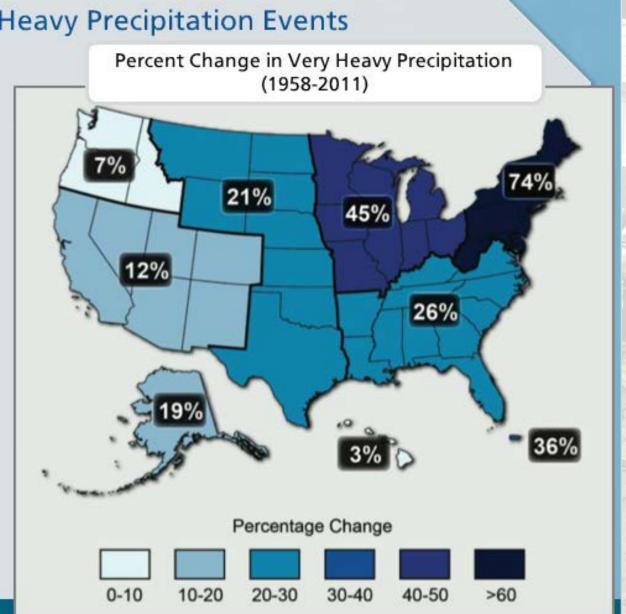


Increases in Very Heavy Precipitation Events

- Heavy rainfall events are expected to increase nationwide, and they're already increasing everywhere.
- · The Northeast and **Upper Midwest** have experienced the most significant increases in extreme precipitation.



Protection of water quality will be greatly challenged by changes in climate.



Climate Change and Water Quality

 Higher temperatures could also increase the incidence of harmful algal blooms, threatening ecosystems and public health. Increased algae growth will also increase the need for drinking water treatment.





Changes in climate may also affect EPA's efforts to clean up and manage contaminated sites.



Climate Change and Land-based Vulnerabilities

- Contaminated sites and cleanup remedies are vulnerable to the full range of climate stressors, including changes in temperature, precipitation patterns, and storm activity.
- EPA responsibilities on contaminated sites that may be affected are:
 - Site containment, e.g., sites located in permafrost
 - Debris management
 - Emergency response (working with others)
- Flooding and inundation from more intense and frequent storms may lead to contaminant releases at Superfund, Brownfields, and underground storage tank sites, and other sites where there have been releases of hazardous wastes.

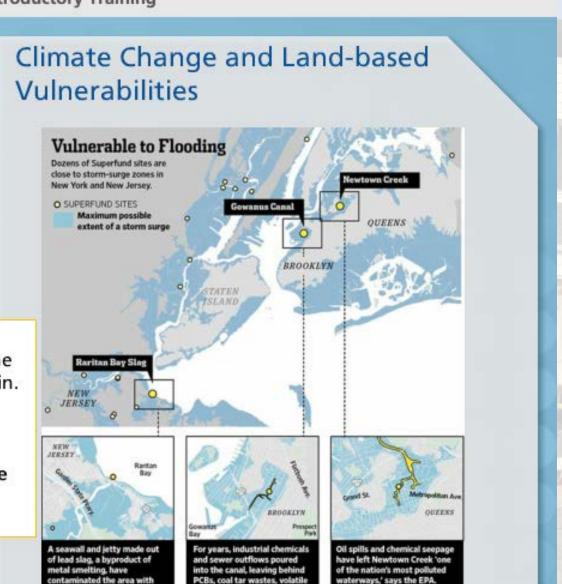




This map depicts New York area Superfund sites that are vulnerable to increased flooding as a result of climate change.

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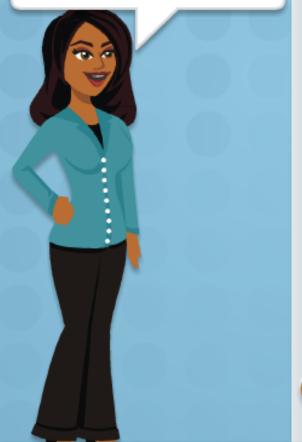
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Incorporating Adaptation into the Management of Contaminated Lands

Project managers are beginning to take the following steps:



- Assess site vulnerabilities.
- Use Superfund fact sheets describing the climate change adaptation issues associated with remediation systems.
- Incorporate adaptation measures where needed to increase the resilience of cleanup remedies to climate change impacts.







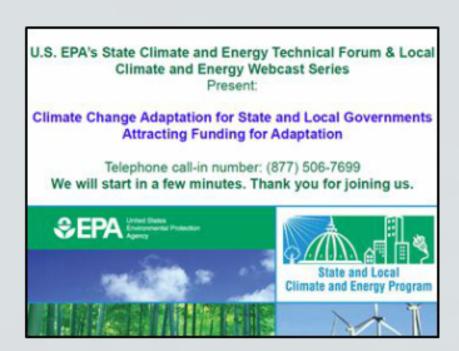
Local and Regional Outreach

WEBINARS ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

In late 2010, early 2011, and again in 2013, EPA's State and Local Climate and Energy Program hosted a series of webinars for state and local governments on the planning and implementation of adaptation efforts.

Topics included:

- Achieving buy-in for adaptation projects,
- Overcoming the uncertainty barrier to adaptation, and
- · Attracting funding for adaptation.





