

## **Minutes from 6-18-07 VT WARN Leadership Team meeting**

*Attendees:* Heather Young (WSD), Elizabeth Hunt (WSD), Shaun Fielder (VRWA), Phil Acebo (VRWA), Alan Shelvey (Rutland City Dept. Public Works), Dick Pratt (CWD), Paul Tice (CWD), Rick Keeney (GMWEA/Hartford Water Dept.), Ed Gilman (Town of West Rutland), and Linda Boccuzzo (VDH).

Wastewater Mgmt division—beneficial to have them as part of the state’s WARN system

CWD--would like a more simplified mutual aid agreement; have ‘list’ of available equipment, etc.; to be a more a supportive, rather than a lead role in VT WARN; and have a shorter agreement-- “one pager.”

Emergency management has draft an agreement for public utilities

Regional approach—use counties as regions, or regional planning commissions?

Rick Kenney wanted VRWA & GMWEA to take the lead of VT WARN.

Shaun Fielder wanted more local organizations to be involved, like VLCT.  
He also wants the database established soon.

There was question whether there were grants available for getting the VT WARN website/database established. There are also website concerns about maintaining it, etc. Elizabeth Hunt stated there may be some state funds available.

VLCT may offer administrative assistance, as well as, be a liaison to municipalities.

Next steps include:

Elizabeth to contact Jessica at VLCT and Waste Mgmt Division

Need to promote the WARN concept to five largest systems in each county.

Need a to obtain a list of water/wastewater operators.

Do a mailing from the Leadership Team, outline the benefits of WARN program

We need a representative from Wastewater Mgmt Division—Elizabeth to check on this.

Possible roundtable (round robin) VT WARN discussion --at the upcoming VLCT conference on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>.

Phil Acebo to speak with Peter Coffey at Emergency Mgmt.

Heather Young to survey other states of their WARN setup, including database setup inquiry.

Networking “county” approach-may be the way to go.  
Need to approach the Lake Champlain Coalition of Water Suppliers

Dick Pratt to check into website development details.

For next meeting:

Discuss the goals of the VT WARN leadership team.