

REGION 5 REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM (RRT)
SPRING 2016 Meeting Minutes
Wisconsin State Capitol Building
2 East Main Street; Room 413N
Madison, Wisconsin

Wednesday, May 11, 2016 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

S&T Subcommittee

Mr. Scott Binko, USCG

1. Proposal to write a protocol on the RRT website on how to properly approach/apply for science subjects.
 - a. Should we put together a vendor protocol for the RRT?
 - i. The team will reach out to other regions that may already have protocols in place that Region 5 could use.
2. Disinfection plan (Invasive species disinfection plan)
 - a. Can we make the disinfection plan consistent throughout all the states in Region 5?
 - i. The disinfection plan has to do with changing waterways. Committee decided to leave the plan unspecific and let it play out for a year. After one year, the committee will revisit the disinfection plan.
 - ii. The plan will be brought up in the general meeting with a summary.
 - b. Is there a better term to use than the general term “disinfection plan”?
 - i. Plan name changed to the Invasive Species Disinfection Procedures.

Planning Subcommittee

Ms. Ann Whelan, U.S. EPA

1. Reviewing of proposed language change to Section 2.7.1- Discovery to Regional Contingency Plan (RCP)Area Contingency Plan (ACP) from Department of Interior (DOI)
 - a. Changes include: For discharges or releases that fall outside the National Response Center (NRC) notification protocols, if states are the first to be notified, the Department of the Interior requests notification by the state(s) of any significant discharges or releases that could *significantly* impact federal trust resources. These resources include threatened and endangered species, migratory birds, and federal lands.
 - i. Does the committee want to specify certain aspects in the draft language?
 1. Decision was to keep it broad and general.
 - ii. Add: that could *significantly* impact federal trust resources.
 - iii. Should the committee include any phone numbers or contact information?
 1. Yes, add a footnote to reference/contact the state representatives/trustees and state employee roster.
 - b. Language will be taken to the general meeting for approval.
2. Review Crosswalk for RCP/ACP
 - a. The crosswalk will be taken to the general meeting for approval. At the following RRT meeting, the committee will review and see if there are any need for changes.

3. Regional Contingency Plan (RCP) / Area Contingency Plan (ACP) Facility Response Plan (FRP) language for incorporation
 - a. A section would be created in the plan and elaborated on to incorporate the RCP/ACP FRP.
 - b. Is the FRP and Vessel Response Plan (VRP) in the plan?
 - i. Yes, both the FRP and VRP are in the RCP/ACP; the committee is just clarifying for consistency.
 - c. Committee requested to put in a reference for the VRP.
 - d. Does the RRT 5 have the responsibility for updating the map?
 - i. The law put the burden on RRT to identify sensitive species and land. The other sections are the responsibility of the state and local jurisdictions.
 - e. U.S. EPA has currently funded the maps. Adding this language adds more requirements for U.S. EPA to maintain these maps and it might not be sustainable for the long term future.
 - f. The language will be circulated to all members in the RRT subcommittee meeting and then will be reviewed at the next meeting.
4. Section 2.4 RCP/ACP Tribal Response
 - a. The committee wanted to propose to the RRT 5 to reference the following in the RCP/ACP: The EPA Consultation Policy, specific Guidance related documents, and answers to frequently asked questions may be found at <http://www.epa.gov/tribal>
 - i. Committee will add the DHS tribal consultation party language
 - ii. Committee will also add a description of each tribe in the plan
 - iii. Committee will add an interactive story map to get the information from the website
 - b. Include a link to the USCG tribal consultation webpage.

Training and Exercise/Drills Subcommittee

Mr. Scott Binko, USCG

1. Upcoming Exercises
 - a. Sector of Detroit is a USCG led exercise similar to Enbridge in St. Clair River: May 25
 - b. Table Top Exercise: June 25
 - c. Clean PAC Exercise: June 23
 - d. Military Exercise Wisconsin Emergency Management Agency (EMA) exercise: Working with forms and other procedures
2. Upcoming Trainings
 - a. NOAA Fresh Water Based Course: Ann Arbor, May 16-20
 - b. Shoreline Countermeasures Assessment Technique (SCAT) Training 3 Day Course: 2 day video course/presentation. 1 day hands on course
 - i. 6hr refresher course every year online
 - c. ICS 339 Division Group Supervisor: June 14-15
 - d. DOI inland oil spill course: Full week course – Trustee based course
 - e. Transportation Rail Incident Preparedness and Response (TRIPR) Joint training initiative EPA, Railroads, & DOT: June 20 & August 24
 - f. Division Group Supervisors Courses are brought to the states

Worker Health and Safety Subcommittee**Ms. Larken Akins, OSHA**

1. Was there any safety regulatory authority that OSHA could enforce to stop people from entering their homes after the tornado?
 - a. No, they could not enforce on private property. Also the workers (mostly residents) were not getting reimbursement or paid so they had no jurisdiction.
2. The committee requests updated numbers because there has been some turnover in directors in OSHA.
 - a. Yes, Ms. Larken will provide numbers; please just contact her for the information.
3. There is a teleconference meeting for the Worker Health Subcommittee on June 21, 2016 from 10:30-11:30.