EPA Climate Change Adaptation Introductory Training

Climate Measures and Mainstreaming of Adaptation

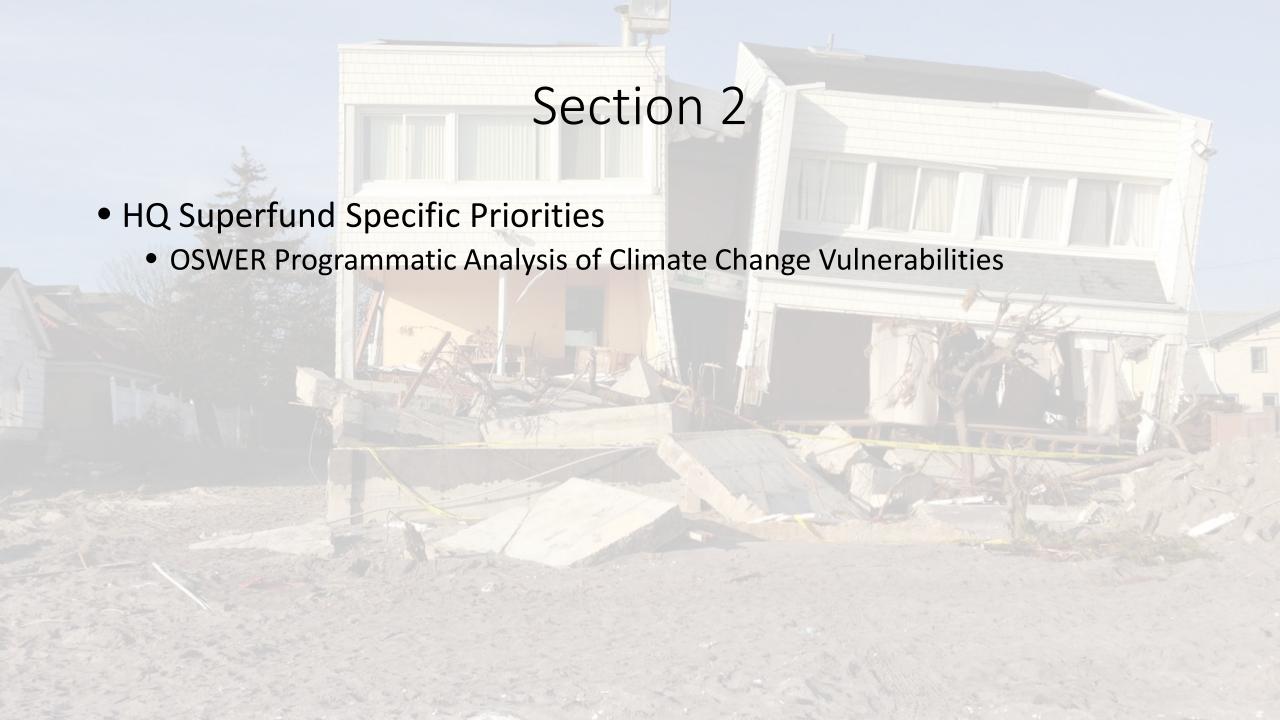
EPA ADAPTATION PRIORITIES

- · Protect Agency Facilities and Operations
- Factor Legal Considerations into Adaptation Efforts
- Strengthen Adaptive Capacity of EPA Staff and Partners Through Training
 - Develop Decision-Support Tools that Enable EPA Staff and Partners to Integrate Climate Change Adaptation Planning into their Work
 - Identify Cross-EPA Science Needs Related to Climate Change Adaptation
 - Partner with Tribes to Increase Adaptive Capacity
 - Focus on Most Vulnerable People and Places
 - Measure and Evaluate Performance

Thanks! By taking this training, you're helping EPA meet this priority.

For example, EPA has developed performance measures for tracking partnerships that support climate change adaptation.





Preserving Land	Proper Management of Hazardous and Non- Hazardous Wastes	Design and placement of RCRA Treatment, Storage and Disposal facilities, non-hazardous Subtitle D landfills,
		Superfund remedies and municipal recycling facilities may need to change to accommodate climate change impacts.
		Hazardous waste permitting requirements may need to be updated to reflect climate change impacts.
		Current waste management capacity may be insufficient to handle surges in necessary treatment and disposal of
		hazardous and municipal wastes, as well as mixed wastes generated from climate events.
		Levels of necessary financial assurance at RCRA and CERCLA facilities may need to adjust for increased risks/liabilities
		at specific facilities that may be directly affected by climate change impacts.
	Risks and Releases	Remediation and containment strategies and materials used in construction may need to be strengthened to reflect
		changing climate conditions.
		Current equipment, scientific monitoring and sampling protocols on sites may no longer be effective and therefore
		may require a djustments due to climate change impacts.
		Current assumptions regarding protectiveness of remediation and containment methods may not reflect changing
		climate impacts.
		Spill Prevention Plans may need to be updated due to the significant increases in the incidence of flooding and storm
		events.

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Risk factors and rankings for risk-based cleanup strategies may need to be reassessed based on changing climate conditions.

Changing climate conditions may impact continued remedy effectiveness.

Remedies that are "complete" or are long-term actions may no longer be protective and resilient as climate conditions change at site.

Incre ased contaminant migration may lead to boundary changes at current sites or creation of new sites.

Changes in climate conditions may alter assumptions about contaminant form/volatility.

Current scientific monitoring and sampling protocols on sites may no longer be effective.

Safety procedures on sites may not reflect likelihood or intensity of surrounding conditions.

Availability of utilities and transportation infrastructure may be limited as a result of increased impacts to those systems.

Current assumptions regarding protectiveness of remediation and containment methods may not reflect changing climate impacts.

Periodic evaluations of implemented remedies may not incorporate all climate change impacts, including changes in frequency and intensity that may impact remedy effectiveness.

Use of natural resources impacted by sites may change as a result of increased need, resource scarcity, or compromised resources.

Sufficient capability and capacity for conducting necessary lab analysis following significant weather events may not be available.

Current waste management capacity, including interim capacity, may be insufficient to handle surges in necessary treatment and disposal of hazardous and municipal wastes, as well as mixed wastes generated from climate events.

