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To: Members of RRT Region 5 and JRT

Subj: Region 5 RRT Meeting and JRT Meeting - January 23, 1997

The Region 5 Regional Response Team Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 23, 1997, at the Holiday Inn North Campus in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The RRT meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m. The Joint Response Team meeting will be held the same day, beginning at 2:30 p.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. An agenda is enclosed.

We have set aside a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn under the heading "U.S. Coast Guard/RRT Region 5 Meeting." Reservations must be made by January 14, 1997 to receive the government rate of \$65.00. The number for the Holiday Inn is (313) 769-9800.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (216) 522-4583.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rhae A. Giacomina".

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REGION 5 REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM MEETING
U.S./CANADA JOINT RESPONSE TEAM MEETING

JANUARY 23, 1997

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

AGENDA

Thursday - January 23, 1997

8:30 a.m. Welcome & Introductions

 Notification Drill - LCDR Bill Sites, NOAA

9:30 a.m. COREXIT 9580 - LCDR Bill Sites, NOAA

10:00 a.m. Guidelines on use of chemicals and burning on the
 Mississippi River - LCDR Bill Sites, NOAA

10:30 a.m. FEMA/U.S. EPA Memorandum of Understanding - Terry
 Fell, FEMA

11:00 a.m. Case Study: NOAA Research Vessel, R/V Halcyon -
 Dr. David Reid and LCDR Bill Sites, NOAA

11:30 a.m. Workgroup Reports

 LUNCH

1:30 p.m. State & Federal Agency Round Table

2:30 p.m. **JOINT RESPONSE TEAM MEETING**

 ♦ Joint Planning Team Discussion

 ♦ CANUSLAK Exercise

 ♦ Other Issues

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

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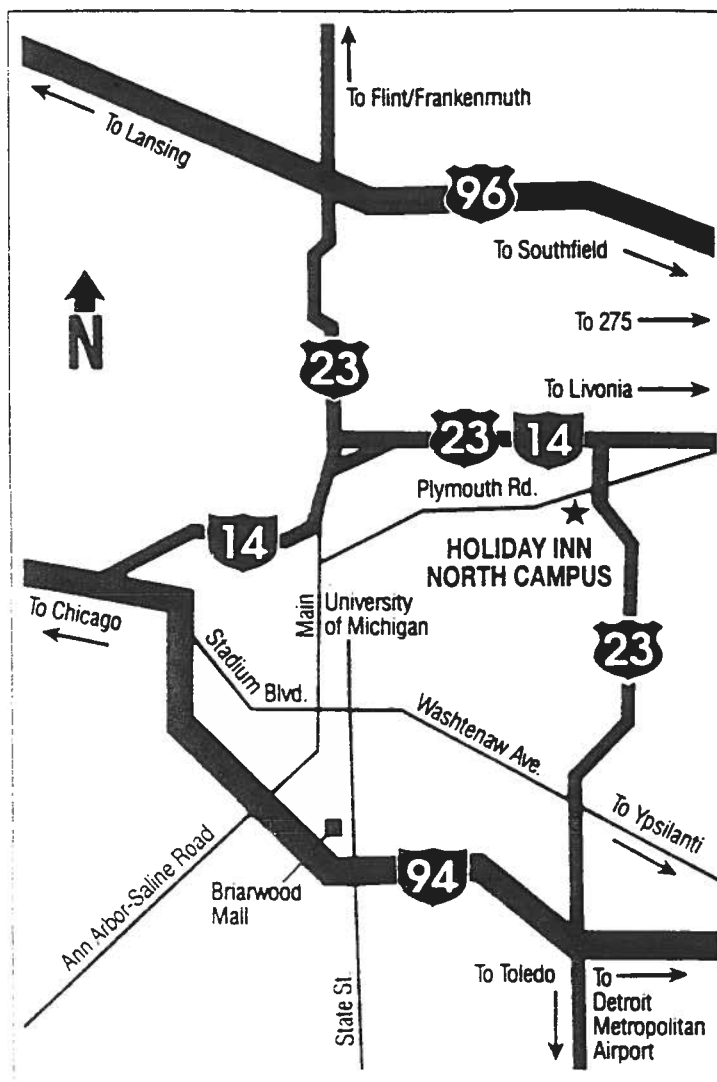
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RRT MEETING 22 JANUARY 1997

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

Following discussions of potential improvements in RRT operations. The following general conclusions were reached:

1. Meetings generally should be 1½ days.
2. Meetings generally will be in Cleveland or Chicago with less emphasis on State Capitals.
3. The steering committee will set agenda.
4. Notes will be made of the meeting and retained by a Co-chair organization, along with agendas and attachments.

