

Region 5 Regional Response Team Meeting

Fall 2013 Meeting-Cleveland, Ohio
November 5-6, 2013

RRT5 Business

- RCP/ACP updates-new website has been developed. More discussion tomorrow.
 - Due to contracting difficulties and shut-down, new RCP/ACP delayed.
 - New website-jurisdictional viewer is up.
 - Additional comments to plan in 4-6 weeks.
- Incident specific RRT call-use of sheen boom in NW IN.
 - Current policy for solidifiers is that it needs to be pulled up after 1 week.
 - This boom was left in 3x's longer. Pulled it up and dissected. Outer solidified but core of unused
 - Arco-BP going to talk to manufacturer of sheen boom.
 - Stayed in too long so maybe engineer new thickness of boom.
 - Use of Incident specific checklist.
 - Kept all written approvals for the form.
 - There was a conference call where everyone gave a verbal ok. Come up with a smoother process to document.
 - If a chemical process, are we filling in two checklists?

State and Federal Roundtable Reports

Michigan

- Reviewing pollution emergency alert system process.
- Revised MDEW ER response policy.

Ohio

- Inadvertant returns. Horizontal drilling process. Drillers are being proactive-have vac truck on site-wait and see mode.
- 20-30 gallons usually released.
- Software to replace legacy software for spill tracking. IT procurement process.
- Looking to join in with state police and dnr management software. Environmental piece is not built out-used for fire and police response.
- OH SOSCs are going out on more spills.

NOAA

- Software developing for modeling for oil and ice (loose packed and under the ice) and oil in debris fields. CAMEO-new release was supposed to be in Jan but expect it to be delayed.
- 3 additional SSCs hired. 2 in Gulf, 1 in Alaska.
- Shutdown/sequestration-difficult to budget for training and travel since don't know when

DOT-PHMSA

- Study done in diluted bitumen. Available on website. What effects of products on pipelines. Done by PHMSA-National Academy www.phmsa.dot.gov, link to the study.
- Report concluded that dilbit doesn't require new rules. No difference in internal corrosion. No increase of product causing a release.
- Website Crudemonitor.ca. Call Canadian streams is sampled and info posted on website.
- Ohio gathering lines-Ohio has taken jurisdiction of the gathering lines, public utility commission PUCO

Sector Ohio Valley

- Participate in RRT 5. Covers S IL, IN, OH. All Ohio River basin and 200 miles of Mississippi River.
- Ohio EPA assisted in a response with USCG sector Ohio River
- Regulations.gov search 0915 CG docket #. Shipping of frack water in bulk via barge. Proposed policy letter. 30 day comment period. CG position is neutral.
- Attention from environmentalists. Does shipper need to submit?
- Spill is not covered under OPA.
- USCG is not issuing permits yet-still in comment period.
- Inspections will be done.
- Facility in Wheeling and Ohio willing to take it. Green Hunter is company pushing for regulations.
- There are still single skin barges on Ohio River.

OSHA

- Global harmonization system. Dec 1
- Powerpoint presentation available. Find at www.osha.gov. click on H for hazcom or g for global harmonization system.

USFWS

- No reports

USEPA

- Budgetary-due to budget, cannot pay for states to come to meetings.
- Sub-Area-meetings had to be cancelled because of budgets.
- 4 OSCs lost, 1 OSC leaving end of the year. EPA has not been able to hire new OSCs.
- Oil Spill cleanups-Enbridge-clean up not done. Submerged oil cleanup still going on-needs to be dredged. Need to find a place to store the material. Transition clean up to the state will start soon. Biggest inland spill, most costly (\$1 billion)
- Portage Creek-funding found to expedite the cleanup.
- RRT website-hoping to go live with the website.
- Maps for Wisconsin are done.

USCG 9th district

- Great Lakes plan combined with GRPs.
- ESA consults sent to USFWS.
- VOSS that was kept in Detroit-Great Lakes VOSS is going away. 2 skimmers on vessels. VOSS could get brought to deploy on by Atlantic Strike Team.
- First aid trailers-where there is commercial capabilities-get rid of them. Outside populous areas. Shifting the trailers to different locations.
- Exercise of first aid trailers-with tribes.
- Uptick in spills FY 10, 11, 12. Uptick in FY13 as well.

MSU Cleveland

- Rocky River Reservation spill (Not tribal land).
- Jurisdictional issue-different boundaries. USEPA opened fund and took lead on removal.

MSU Toledo

- Sent CG to Enbridge to get training.
- PREP exercise with Norfolk Southern. Running 1 (up to 5) 100 car trains with oil.
- Full scale PREP in Western Lake Erie next year.

Sector Detroit

- Saginaw all hazards meeting tomorrow.
- Detroit subarea meeting was scheduled during shut down.

Sector Sault Ste Marie

- 2 of 3 FOSCr's rotating out next year.
- Potential to replace 1.
- Natural gas company may be moving in to the AOR into De Tour, Michigan

MSU Chicago

- Red dye diesel discharge. Initial response was 25 gallons. Next morning company realized it was 1500 gallons.
- Biodiesel-starting to ship thru the Chicago AOR.

Sector Lake Michigan

- Western Lake Michigan-worked with EPA, MDNR, MDEQ-6 different ports to sample. Track down the potential sources of spring run-off. Sewage run off from Manistee area.