Training needs (both current and future) are likely to increase in order to meet the increase demand for response actions.

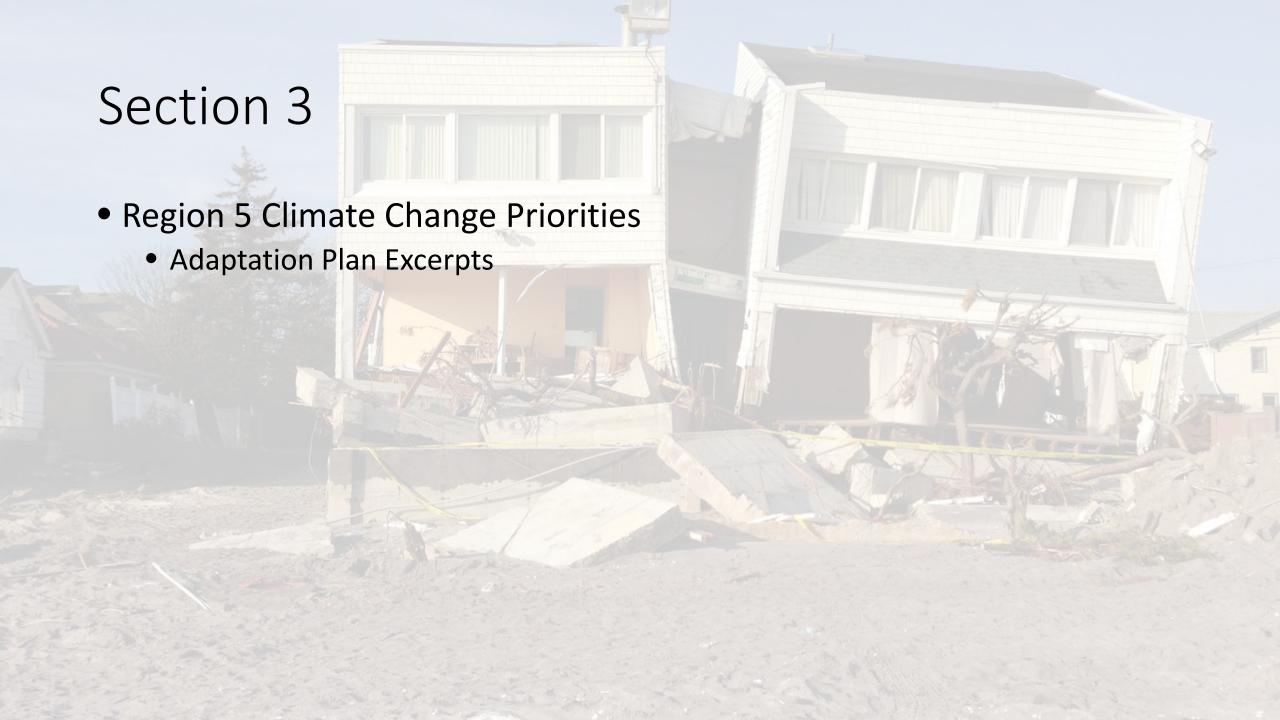
Existing emergency planning currently required or employed by OSWER may not sufficiently consider elevated risks from multiple climate impacts.

Tools, Data, Training and Outreach changing environmental conditions.

Revised training protocols and SOPs that take into account climate change impacts and what to look for may need to be developed.

Reliable data sources to use in site-specific analyses may need to be identified

Models, decision tools, site environmental data and information feeds may need to be updated to reflect changing climate conditions



Goal: Risk of Contaminant Release

- Region 5 has a significant universe of contaminated sites due to our industrial legacy. Increased flood and drought conditions may impact the mobilization of contaminants at these sites and alter the time, cost and effectiveness of cleanups.
- Drier conditions might cause severe erosion issues on terrain and constructed landfills.
- Corrective actions may need to be altered to ensure they are protective given the potential for increased flooding.
- Flood events could wash away constructed remedies and increase contamination to the environment. Standing water could bring contaminants to the surface and increase exposure potential.
- Potential contaminant releases may pose an increased risk of adverse health impacts, with environmental justice and other vulnerable populations most at risk as they may reside close to these sites.

Goal: Emergency Response

- Increased precipitation may lead to increased riverine flooding, resulting in additional hazardous waste and domestic white goods removal and cleanup.
- Availability of emergency response teams to react quickly may be stressed as extreme weather related events become more frequent.
- The need for emergency response and debris/waste management due to storms resulting in large-scale releases of chemicals and generation of debris from flooded/damaged and/or demolished buildings may also increase.
 Existing waste management capacity may not be adequate to meet the demands of an increased debris stream resulting from more frequent storms.
- Increased extreme temperatures will impact the health and safety of response workers.
- If climate change leads to more intense weather events and increases EPA's involvement in disaster response and remediation, then core program work in all media could be affected due to a scarcity of available staff and resources.
- The need to activate the Response Support Corps and other staff to respond to emergency/disaster situations within the Region and in support to other Regions may have an adverse impact on the Region's ability to consistently and effectively implement core activities and address identified national and regional priorities.

Goal: Clean up and Corrective Action

- The increase in heavy precipitation events that are likely to occur in the Midwest as a result of climate change may cause an increase in flooding risk; droughts are also expected to become more common.
- Flooding often produces significant debris that must be quickly managed by local communities in the region.
- Landfill design and controls may become inadequate to protect the environment and human health. The impact of flooding on non-hazardous disposal facilities and their engineered systems is significant as municipal solid waste landfills are only required to design for handling run-on or run-off from a 25-year storm.
- Drought conditions may affect the performance of vegetative caps on closed landfills which may result in increased leachate generation and/or emissions from landfills.
- Contaminated sites where groundwater is involved may have to consider different remedies that reflect the possibility of long term drought, as well as the purging effect of flooding. Groundwater, gas, and leachate monitoring systems may all be affected. States and local governments may need assistance in evaluating the impacts on these facilities.

