

Regional Response Team V Strategic Plan

The Regional Response Team (RRT) is co-chaired by the USCG Ninth District and EPA Region V. Their purpose is to provide regional planning and coordination of preparedness and response actions. In the case of discharged oil and/or hazardous materials, the chair for the RRT is the member of the agency providing the On Scene Coordinator (OSC). Preparedness activities shall be carried out in conjunction with Area Committees, State Emergency Response Committees, and Local Emergency Planning Committees as appropriate.

ROLE

Two principle components: Standing Team and Incident Specific Teams

- Standing Team is comprised of designated representatives from each participating federal agency, state governments and local governments. Their jurisdiction corresponds to the standard federal regions. Their role includes communication systems and procedures, planning, coordination, training, evaluation, preparedness and related matters on a region wide basis.
- Incident Specific Teams are formed from the standing team when the RRT is activated for a response. On the Incident Specific teams, participation by the RRT member agencies will relate to the technical nature of the incident and its geographic location. Their role is determined by the operational requirements of the response to a specific discharge. The appropriate level of activation shall be determined by the designated RRT chair for the incident, based on the Regional Contingency Plan (RCP). They support the designated OSC. The OSC manages federal response efforts and coordinates all other efforts at the scene of a discharge.

VISION

Provide effective regional planning and coordination of preparedness activities through the designated representatives from each local, state and Federal governments within RRT Vis area of responsibility. This includes the integrated efforts of the local, state and federal resources to ensure proper guidance is given to the Federal On Scene Coordinators (FOSCis) during response actions to ensure consistency of area contingency plans (ACPIs) with Regional and National Contingency Plans (RCPis and NCPis).

MISSION

To be successful in our mission we need to serve in the capacity outlined in the NCP and use our operational and administrative abilities to provide value to our customers.

1. Think Regionally: Provide information to local, state and federal agencies regarding RRT Vis role in providing a regional perspective to planning, preparedness and response actions.
2. Act Locally: Provide effective guidance to the on scene coordinator during response actions and provide guidance to area committees in the local planning process. The RRT and OSC are mechanisms for the local authorities to access Federal resources and expertise. Work Together to build trust: Encourage all federal, state, provincial, local and private partnerships.

STRATEGIC GOALS

- **Technical Support:** the protection of fresh water natural resources through planning and technical support during response actions. This is to include fresh water and land resources.
- **Outreach:** make the response community aware of the value of the RRT and the services provided by the team.
- **International Relations:** support of international policies and activities and bi-national requisites to create response guidance beneficial to both Canada and the U.S.
- **Technological Innovation:** promote research of science and technology to enhance the response community's ability to respond to petroleum and chemical spills. Provide the response community with accurate, timely guidance in the use of alternate technologies.
- **Training and Exercises:** identify and provide training and exercise information on training and sources of training.
- **Communications:** ensure lines of communications remain open prior to and during response to support decision-making process.
- **Plan Integration:** Integrate RRT V operational plans with the plans of other federal agencies.

Work Plan for 1999

OBJECTIVES - Objectives are items which are to be completed in one year. The following is an initial proposed list.

I. Technical Support: The protection of fresh water natural resource through planning and technical support during response actions.

- ✓ Federal Regulation Impact: Review proposed Federal regulations which may impact RRT activities

Who: Shiela Calovich (USEPA), ^{T.J.} LT Goldhammer (USCG)
When: NLT 9/30/99

- ✓ Prepare RRT strategic work plan

Who: RRT
When: NLT 11/01/98 Revisit: 10/99

- ✓ RDA Integration: Integrate response with the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA); plan NRDA/state exercise

Who: Rick Karl (USEPA); Support: Mike Chezik (DOI: 215-597-5378), Jim O'Brien (IL EPA), Mark Schultz (DOD), Steve Lee (MN PC) and Ann Whelan (USEPA)
When: NLT 10/01/99
Step I: Integrate Plan
Step II: Exercise - 9/2000
- meeting aside

- ✓ Sensitive Area Mapping: Completion of Area Contingency Plan sensitive area mapping

Who: Ann Whelan (USEPA)
When: NLT 10/01/99 *on going*

II. Outreach: Make the response community aware of the value of the RRT and the services that are provided by the team.

- ✓ RRT Internet Home Page: Include on Home Page information regarding case studies based on response actions/successes

Who: PO Motyka (USCG)
When: NLT 12/01/98
Step I: Create Page
Step II: Update weekly

*Bob + I
the guy from
Seabreeze
OLC - maintenance
someone else's work
State*

- Resource list and check list: Include information regarding hazardous materials and sources of them that could be an issue in disasters: First focus on State and local response agencies highlighting common problems they encounter. Second, focus on business and residents giving them helpful hints on what they need to do. Guidance will be included on clean drinking water.

