

Spring RRT5 Planning Subcommittee Meeting Summary

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- ▶ ESA Workgroup Update – Jerry Popiel, USCG
 - ▶ What impacts would there be on XYZ (habitat, species, etc.) if 123 tactics used...
 - ▶ Roughly 50% complete with draft report
- ▶ EPA Sub-Area Contingency Plan Updates – Kim Churchill and Matt Mankowski, EPA
- ▶ Idea to add new Tribal page to rrt5.org “Library”
 - ▶ Fact sheets, treaties, policies, guidance, etc.
 - ▶ EPA working to get Tribal layers added to State Specific Mapping Projects
 - ▶ Tribal ER Fact Sheets added to rrt5.org under “RCP/ACP Main” tab.
 - ▶ Select “Command” from the table and then “Tribal Response” to access
- ▶ Importance of mapping and GIS
 - ▶ Sharing GIS layers across agencies/organizations
 - ▶ USGS Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) GIS layers on natural and artificial features
- ▶ Brief on Tribal Outreach/Consultation work in MN – Dave Morrison, EPA
- ▶ Upcoming Area Committee (AC) Meetings – Kim Churchill, EPA
 - ▶ Northern Ohio Southeast Michigan AC, May 13, 2021
 - ▶ Northern Michigan AC, June 10, 2021
- ▶ Open Forum
 - ▶ New tools/dashboards developed after recent hurricanes utilizing remote sensing/satellite data
 - ▶ Keeping the “Library” and “Tools” pages on rrt5.org updated is important

Items of Interest for Future Focus: New Tools?

The screenshot shows the RRT5 website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the following items: RRT HOME, RCP/ACP MAIN, RCP/ACP TOOLS (highlighted in green), SUB-AREAS, INTERACTIVE MAPPING, LIBRARY, INTERNATIONAL, and RRT. Below the navigation bar is a sidebar menu with the following items: Overview, Air Monitoring Evaluation Flowchart, Geographic Response Plans, Habitat Fact Sheets, ICS Forms And References, Species Factsheets, Submerged Oil Tactics, and Vendor Protocol. The main content area is titled "Tools" and features a grid of seven tool cards:

- Air Monitoring Evaluation:** Identify possible hazardous airborne chemicals. Includes a diagram showing various chemical agents and their monitoring methods.
- Geographic Response Plans:** Download Geographic Response Plans for Mississippi River Pools. Includes a map of the Mississippi River basin.
- Habitat Factsheets:** Resources, images, and tactics by habitat. Includes a thumbnail image of a natural habitat.
- ICS Forms and References:** List of resources for Incident. Includes a thumbnail image of hands holding a document.
- National Historic Preservation Act:** Implementation guidance for. Includes a thumbnail image of a document.
- Response Capability:** Overview of the EPA Region 5. Includes a thumbnail image of a collage of various scenes.

Develop new Fact Sheets?

- Hot/Cold Weather Response
- New Species Fact Sheets?
 - Currently only have fact sheets for Beavers, Freshwater Mussels, Frogs and Toads, River Otters, Toxic Plants, and Waterfowl
- New Habitat Fact Sheets?
 - Currently have Beach and Sand Bar, Bogs, Calcareous Ferns, Deep Marsh Annual/Perennial/Shrub, Floodplain Forest, Mudflats, Open Water, Rooted Floating Aquatics, Sedge Meadow, Shallow Marsh Annuals/Perennials/Shrub, Submerged Vegetation, Wet Meadow

Potential Planning Subcommittee Discussion Topics

- ▶ Development of new “focal points” topics on rrt.org “Library” Page Currently have:
 - ▶ Transport of Oil/Flammable Liquids by Rail
 - ▶ Pipelines
 - ▶ Railroads
 - ▶ Flood and Natural Disasters
 - ▶ In Situ Burning
 - ▶ Bakken Oil
 - ▶ Biofuels
 - ▶ Coal Ash
 - ▶ National Historic Preservation
 - ▶ Oiled Wildlife
- ▶ Development of fact sheets and briefing materials that provide a general overview of contingency plans
- ▶ Equipment Caches/Co-ops
- ▶ Shoreline Erosion/Coastal Changes
- ▶ PFAS
- ▶ Identification of high-risk facilities and critical infrastructure
- ▶ Review of data and information from past incidents
 - ▶ Identify trends or problems
- ▶ Identify errors or gaps in current plans
- ▶ Area/Sub-area/State issues
 - ▶ What’s special about Region 5?
 - ▶ Problems?
 - ▶ Conflicts?
 - ▶ Significant Concerns?