Goal: Exposure to Toxic Chemicals

 Damage to homes, buildings and other community infrastructure as a result of extreme weather events may increase risk of exposure to lead, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), halogenated flame retardants, asbestos and other chemical applicants. Incidents of flooding may increase Persistent Bioaccumulative and Toxic (PBT) chemical impacts to surface water.

 Increased release of toxics resulting from flooding and severe weather may exacerbate exposure and children are particularly vulnerable to this risk.
Existing risk assessment methodologies may need adjustment to assure that chemical exposure models reflect changing climate conditions.



Review existing Superfund processes to identify where climate change will require process and template changes

Superfund processes include: <u>Removal Assessments and Time Critical Removal Actions</u>, Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), Record of Decision (ROD), Remedial Design/Remedial Action (RD/RA), Five Year Reviews, and language in Brownfield grants terms and conditions (T&C) that considers climate change in evaluating cleanup alternatives.

Adjust requirements and language in Superfund processes to reflect the new protocols.

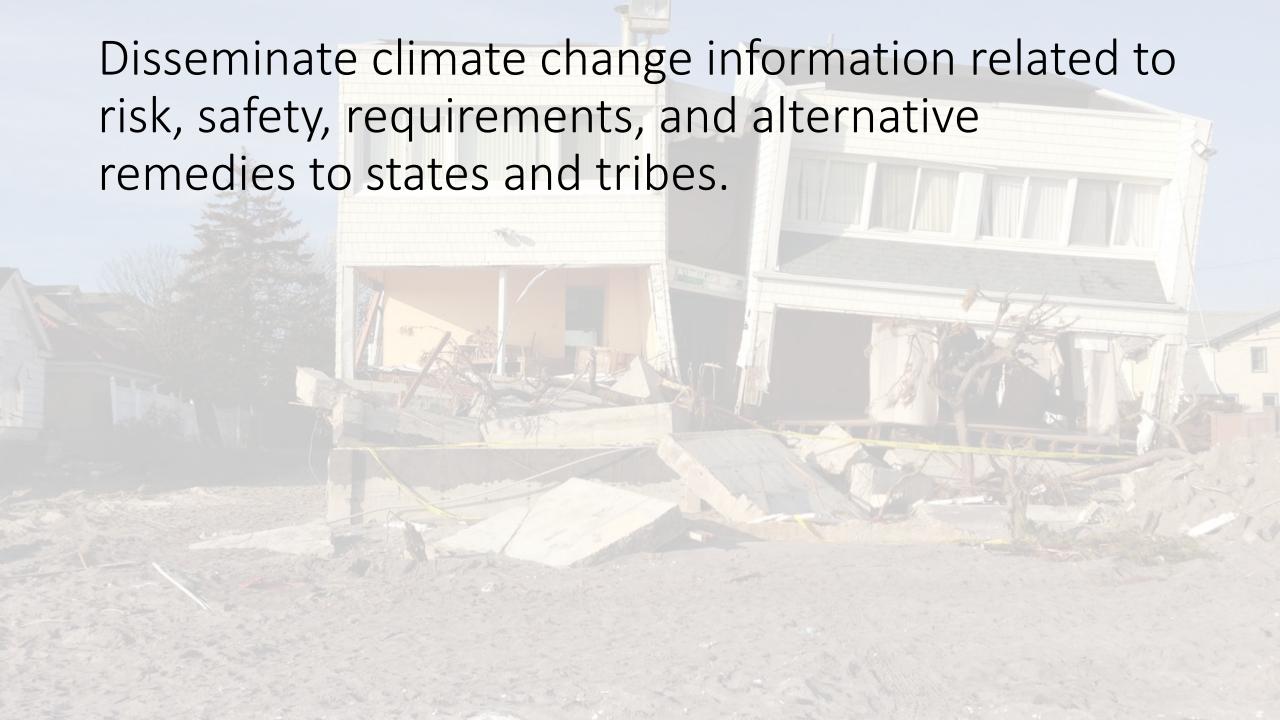
- This includes reviewing and revising how to:
 - Evaluate alternative remedies for sites that may be impacted by floods and changing water tables, such as landfills on floodplains;
 - Choose remediation techniques that incorporate vegetation that might be more tolerant of heat, excessive rain, or drought;
 - Manage severe erosion issues on terrain and constructed landfills, with larger rain events contributing to additional erosion concerns;
 - Account for water table fluctuations that might impact changing plume direction and increase smear zones;
 - Redesign corrective actions to manage frequent flooding that may bring contaminants to the surface and increase exposure potential;
 - Manage changes in construction season due to warmer or erratic weather; and
 - Manage increases in sedimentation and scouring due to larger rain events at sites

Assess how changing climatic conditions in the Midwest will impact Emergency Response

 Evaluate how changing climatic conditions will impact the ability of staff to respond to emergency situations, including staff readiness, equipment needs, availability of staff, and duration of response action.

Evaluation of resource needs

 Determine how Superfund will adjust staff flexibility and availability, training, and equipment to ensure timely responses to events. This will also include improvements in communication channels with state and local authorities. Additionally, an increase in training and cross program coordination for Regional Science Council (RSC) and Incident Management Team (IMT) members will be necessary to prepare for more frequent response.