Wednesday, May 11, 2016 GENERAL MEETING**Opening Remarks****Mr. David Woodbury, WI DNR**

Mr. Kurt Thiede, Deputy Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Mr. Brian Satula, Administrator Wisconsin Emergency Management

Welcome and Introductions**Mr. Jerry Popiel, USCG****Mr. Jason El-Zein, U.S. EPA**

Phone Attendees: Steve Cole, Jeff Lippert

CANUS/JRT Meeting**Mr. Jerry Popiel, USCG**

1. Summary of meeting between JRT Chairs from April, 2016 (Joint U.S. Canadian Contingency Plan)
 - a. CANUSLAK Annex
 - b. The Canadian and U.S. Coast Guards are considering adopting the International Coordinating Officer concept for application across all US/Canada border regions.
 - c. Is the international coordinating officer is American or Canadian?
 - i. It depends on the situation of the response and the area in which it is located. If the incident occurs closer to the U.S., Canadians would send an ICO. If it occurs closer to Canada, the U.S. would send an ICO. If it affects both countries equally, potentially both countries would send an ICO.
 - d. Did you have representations from Environment Canada?
 - i. No, there was no one from that agency
 - e. Do we send notifications from the NRC to Canada and vice versa?
 - i. Yes, the NRC are the basic communications between the two countries.
2. Handout provided

State and Federal Roundtable Reports**Various**

1. USCG
 - a. Changes in the way USCG administering their plan.
 - i. USCG will provide a two page report of such citations and changes

- ii. The interpretation of the statute is in the Marine Environmental Response Manual (MerMan). The MerMan is a document in which the USCG's directive is being directly driven from.

2. U.S. EPA

- a. A number of U.S. EPA employees have retired
- b. U.S. EPA has also hired a number of new staff
- c. Currently there are over 30 sites. Estimated cost of cleanup is \$25 million. Around \$10 million left in the budget
- d. Mapping is being finished up in Region 5
- e. Mapping will take place in Ohio and Indiana next year

3. OSHA

- a. If anyone is interested in being a part of the Subcommittee, please reach out and let Ms. Larken Akins know.

4. Michigan report out:

- i. A lot of time has gone into the Flint Michigan response since last meeting
- ii. Michigan is participating in the Detroit exercise

5. Indiana report out:

- i. Removal action of potentially explosive drums near an airport and major roadway.
- ii. Avian flu incident occurred in January
- iii. Marathon Pipeline incident in the Wabash River
 - 1. Notification system went all the way down to Arkansas
- iv. Coal combustion residue case
- v. Railroad oil TRIPR training coming up in South Bend
- vi. Added 4 new OSCs
- vii. 2 employees are working a 2nd shift to try to keep comp/overtime down
- viii. Area contingency plans are going well and are in the process of being started all around the state of Indiana

6. Minnesota report out:

- i. Changed name from emergency response team to emergency response unit
- ii. Identified issues of cold weather response and are looking at training and sustaining long term cold weather programs
 - 1. Brought in a national trainer for various aspects of cold weather
- iii. Coordinating with the Department of Agriculture
- iv. University of Minnesota Hospital is Ebola ready and the state of Minnesota has been coordinating with them on procedures
- v. TRIPR training occurred in the state since last RRT meeting
- vi. Department of Energy is performing a radiological incident exercise and the state will be participating

7. Illinois report out:

- i. Employee numbers are down due to financial issues from the state
- ii. Incidents are down

- iii. Meth lab cleanup is still high, about 2 per day
 - iv. Summary of Marathon Pipeline spill IEPA-Oer/Eou Abandon Drum site
 - 1. Region 7 and Region 4 RRT were represented on the call for Incident Specific RRT Marathon Wabash River oil pipeline leak
1. Wisconsin report out
 - i. Largest military/civilian state exercise called “Miles-Paratus” exercise involving 5 county EOC’s, the State Emergency Operations Center, 2 Type II All-Hazards Incident Management Teams, National Guard Units from 5 other states and utilizing the Multiagency Coordination System. EPA and Coast Guard also participated.
 - ii. Putting together a multiyear exercise plan currently
 - iii. Participated in a 13 county hand, foot, and mouth disease with the Department of Agriculture in Kansas
 - iv. The new state EOC will open up soon
 - v. 11 of 30 wells proved positive for salmonella in one county
 8. Ohio did not attend RRT meeting.
 9. Presentation of award from U.S. EPA to Lieutenant Commander Moberly
 10. RRT Plaque of Appreciation presented to Mr. Jerry Schulte, ORSANCO. Mr. Schulte will be retiring this fall.

