

**Central Kansas Wetlands Sub-Area  
October 2012 Sub-Area Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
Kansas Wetlands Education Center  
592 NE K-156 Hwy  
Great Bend, KS 67530  
18 October 2012  
1:00pm-3:00pm**

**Sub-Area Overview: Katy Miley**

Sub-Area development aimed at development of collaboration between partners. Development of Sub-Area Contingency Plan (SACP) is contingent upon partners entering in detailed plans and involvement into the area. Partners may include private and public entities at the local, regional, State, or Federal levels. Non-governmental Organizations and Tribal partners are welcomed as well. By developing relationships within the Sub-Area itself, partners can strengthen the SACP and response initiatives undertaken within the Sub-Area Committee. If contact information, the SACP, or outreach needs to be attempted, please contact Jeff Pritchard, the EPA Region VII START Contractor in charge of updating and Sub-Area Support for CKSW Sub-Area.

**Sub-Area Planning and the Central Kansas Wetlands Atlas: Mark Kitchens**

Development of the SACP is currently being aimed towards digital development. Inclusion of multiple layers of maps into the plan proves to be cumbersome. As such, a digital online mapping program for the Sub-Area has been developed; The CKSW Sub-Area Atlas. The Atlas uses the Flexviewer Graphical Information Systems (GIS) platform in order to demonstrate multiple data layers onto prepositioned maps of the Sub-Area. This tool is specifically designed for response and planning level functionality. While the information currently contained within the Atlas is correct, additional information from local Sub-Area partners will help in developing the Atlas towards a more unified and complete tool. The CKSW Sub-Area Atlas is located online at: [gis.tetrattech.com](http://gis.tetrattech.com). Access to this website and the Atlas can be gained by requesting an account via your email address. A secure, secondary authentication email will then be sent to your account, from which you can access the CKSW Sub-Area Atlas tool. Any updates to the SACP or Atlas should be emailed to Mark Kitchens for inclusion.

The Atlas can be used for pre-incident planning purposes, such as identification of; Staging Areas, sensitive species and populations, at risk critical infrastructure, entry ways for

responding resources, and private sector partner development. Sub-Area members should feel free to utilize the tool when planning to incidents or assessing response operations.

Discussion of the CKSW Sub-Area Atlas included possible inclusion of local data currently available.

Development of the Atlas would focus mainly around the goals of the Sub-Area. While the Atlas may be used for other, individual response and planning operations, the goal of the Sub-Area, and the reason for its development, is the protection and common planning and exercise developments around the Central Kansas Wetlands, most notably, Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira National Wetlands.

Development of the Atlas layers should include regulated facilities, including facilities needing Risk Management Plans (RMPs), Facility Response Plans (FRPs), and facilities included in the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI). These facility partners are federally mandated to maintain plans for response actions to releases. Their inclusion and participation in the Sub-Area could be extremely beneficial. Development of these facilities as vulnerable sites will also help in planning purposes.

SACP development should also focus on planning operations, including sample Incident Action Plans (IAPs). The Atlas can be a valuable tool in development of these plans and in their inclusion with data layers. The SACP and IAPs developed by the Sub-Area will be included in links within the Atlas, as well as the Region VII Regional Integrated Contingency Plan (RICP). Links to various other documents can also be accomplished within the CKSW Sub-Area Atlas. Ability of Sub-Area membership to access this database and augment existing abilities should be delivered to Mark Kitchens.

### **Kansas Wetlands Education Center Presentation: Curtis Wolf**

The Kansas Wetlands Education Center (KEWC) sits in the Cheyenne Bottoms National Conservancy within the Central Kansas Wetlands Sub-Area. The KEWC will provide an excellent Staging Area in the event that it is required for quick access to the wetlands. The facility would also be an ideal location for a temporary response Emergency Operations Center or Forward Unified Command. The KEWC is open to the public and has educational programs setup for children's tours and visitation. A program with local schools also allows for the

development of this program, as well as education of the wetlands themselves, for all school-aged children.

**Please feel free to contact Jeff Pritchard with any updates to the Sub-Area Contingency Plan or Contacts List that you deem necessary.**

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