Review Group meets the 2nd Wednesday of the odd months between 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at various locations. Randy Sawyer is the Chair of this group and he can be contacted at (925) 646-2879 for more information about the next meeting.