S. Lee of Minnesota volunteered to take notes of the rest of the meeting.

Coast Guard reported that a tank barge with 1,050,000 gallons of oil going from Toledo to Cleveland and cable broke and lost control in Canadian waters. Currently stopped and assessing.

S. U.S. and Canadian ice breakers enroute. No spill at current time.

Ohio - Tim Hickin

State HAZMAT exercise scheduled for May 20th.

State MOU (internal) on HAZMAT being revised

Ohio EPA moving offices

Ohio Right to Know info updated and available included adjusted RQ's.

21st Annual Ohio Spill Conference September 22-24 in Toledo. Preliminary notes on conference topics passed out.

Rules for Cessation of Regulated Operation law are in effect. When facility closed it has to notify and remove chemicals - See Ken Schultz for info.

Successful Claim made under OPA, easy and successful

Michigan - Paul Blakesly

In process of "reinvention". Art Nash is doing review of DEQ.

Mitch Adelman is working with other Michigan agencies to see if the state requirements can get added into the Federal one plan outline

Indiana - Dave Crose

Chuck Phipps replaced Craig Schroer as RRT Representative

RRT III meeting in Boston April 10-11

River gambling boats need to have a State Contingency Plan before operating

Illinois - Absent

Wisconsin - Robin

Wisconsin reorganization now in year two

RRT membership will be reviewed

New Spill reporting law coming into effect. It has some deminimus and RQ

State Contingency Plan being prepared. Plan to be done by June 1. Several

Minnesota - S. Lee

An OPA reimbursement request was successfully made.

A meeting of Federal & State responders held in St. Paul. Included EPA, CG, FEMA, FWS, 6 state agencies.

The "Twin City" sub-area convened a chemical countermeasures subcommittee for considering pre-approvals.

A tug fire in Hastings had good unified response by locals, state, RP, Feds. 47,000 gallon fuel potential lost from danger of sinking. Successful containment.

DOI - Don Henne

Budget now approved, so DOI more able to participate.

Draft fact sheet on NRDA prepared for the outreach committee.

Working with Coast Guard, states, FWS on Duluth PREP will include NRDA work.

In Situ burn symposium scheduled for April in Boston

Philadelphia area and Region III RRT got section 7 clearance for chemical countermeasures in the area.

NOAA - Bill Sites

API volunteering a workshop on chemical countermeasures.

Discussion - Bill will get more info.

EPA - Don Bruce

EPA moving more to satellite offices: Gross Isle; Westlake, Ohio; Cincinnati. More of these will be developed, e.g. southern Illinois.

Sheila Calovich moving from Title III to ER program.

Barbara Carr offering SPCC workshops to regulated community. 2 per state.

MTBE discussion. It is additive to gasoline. EPA discussing implications of this for OPA and CERCLA jurisdictions.

Twin Cities Atlas is completed and distributed, also on the internet. Maps for eastern Wisconsin counties, Detroit, Mississippi River down to Chicago should be on line in about a month.

Coast Guard

Laurie Perry's billet still not filled

Marine Community Day - Next Wednesday - focus is on the Seaways in light of the merger of the two Seaway systems.

Co-Chairs meeting in Denver coming up.

PREP Drill

Duluth/Superior (Western Lake Superior Area) - end of April.

Toledo scheduled for Area exercise, may not happen.

Joint Response Team

JRT called to order at 2:20 PM

John Goodman CCG

Canadian Chapter 36 (ala OPA) comment period. There were 31 objections, now being considered. CCG adopted the ICS, not now adopting Unified Command System because CCG does not want to co-sign RP's action plans. They will be coordinating actions and priorities.

The provinces will not be fully represented in unified decision making with Fed and States.