ESF #10 Coordinator and Primary Agency



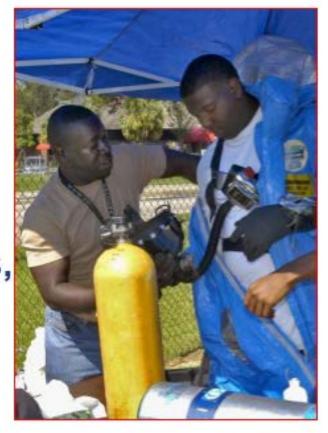
The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):

- Is the ESF #10 coordinator.
- Serves as primary agency for incidents involving inland areas.
- Takes actions to prepare for, prevent, minimize, or mitigate a threat posed by hazardous materials.

ESF #10: Scope

ESF #10 addresses incidents involving intentional or accidental release of:

- Oil.
- Hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants, including those that are:
 - Chemical.
 - Biological.
 - Radiological.

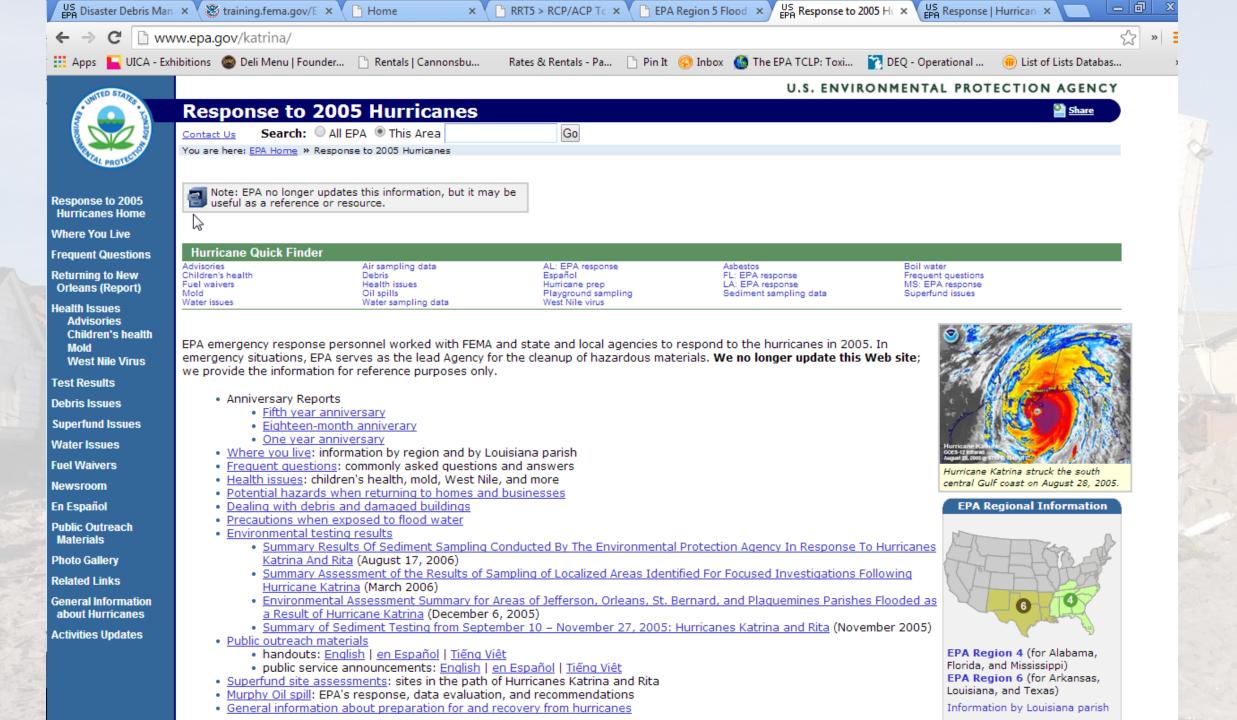


ESF #10 Actions

ESF #10 may:

- Assess extent of contamination.
- Contain, stabilize, treat, and dispose of oil or hazmats.
- Issue permits for and monitor debris disposal.
- Remove drums/barrels/containers.
- Decontaminate buildings/structures.
- Collect household hazardous waste.
- Monitor/sample air and water quality.
- Mitigate damage to natural resources.





Katrina FEMA Mission Assignments

- Search & Rescue
- Environmental Sampling (including Temporary Housing sites)
- Drinking Water Assessment
- Wastewater Assessment
- Reconnaissance and Assessment of Industry/Spills
- Collection of Household Hazardous Waste
- Removal of Orphan Drums/Hazardous Debris
- Emergency Response for Spills & Special Sampling
- Cleanup of School Chemistry Labs
- Ammunition