ARGO Response

Mr. TJ Mangoni, USCG

1. Case study presentation on the joint response efforts for Sunken Barge ARGO
 - a. When the rivet popped off, how long was the release?
 - i. A couple bubbles of release as well as what the diver brought up with him in which pegged the air monitoring instruments.
 - b. How much product was recovered?
 - i. Over 58,000 gallons of mixed product
 - ii. Tried to recycle as much as possible to recover costs
 - c. What was the hatch that was open?
 - i. It was a void space
 - d. Did you find bunker C?
 - i. Never found any other fuel
 - e. What were the calculation on how much fuel could have been on Argo?
 - i. Over 200,000 gallons
 - f. The CERCLA and OPA determination was made after the last tank was tapped. After the on scene management team determined it was just BTEX, CERCLA funds paid for the remaining clean up. OPA paid for the initial response

Capital Police EOC Tour

Mr. David Woodbury

1. Civil Support Team Response Capabilities Presentation in EOC

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Flint, Michigan Report

Mr. Jeffrey Lippert, U.S. EPA

1. Update on on-going activities in Flint, Michigan.
 - a. What is going on now in Flint, Michigan
 - i. Still in the middle of the transition from Superfund to the water team. The water team is in its second round of sequential sampling to see that water conditions are improving. All sampling indicated that the water is improving. The Superfund can demobilize within the next couple of weeks with good test results.
 - b. How long will the sampling go on?
 - i. Duration is unknown, however the best guess is December.

Subcommittee report out

Various

1. See notes from Subcommittee Meeting on Day 1.
2. Invasive Species Disinfection Protocol Approved by RRT
3. RCP/ACP Notification Procedures changes to include state notifications to DOI for spills that fall outside of NRC notification protocols was Approved by RRT.
4. Crosswalk for RCP/ACP was Approved by RRT.
5. Updating Section 2.4 of RCP/ACP to include EPA and USCG web links for Tribal Consultation was Approved by RRT.
6. Draft FRP language for the RCP/ACP will be circulated to the RRT for review and comments.

Railroad Discussion, Emerging Oil Transportation Issues

Mr. Ralph Dollhopf

1. Involvement and engagement.
 - a. Where are the states involved in this?
 - i. The states were engaged in the planning process and in TRIPR. U.S. EPA is trying to engage both the railroad and the state.
 - b. If the non-class 1 railroads have a release, do the railroads have ownership of that disaster?
 - i. Yes, they sometimes run the subsidiary railroads and would respond
 - c. Is ethanol ever moved and not denatured?
 - i. The ethanol is denatured when shipped/spilled
 - d. If you get product in the ballast, can you do a removal in a timely enough fashion?
 - i. Yes, given the right circumstances, it can be done

Closing Remarks

Mr. Jerry Popiel, USCG

Mr. Jason El-Zein, U.S. EPA

12:00 pm Adjourn General Meeting

Lunch on your own

MEETING ROOM TBD

1:00 pm Emerging Oil Workgroup Meeting

Mr. Ralph Dollhopf, U.S. EPA

Acronym	Definition
ACP	Area Contingency Plan
BTEX	Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, and Xylenes
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DNR	Department of Natural Resources
DOI	Department of Interior
DOT	Department of Transportation
EOC	Emergency Operation Center
EMA	Emergency Management Agency
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FRP	Facility Response Plan
ICO	International Coordinating Officer
ICS	Incident Command System
MerMan	Marine Environmental Response Manual
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NRC	National Response Center
OPA	Oil Pollution Act
OSC	On-Scene Coordinator
OSHA	Occupational Health and Safety Administration
RCP	Regional Contingency Plan
RRT	Regional Response Team
SCAT	Shoreline Clean-up Assessment Technique
TRIPR	Transportation Rail Incident Preparedness and Response
U.S. EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
USCG	United States Coast Guard
VOC	Volatile Organic Compounds
VRP	Vessel Response Plan