Mike and Barry and John from CCG Contingency Plan Group

Discussion of changing name to Joint Planning Team to give better idea of function vs. current Joint Response team. It was decided to do so.

CANUSLAK - Canadian lead - Berry Putt

400 participants

To test the RP/Canadian CG roles

To test the St. Lawrence Plan

To assess unified command

Scenario

In St. Lawrence River

72000 bbl. bunker, grounding by Brockville

~30 hours travel time to Cornwall

Canadian exercise program has 14 major topic areas, similar to Prep objectives.

High Points

Communication, environmental sensitivity maps, response

Pre-exercise training in ICS and joint planning

Areas needing improvement

Documentation and common terminology

Communications

Joint Information Center - need cleaner definition of roles and responsibilities, and needs reps from each player in the JPIC

Unified Command - slow to start, worked after a while.

Recommendation

Clarifications of roles

Some delay in initial cross border notifications

Joint training should be improved

The Joint Info Center should be led by a rep of the OSC

During the exercise of RP declared that their limit of liability had been reached, and thus they were going to turn the response over to the CCG under Canadian law. If that had happened, then USCG would likely also have had to take over on the US side also. The RP was persuaded to retain their involvement.

Canadians will continue to assess their own strategies re RPs and Unified Command

Evaluation report being prepared by Bob Lallier and Sue McDonald. The report will also include plans for implementing the joint recommendations. Also it will include lessons learned while designing the exercise.

EPA - Whelan, Christensen, Calovich assisted in evaluating and their help appreciated. OSHA Cynthia Weaver also assisted.

A training matrix was set up using the ICS positions as one axis and the training needed as the other matrix.

The draft Joint Annex to the draft Joint Plan will be sent out by USCG (Lallier) for comment soon.

Captain Daley - One issue needing work is moving equipment back and forth across the border. MSO Detroit has signed agreement for moving equipment across border at Detroit and Sarnia. This effort will continue at the field local level.

During CANUSLAK, equipment had to be moved, was delayed, but a couple calls freed it up.

Regional EM Action Committee having a similar discussion on emergency management equipment.

The agreements require a formal declaration of emergency, then 5 days of free passage opened up.

Membership of Joint Planning Team

Region II & III should be invited, along with NY and Pennsylvania, to the JPT.

Canadian agencies are CCG, Department of National Defense, Emergency Management Canada, Environment Canada, and Ontario

John Goodman

Over past year, Area Plans being worked on - 11 done now, all done by March - where both sides agree to prearrange strategies e.g. for boom placement. These strategies will be utilized with the sensitive area atlases, regardless of national borders.

PREP Exercise in Detroit Area is sent. Mobile Oil will be RP participant - Canadian involvement at the mouth of the Detroit River.

MSO Buffalo tentatively planning spring of 1998 exercise involving both sides of border.

Next JPT meeting date discussed - biggest issue would be discussion of the draft Joint Annex. Major changes

happening on Canadian side regarding the role of CCG vs.
role of spiller company.

Target date is September in conjunction with the CANUSLAK
exercise, or perhaps in conjunction with May RRT meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 3:30 PM

Respectively submitted by S. Lee



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FROM:  Kenneth A. Schultz, CEPP Manager

SUBJECT: Region V RRT - 1/23/97 - Minutes - Ann Arbor

DATE: February 20, 1997

I) Introductions

II) Notification Exercise

- a) The purpose was to see how long it would take to call all contacts listed for approval of oil agents such as Oil Herder or Open Burning.
- b) Done Halloween day during day hours.
- c) Average turnaround time - 41 minutes
- d) Repeat Friday evening 1/17/97 - 15.8 minutes average - except -- see (e)(2)
- e) Problems
 - 1) First time he called Wisconsin he chose Option 2 - this caused a 4 hour delay because it connects you to their EMA HazMat - NOT WDNR (Strange Problem - Brenda, WDNR, doesn't think their people need to know who their RRT rep is - they have delegated authority)
 - 2) Second call down - Minnesota was called twice - no one ever called back.
- f) Recommendation
 - 1) Answerer should know who RRT rep is and how to get them.
 - 2) Recommendation
Set up a conference bridge to exercise decision making. There was agreement that the call down procedure for activating the RRT needs to be exercised. Bob Lallier says this information should be outlined to provide clarification to the RCP.