Initial Scope of the Challenge - Katrina

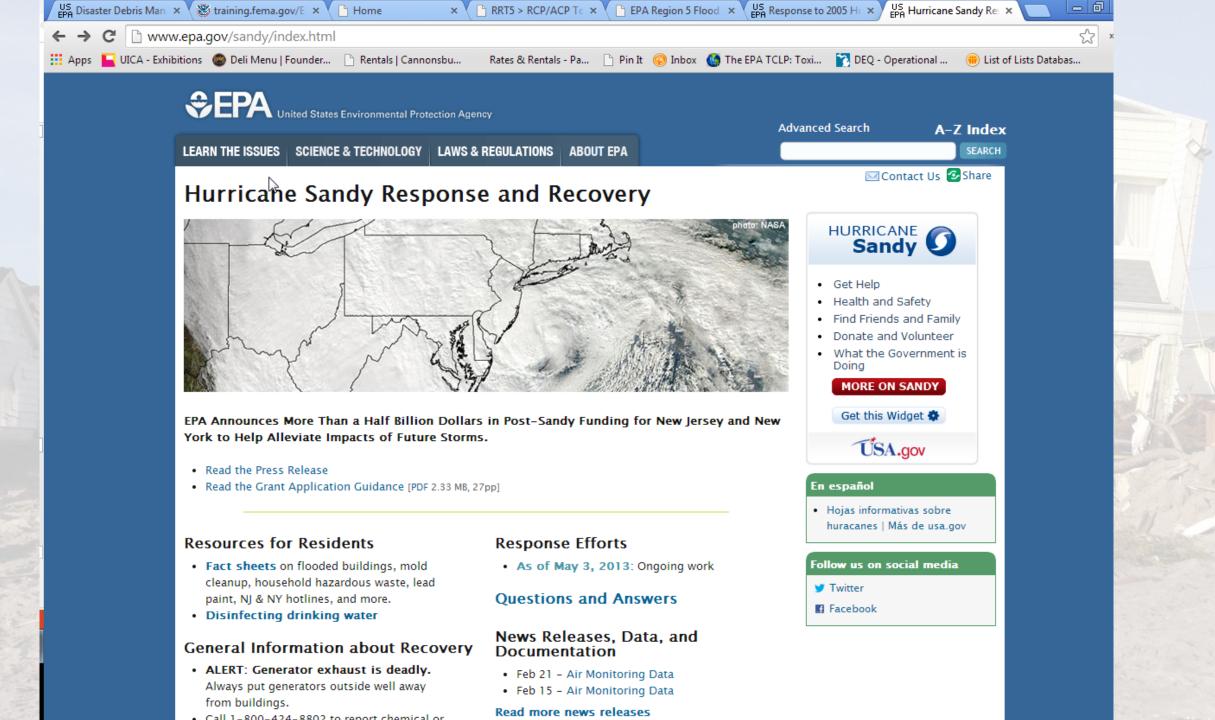
- Coordination of Debris Management Plan
- Over 64,400,000 Cubic Yards of Total Debris
- Over 15,000,000 Lbs of Household HazWaste
- Over 400,000 Refrigerators and other White Goods
- 360,000 Automobiles
- Sediment
- Spill cleanup at priority sites
- Over 25,000 Demolitions

General Hurricane Katrina Response Successes

- Provided rescue operations support in New Orleans, while meeting usual ESF-10 missions
- Provided substantial support to re-establish critical infrastructure
- Demonstrated readiness by responding to two major disasters in a 30 day period
- Implemented a substantial communication system with the public and media using printed materials, interviews and the Internet

General Hurricane Katrina Response Successes

- Collected thousands of environmental samples to guide FEMA, HHS and state & local decision-makers
- Established Unified Command with LDEQ and USCG, and supported federal JFO partners -FEMA, LDHH, USACE, ATSDR, CDC
- Assembled a highly skilled workforce from every Region/and HQ Office
- Provided space, support, food and housing for 200 responders



Key EPA Actions - Sandy

- Air monitoring and sampling (burned area, incinerator)
- Water sampling (post sewage releases; post site releases)
- Sand sampling
- Debris Management
- Water and wastewater utilities
- Contaminated sites
 - Secured pre storm
 - Sampled and visually assessed post storm
- Residential Cleanup
 - Oiled water in basements
 - HHW
 - Orphan containers
- Technical assistance to states

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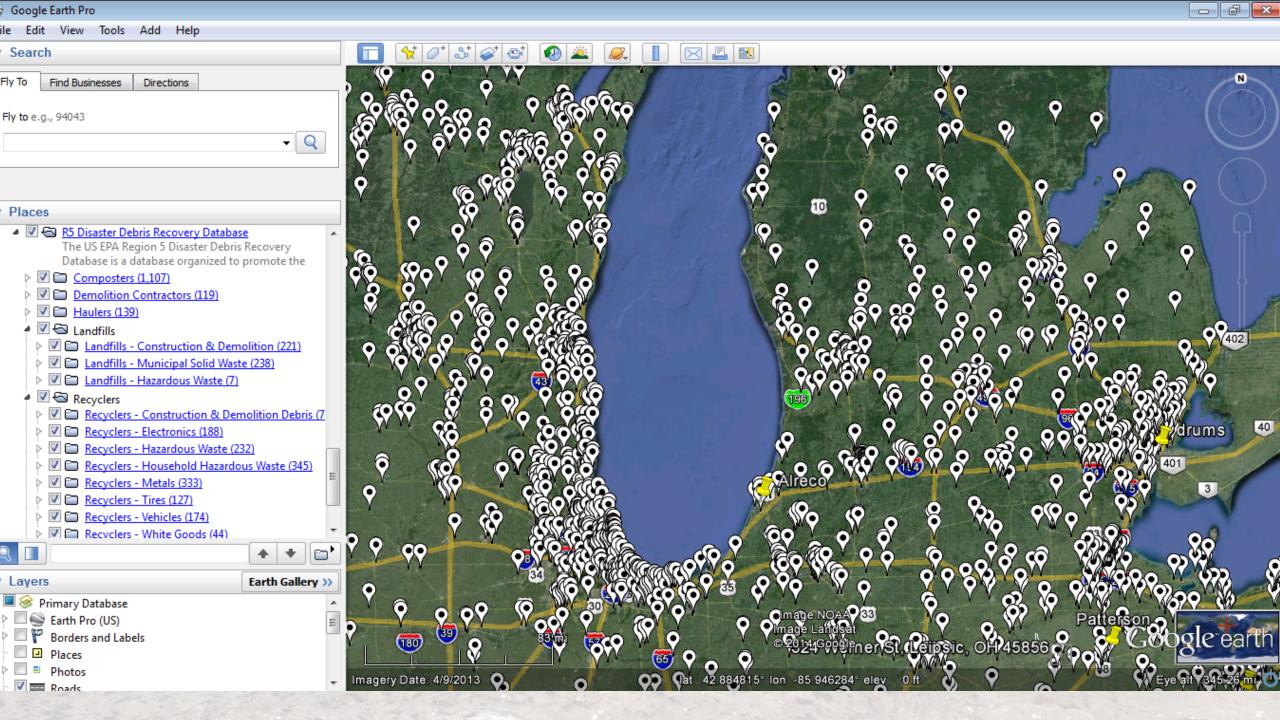