Who: Thor Strong (MI DEQ), Bonnie Fighter (MI EMA) will take the lead; Rick Karl (USEPA) will give info which has been developed due to the Ohio floods
When: 9/30/99

- Customer Survey: Survey customers (area committees, Federal On-Scene Coordinators (FOSCis, etc.) to help in the development of the RRT V Strategic Plan which addresses the needs of our customers. Develop brochure based on the survey input

Who: Ginny Narsette (USEPA) and Jim O'Brien (IL EPA)

When: NLT 11/01/98

- RRT Brochure: Create brochures regarding what we do

Who: Ginny Narsette (USEPA), PO Motyka (USCG) - *Shirley Calovich -*

When: ~~01/99~~ 4/2000 *Pam Bob Walker*

- RRT Awards: Review and forward awards for local planners (req nominations in April; receive nominations in July; Award in Sept) *LEPC*

Who: Lead = Cheryl McIntyre (USEPA); Ann Wheelan (USEPA) and ~~Shirley Calovich~~ (USEPA) to work on language for a new area planning category

When: Apr: request nominations

July: receive nominations

Sept: provide awards

LEPC area previously area committees inland coastal award

- Case Studies: based on response actions/successes.

- International Relations: Coordination of international policies and activities and bi-national requisites to create response guidance beneficial to both Canada and the U.S.

- JRT Meeting: Participate in on Joint Response Team (JRT) meeting; develop strategic plan with them. *JRT*

Who: Region V RRT members

When: 1/99 in Cleveland

- Technological Innovation: Promote research of science and technology to enhance the response community's ability to respond to petroleum and chemical spills. Provide the response community with accurate, timely guidance in the use of alternate technologies.

- Technological Advances: Review sources of technology

Who: RRT

When: Ongoing

assign to NOAA & Coast Guard

- Expert List: Create a list of experts on certain chemicals for speakers at meetings/preparedness. As information is found, forward to co-chairs to be forwarded to the RRT members. Put list of experts and case studies on home page with an index.

Who: All members seek experts. Co-chairs receive info USCG D9(m) disperse info on web page

When: NLT 3/99 have initial page developed, and continue to build

- Training and exercises: Identify and provide training and exercises, information on availability and sources of training.

- Exercise Evaluators: Assemble and train a team of evaluators for exercises. FEMA already has a course, but perhaps a course will be developed in the future that is exercise specific. No volunteers at this time.

- Tabletop Exercise: Have a tabletop exercise at a RRT meeting having each Federal agency rep play their role. Involve 2-3 states with other states playing other roles. - *idea*
Who: RRT
When: Conduct exercise at 6/99 RRT mtg, evaluate at 9/99 RRT mtg *- PDR exercise in Sept.*
- Training Information: Provide information on the RRT V web page regarding training and exercise opportunities
Who: All RRT members seek info and pass to D9(m)
When: Training homepage NLT 9/99, update as info is received
- Communications: Ensure lines of communication remain open prior to and during response to support the decision-making process.
- RRT V Meetings: continue to hold 3/year Committee members: meet prior to meeting and update RRT Itinerary: 1-2 case studies each meeting, including state run responses
Who: Sheila Calovich (USEPA): seek out individuals to present studies When: 1 month prior to meeting *U.S. CG - chair the mtg - not the team*
- Web page: ensure that information is posted in timely fashion and that it provides value to our customers
Who: PO Motyka (USCG)
When: RRT meeting after development of web page: get input from the team regarding quality of product and areas for improvement. Develop work plan to maintain the ACP and RCP
- Plan Integration: Integrate RRT V operational plans with the plans of other federal agencies. Include in the integration the FBI and Nuclear Regulatory personnel

To Be Developed:
Counter Terrorism
Natural Disaster
State agencies
National Guard Hazmat Team

ESF-10
ask
contractor

C.T. plans
in development

~~Environmental Crimes~~

- Enviro Crimes - agenda for meeting
DOJ - FWS

Co-Chairs - attempt
that the RRT
will make for
participation

TIMELINE:

11/01/98:

Prepare RRT Strategic Work Plan
Who: RRT

Customer Survey
Who: Ginny Narsette (USEPA), Jim O'Brien (ILEPA)

12/01/98:

RRT Internet Home Page
Who: PO Motyka (USCG)

01/01/99:

RRT Brochure
Who: Ginny Narsette (USEPA), PO Motyka (USCG)

RRT V Meeting Case Studies
Who: Forward to Sheila Calovich (USEPA) one month prior to RRT meeting

JRT Meeting:
Who: RRT V Members in Cleveland

03/01/99:

Expert List
Who: All members provide names/info to PO Motyka (USCG)

04/01/99:

RRT Awards
Who: Nominations to Cheryl McIntyre (USEPA), assisted by Anne Wheelan and Sheila Calovich

05/01/99:

RRT V Meeting Case Studies
Who: Forward to Sheila Calovich (USEPA) one month prior to RRT meeting

06/01/99:

Tabletop Exercise
Who: RRT develop, involving 2-3 states

08/01/99:

RRT V Meeting Case Studies

Who: Forward to Sheila Calovich (USEPA) one month prior to RRT meeting

09/01/99:

Training Information web page

Who: All RRT members pass to PO Motyka (USCG)

10/01/99:

Resource List and Check List

Who: Thor Strong (MI DEQ) and Bonnie Fighter (MI EMA)

NRDA Integration

Who: Rick Karl (USEPA), assisted by Mike Chezick, Jim O'Brien, Mark Schultz, Steve Lee and Ann Whelan

Sensitive Area Mapping

Who: Ann Whelan (USEPA)

Federal Regulation Impact

Who: Sheila Calovich (USEPA), Lynn Goldhammer (USCG)