MSU Duluth

- Exercise presentation tomorrow.
- Meeting will be rescheduled.

EPA OSC report out

- EPA Westlake office has renovated office with meeting space available
- On-Scene Coordinator training dates for state and feds OSCS for State of Ohio
- NE Ohio-already discussed
- SE Ohio area planning-put together a GRP with booming strategies (OSC Joe Fredle)
- Horicon Marsh-GRP done, 1st tabletop this week. Spring full scale exercise (OSC Kathy Halbur)
- Upper Mississippi River-response strategies and GRPs done for pool 10. Starting on pool 19 in December.

Department of Interior (done via conference call on Day 2)

- Paper for International Oil Spill Conference on c compliance submitted.
- Put together the world of compliance Section 7, 106, Central Fish habitats, tribal, other areas.
- DOI can do a presentation at next mtg
- Non-traditional response projects coming of the DWH. Presentation at next mtg.

Marathon IMT Exercise, Canton, Ohio.

- Thanks from Ohio EPA- 4 reps were sent to participate in the training. Good feedback from all attendees from Ohio EPA.
- IMT members are all volunteers-All have different jobs and IMT participation is collateral duty.
- Volunteers in finance and security come from those jobs. Planning are engineers. Operations are usually supervisors. Certain job types are targeted for specific IMT jobs.
- Training is done in house.
- What inspired paper iap? People were relying on electronic tools to create the IAPs. Players were told in advance.

Subcommittee Report Outs

Science and Technology Committee.

- Finalize the Oil Treatment Products CCM factsheet after incorporating comments made at the meeting. CCM Fact Sheet approved after the minor changes are complete.
- Vote by RRT is approved.
- Will set up call to discuss Clean-up Matrix and In Situ Burning Policy. Schedule in the next month.

Planning Committee

- RCP/ACP and website getting separated.
- RRT website will be moved to RRT5.org. Passwords will be provided to give access to the flexviewers.
- RCP/ACP will be rewritten. Strawman will be put up and reorganized.
- People will still have ability to print it out as a paper copy.
- Tools-ambition to fix what are already there and will create additional tools as needed.
- Plan will get signed off each meeting by the RRT Co-Chairs.

- Rewrite a letter of promulgation for signature by Co-Chairs

Training Committee

- Development of wildlife branch training ICS. Will keep RRT updated on progress.
- Globally harmonized system-RRT OSHA rep, Akin Larkin will handle the technical questions. Dec 1, 2013, everyone should be trained on elements the new training.

USCG Led PREP, Superior, Wisconsin.

- How did they integrate intelligence branch? Intelligence officer there. Issues because of joint command post. What could be released? If you didn't bring your technology in, you didn't have it.
- Combine Area Committee and AMSEC committee? Did not work in Duluth. Became too security based and environmental people stopped coming. Houghton has a joint committee-smaller area, geographically not feasible to have two meetings.
- NRDA under Liaison-worked hand in hand with environmental unit.

NRC Contractor Presentation-Deborah Wick

- Does NRCC have consultants? Yes-chemists are available and called on if they are needed.
- NRC started because of OPA 90.
- NRC also has an outside network of contractors if specialists are needed as well.
- Offshore/onshore operations available.
- How was company involved with salvage? Salvage companies need to list equipment they have available. NRC is not a salvage operator or have fire fighting capabilities. NRC has close relationship with salvage operators/fire fighting companies and will work side by side with them.
- Response Resource inventory-NRC has robust program. All their equipment is listed in the system. Temporary storage is an issue in Great Lakes Region. NRC has contracts with major barge companies (Blue and brown water barge companies). NRC has contractual arrangement with barge co to use their equipment for storage as well as land based storage
- Industrial services include tank cleaning services.
- Recovery of sunken oil-depends on the oil and viscosity. They have responded to a spill into a river on East Coast.

North Dakota Pipeline spill

- Happened during shut down.
- Large spill onto a farm field.
- EPA notified, EPA did not respond.
- FWPA/CWA-no authority to respond to spills unless it impacts surface water.
- The farther west in US you go, the harder it is to get to surface water. If gets into groundwater, then it has to continue migration to get to surface water.
- Spill ended up in farm field. North Dakota does not have stand along environmental agency.

- PHMSA did have people out there doing accident investigation of the spill.

Toledo Flex Viewer

- Need internet connectivity to use.
- Flexviewer has links to habitat fact sheets. Give more information to the user.
- Information is verified with companies that provide. CITGO response strategies are included at the end of the sheets.
- NOMAD-Northern Ohio Mutual Aid
- Group is still getting feedback from companies and other local/state agencies.
- FRP facilities all have planning distances. Their contractors can work on strategies for these facilities.
- For contractors to update the data, forms are on the help side. Word templates can be updated with the information. A lot of pull down information is from a drop down menu
- New layer on the flexviewer includes the emergency contact, EHS chemicals, Non EHS and schools in proximity.
- Are other states doing this? Hope that other states will move forward with this.
- If strategies are already set up, data can get uploaded

Bristolville, Ohio In-Situ Burn Case Study

- Presentation will be on the website for review

Environmental Management Specialist, Inc.

- Presentation

Wrap up

- Next meeting-In April or May. Will send email about availability.
- Next location-Minnesota or a different central location (Chicago area or western Michigan.)