Compiled Regional Data – To assist us with planning

- GIS Data / Flexviewer Datasets
 - ISA (fixed oil storage facilities, haz mat (facilities with extremely hazardous substances- EPCRA) petroleum terminals, pipelines, railroads)
 - Ohio Mapping project (HSIP, CAMEO)
 - Hydroviewer (region 5 chemicals, RCRA active facilities, floodplain delineation)
 - Linked subarea plans?
- Homeland Security Infrastructure Program (HSIP)
- Removal sites by status?
 - Currently unavailable according to region

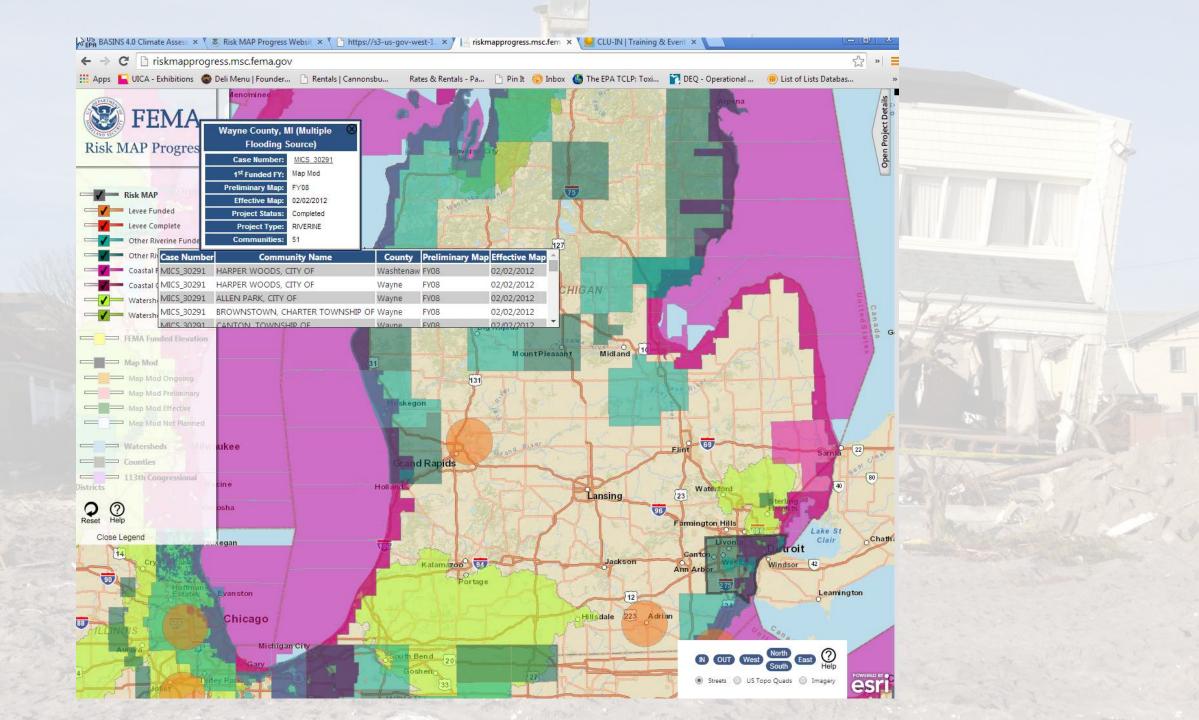
LCD: Disaster Debris Recovery Database Interactive Mapping Tool

- EPA Region 5 has developed a database of 12 types of recyclers which may manage disaster debris. This interactive map provides information and locations of over 3800 facilities throughout Region 5 capable of managing different materials which may be found in disaster debris.
- Disaster Debris Recovery Database (KMZ)



Climate and Precipitation Models

- Unfortunately the increased precipitation models are not very location specific – generally I think we can conclude that we are predicted to see increased precipitation in our region. I was hoping to find more specific models to help us prioritize geographic focus areas and I searched hard and talked to a number of folks but haven't found much to date.
- Temperature models are a bit more geographically specific
- Screen shots of a couple examples of these models and modelling resources follow



Climate Ready Water Utilities Toolbox

The CRWU Toolbox provides access to resources containing climate-related information relevant to the water sector. The Toolbox contains highlighted resources below organized into categories to help guide the user to the most relevant information. Hundreds of additional resources in the Toolbox can be searched by geographic region, water utility type and size, water resources, climate change impact, and climate change response strategies. These resources will be updated frequently to provide the most current water sector climate change information.

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Looking for more information? Search the CRWU Toolbox or view all resources in a new tab or window.

View a list of acronyms used in the CRWU Toolbox.