Action: T. J. Miller will conference with states to develop discussion document for next RRT meeting.

RCP is on the NET - new RCP will be on in 2 - 3 weeks.

III) Shoreline Cleaning Agent - Corexit 9580 - lifts and floats the oil.

Notes:

- a) Chemically Treated Oil was more difficult to pick up.

- b) Applications - spraying - need water to apply.
- c) Method is intrusive.
- d) A small % of oil enters water column even though this is a lift and float product.
- e) Fairly expensive
- f) Least toxic of all chemicals
- g) Test area of plot that was not cleaned was just as clean after one big storm.
- h) May want to limit use to hard surfaces.

IV) Mississippi River - UMBRA

Plan Revision

UMBRA is revising the open burning procedure section of their plan. A committee (big#) are writing up an easy to follow guideline. The plan had 50 pages with a 7 page check list. They focused on the "show stoppers". There were about ten items.

Format

1 page intro/policy

3 page check list - decision tree

- appendices - 34 pages (API/NOAA manual)

This will be presented to the Upper Miss group for approval. Then provided to Region VII for use. They will provide to Region V for consideration/use.

Region V is a "NO" on dispersants in fresh water.

5 decision makers

- 1) FOSC
- 2) DOI
- 3) State OSC
- 4) Local OSC
- 5) State Trustee

V) FEMA/EPA (see handout)

A) FEMA Grants and

- 1) 305(a) (6% reduction) = Ohio gets \$169,200 of 757K
- 2) Tribal 305(a) - \$5,000 = Risk based spread to increase ability to participate in RRT may be used to support exercises.
- 3) CERCLA - \$31K - to improve State RRT participation, Ohio gets 22%.
- 4) Haz mat Enhancement \$516K - LD to support National Response, Ohio gets \$120K.
Terry reported Shipley plans to spend Ohio's HazMat Enhancement grant to upgrading EBS to EAS. Tied to training to locals so that FD's understand new system. 516,141 - 22.5% - \$132K to Ohio
- 5) Anti Terr. - Training \$150K -- Planning \$152K, Ohio gets \$22,900 and \$23,000.

RRT attendance money - can get money from EMA for both OEPA and OEMA to attend meetings. Item 4 is open - no awards yet, no restrictions on equipment purchases.

Anti Terrorism - model ANNEX being developed - Bossert is lead in Ohio

- B) March 18 - 19
SARA Title III Program Managers meeting will look at effectiveness of training - are changes needed? What are recommendations?
 - C) Inter Agency Agreement expired and a new one is being worked on.
- VI) Case History - Dave Reid,
12/2/96 - NOAA Research Vessel sank in Muskegon Harbor. Boom was deployed + 55 gallon drums of oil on deck floated and fuel from vessels tanks vents. Hired MPC who sub contracted Youngs Environment.
*Put up Unified Command Board and assigned tasks to 4 people. Cost for response - \$70,000. The Atlantic Strike Team is coordinating the raising of the vessel.
- VII) Work Group Reports
- A) Cold Weather
 - B) Training and Exercise - I presented the National Curriculum Guidelines Materials, Ohio has extracted.
 - C) Outreach
 - 1) Goal - develop series of fact sheets - Coast Guard funded, printed in one color.
 - 2) Tom Crane - GLC has a proposal to develop an Oil Spill Web Site through GLIN.
 - 3) Tom says they have a Regional Response Team Page, but nothing points to it.

Discussion - Need for RRT Meeting minutes.

I said we should select a recorder at each meeting who will send their minutes to the USEPA or USCG person who will copy and distribute them. Agreed to: 1) Minute takers, and 2) two day meetings.

Cynthia Weaver says there is a fact sheet for response to oil spills that OSHA is putting out. Agreed to link to RRT home page. RRT contact for home page - T.J. or Laura Beire.

*Next RRT - May 14 - 15 or June 2 - 3 - Cleveland - Airport Marriott

VIII) Current Events

Donald C. Hanna Towing Tank Vessel - near Middle Sister Island - cable broke - Brittle Bay - on way out - Ice Breaker.

