

Region 5 Regional Response Team (RRT) Meeting Minneapolis, Minnesota – October 20-21, 2009

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

- 1:00 pm Welcome and Introductions
- 1:30 pm Brief out on the Region 2, 3, 5 Planning RRT Meeting in Erie, PA
T.J. Mangoni, US Coast Guard District 9
On June 23, 2009, there was a meeting of RRT co-chairs to discuss various planning issues that were of interest to District 9. District 9 will summarize this meeting.
- 2:00 pm RRT Planning Subcommittee Report
US Coast Guard District 9 & US EPA R5
This is a summary of the meeting that was held in June.
- 2:30 pm Columbus Chemical Spill and Explosion
Kathy Clayton, US EPA R5 & Dino Tisoris WI DNR
On May 11, 2009 there was a spill, fire and explosion at Columbus Chemical in Wisconsin. This presentation will discuss the various issues that arouse during the clean-up
- 3:15 pm Break
- 3:30 pm R5 RCP/ACP &
US EPA R5 and the Great Lakes Commission
Another look at the updated RCP/ACP. There are still agencies and States that have not submitted their portions of the plan. These sections can be updated by contacting Sheila Calovich.
- 4:00 pm Federal & State Roundtable
- 5:30 pm Adjourn

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

- 8:00 am Rockford, IL Train Derailment
Tom Cook, US EPA R5 & Mike Coffey, US FWS
On June 19, 2009, fourteen tank cars containing ethanol derailed near Rockford, Illinois of which 12 cars caught fire resulting in one fatality. Although a large amount of the 65,000 gallons of spilled ethanol was burned up in the resulting fire, an undetermined quantity did reach the Rock River which resulted in a fish kill across a 50 mile swath of the Rock River downstream of the derailment location.

- 9:00 am Vessel of Opportunity Skimming System and the Lake Guardian
Lt. Ann Sparks, US Coast Guard, District 9
The R/V Lake Guardian was retrofitted to deploy the VOSS. It was used during the exercise conducted in Toledo, Ohio.
- 9:30 am Marathon Tristate Exercise
Pat McCaffrey, Marathon Oil
The Tristate Exercise, an industry led mini "SONS". Industry view of an exercise involving 3 US EPA Regions, 3 states, 4 counties and the Coast Guard
- 10:00 am Water Decanting Issue
At a recent Marathon oil spill exercise this subject came up. An US EPA OSC asked that the RRT come up with a unified approach to this issue (the exercise affected three States) and then coordinate with other Regions.
- 10:30 am Break
- 11:00 am RRT Science and Technology Subcommittee Report
This is a summary of the meeting that was held in July.
- 11:30 pm The new Joint Information Center Model
Virginia Narsette, US EPA R5
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm NRT Technical Assistance Document: Managing Worker Fatigue during Disaster Recovery Operations
Robert Bonack, OSHA Region 5
- 1:30 pm Minnesota Tribal Issues - Tentative
- 2:00 pm In-Situ Burning Presentation - Tentative
- 2:30 pm CANUSLAK Exercise – Tentative
A summary of the CANUSLAK exercise in Thunder Bay, September, 2009.
- 3:00 pm Adjourn