	Featured Resource	Expand all Collapse all			
	Region Map	+ EPA - Climate Resilience Evaluation and Awareness Tool			
		+ EPA - BASINS (Better Assessment Science Integrating point and Non-point Sources)			
	Activities	+ National Drought Mitigation Center - Drought Impact Reporter			
		+ NOAA - NOAA Climate Portal			
(4)	Funding	+ NOAA - Coastal Inundation Toolkit			
		+ NOAA - Digital Coast			
	Publications and Reports	+ USDA, NOAA - U.S. Drought Portal			
		+ Island Press, EcoAdapt - CAKE: Climate Adaptation Knowledge Exchange			
	Tools and Models	+ The Nature Conservancy - Climate Wizard			
		+ University Corporation for Atmospheric Research and National Center for Atmospheric Research - MAGICC/SCENGEN			
	Training, Workshops and Seminars	+ University Corporation for Atmospheric Research's Unidata, National Science Foundation - Integrated Data Viewer (IDV)			
	Mitigation Strategies	+ IPCC - IPCC Data Distribution Centre			
		+ DOI USGS - U.S. Geological Survey WaterAlert			
	Adaptation Strategies	+ NOAA - State of the Climate			

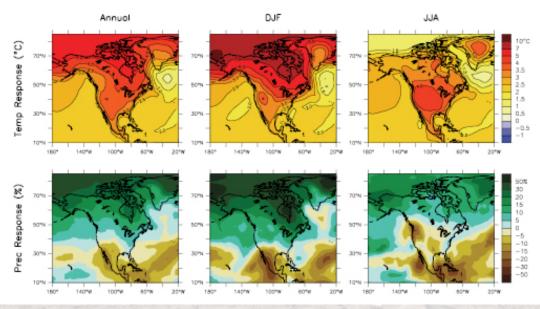
Climate Change 2007: Working Group I: The Physical Science Basis

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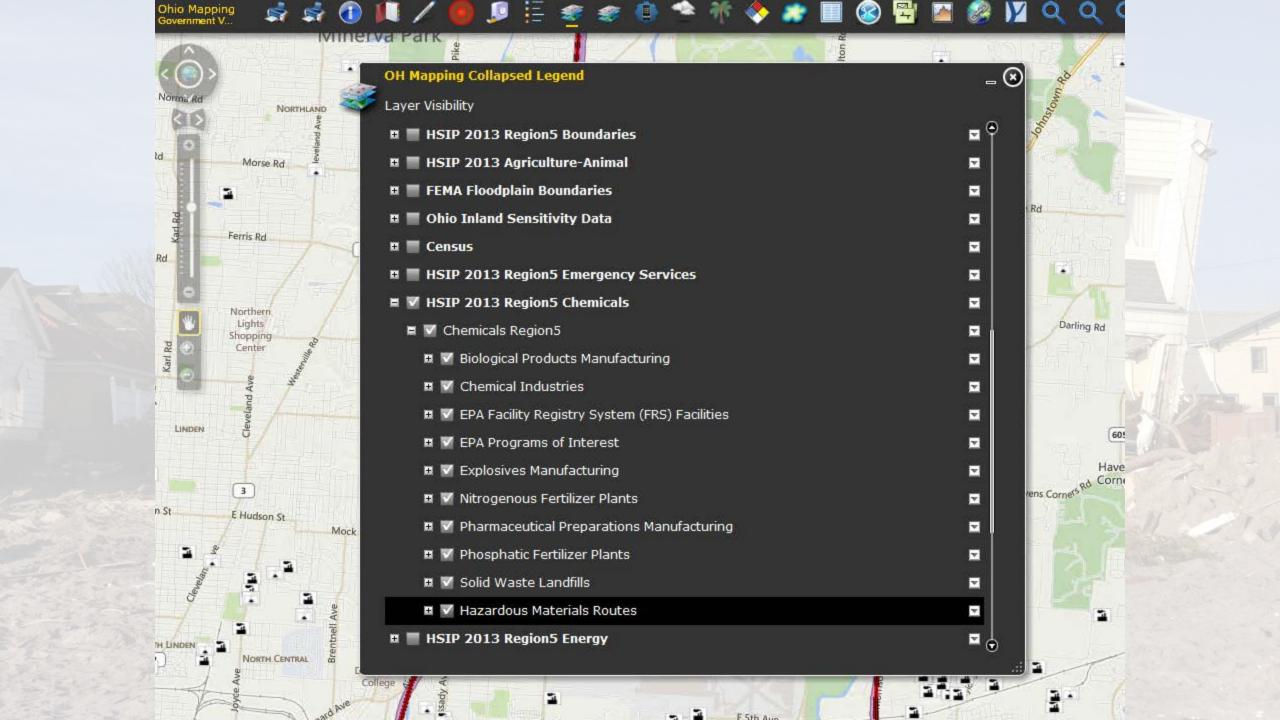
11.5.3.2 Precipitation



As a consequence of the temperature dependence of the saturation vapour pressure in the atmosphere, the projected warming is expected to be accompanied by an increase in atmospheric moisture flux and its convergence/divergence intensity. This results in a general increase in precipitation over most of the continent except the most south-westerly part (Figure 11.12). The ensemble mean of MMD models projects an increase in annual mean precipitation in the north reaching +20%, which is twice the inter-model spread, so likely significant; the projected increase reaches as much as +30% in winter. Because the increased saturation vapour pressure can also yield greater evaporation, projected increases in annual precipitation are partially offset by increases in evaporation; regions in central North America may experience net surface drying as a result (see Supplementary Material Figure S11.1). See Table 11.1 and Supplementary Table S11.2 for more regional and seasonal details, noting that regional averaging hides important north-south differences.



http://www.ipcc.ch/publications_and_data/ar4/wg1/en/ch11s11-5-3-2.html



Section 7 – Next Step Ideas

- Review after action reports from flood and hurricane responses if available
- Mapping:
 - intersect high priority layers with floodplain layers to identify facilities at high flood risk
- Define high priority geographic focus areas
- Brainstorm regarding:
 - actions to take in advance of floods
 - waste staging areas
 - additional staff, training, equipment and communications channels needed
 - remediation technique changes that may be needed
 - Outreach materials needed