IX) State Reports

A) Ohio

- 1) Exercise Scheduled May 20.
- 2) MOU Revision.
- 3) OEPA moving.
- 4) CRO
- 5) Spills Conference.
- 6) Home Page.
- 7) Ohio filed a reimbursement claim for OPA Fund.

B) Michigan - Mitch and Paul Blakeslee

- 1) Working on One Plan.
- 2) Reimbursement Claim filed to OPA Fund.

C) Indiana - Dave Crose

- 1) Chuck Pfippo - replaced Craig Shroer at IDEM as their RRT rep.
- 2) Municipalities are now reporting chlorine.
- 3) New EMA director being appointed.
- 4) Indiana requires a Casino Boat Contingency Plan.

D) Wisconsin - Brenda

- 1) Year 2 of reorganization.
- 2) Working on first State Contingency Plan final by 6/1.

E) Minnesota - Steve Lee

- 1) USCG funded 70% of an orphan spill cleanup.
- 2) Fed - State Response meeting was held.
- 3) Addressing use of chemicals with oil; conditions of approval - EPA and Fish and Wildlife helping.
- 4) Tug Boat Fire - burned 30 hours - oily water problem - fire kept restarting.

X) Fed Agencies

A) DOI- Don Henne

- 1) Helping with outreach effort.
- 2) Fact sheet drafts (not approved) for NRDA.
- 3) Working on NRDA segment for exercise.
- 4) Boston - In situ Burning symposium.
- 5) Two section VII approvals for Region III chemical approvals.

B) NOAA - Bill Sikes

API wants to put on a Chemical Countermeasures Workshop for the RRT - Alexis Stein.

C) USEPA

- 1) More satellite offices besides Gross Isle and Westlake - Steve Renninger transferred to Cincinnati. Looking to add one to Southern Illinois.

- 2) Shiela Calovich moving from Title III to ER.
- 3) SPCC Workshops - 2 in each state.
- 4) New Gasoline Additive.
Methyl Tert-Butyl Ether - miscible in water - a well field problem - regulated under TRI. This travels faster than petroleum in ground water. So it can be found first at the leading edge of a plume.
- 5) Atlas for Twin cities now done. Detroit area will be done in about two months.
- D) USCG
 - 1) Marine Community Day - 1/29 in Cleveland at the Marriott. St. Lawrence serving to Duluth is a seaway.
 - 2) International Oil Conference - Ft. Lauderdale, Florida - April 7 - 10.
 - 3) Drills - Detroit, maybe Toledo.
- E) Canadian Coast Guard
New OPA 90 - Chapter 36
Industry takes lead - There were 31 objections - therefore there are no policies under development. One objection was monopoly on clean up. Not adopting "UCS" as drafted - Unified Command System. Looking at new strategies - 10 provinces have adopted modified system.

XI) JRT

- A) Name Change - JRT will now be JPT (Joint Planning Team) - developing Joint Contingency Plan.
- B) CANUSLACK - Canadian Coast Guard; Sarnia
 - 1) Listed participants - about 30.
 - 2) Testing both the Joint Response Plan and Unified Command.
 - 3) Recommendations:
 - a) Improve communications by;
 - b) Earlier cross boarder contacts.
 - c) Include training and exercises in plan.
 - d) Requires Joint Info Center to be led by an OSC staff person.
 - e) Define role of First Nation's Community in the ICS.

Canadian OSC - changed to a guy from the company.

US Side - USCG was OSC

Custom and Immigrations needs a declaration of the need for emergency equipment to be made by the requesting federal OSC.

Canadian Groups Involved
Emergency Preparedness Canada
Dept. Of Defense
Dept. Of Transportation

Ministry of Env.
Canadian Coast Guard

RRT II covers St. Lawrence, Lake Ontario
CRT2 has positions on in situ burning, but not on fresh water

Plan for next exercise - Sept. Scenario - spill in Detroit River (Thursday) Labor Day Week.

Proposed debriefing meeting Wed/Thurs after Spills Conf. -- part of RRT

Next JPT - Annex and report are out - review before next meeting - exploring options - may move May meeting to Port Ops conference.

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