# ORSANCO's Role in Source Water Protection, Emergency Response and the Protection of Drinking Water Utilities

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# **Ohio River – Industrialized River**

- >600 permitted discharges
- 1350 combined sewage overflows
- Hundreds of tank farms, pipelines and chemical barges
- 144 industrial intakes
- 33 drinking water intakes
  - Provide drinking water to >5,000,000

# <u>ORSANCO</u>Source <u>Water</u> Protection Program Integration

WATER QUALITY MONITORING & ASSESSMENT

INTER-AGENCY COMMUNICATION

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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# **Organics Detection System**

- Established 1978 after carbon tetrachloride release
- ORSANCO worked with water utilities to develop system to detect volatile organic chemicals
- 7 initial stations developed
- 13 stations by 1985
- 16 active stations today monitor more than 1000 mi. of river
  - >4,500 raw river water samples analyzed in 2013
- Congressionally directed funds appropriated in 2008 to upgrade entire system



# Thermo Gas Chromatograph with Mass Spectrometer Detector (GC/MS)





# New ODS Analyte List

- Methylene Chloride
- 1,1 Dichloroethylene
- 1,1 Dichloroethane
- Chloroform
- 1,1,1 Trichloroethane
- Carbon Tetrachloride
- Benzene
- Trichloroethylene
- 1,2 Dichloropropane
- Dichlorobromomethane
- Toluene
- Tetrachloroethylene
- Dibromochloromethane
- Ethylbenzene
- Chlorobenzene

Styrene (co-elutes with o,p xylenes) Bromoform • 1,3 Dichlorobenzene 1,4 Dichlorobenzene • 1,2 Dichlorobenzene Acrylonitrile 1,2 Dichloroethane trans-1,2 Dichloroethylene cis-1,3 Dichloropropene trans-1,3 Dichloropopene Hexachloro-1,3-butadiene 1,1, 2,2 Tetrachloroethane 1,1,2 Trichloroethane Trichlorofluoromethane Napthalene



### **Elk River Spill Timeline**

- <u>8:15 am, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup></u>, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection officials received air complaints concerning odor around Freedom Industries Storage Tanks
- <u>10:30 am, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup></u>, employees with Freedom Industries discovered coal processing chemical 4-methylcyclohexane methanol (MCHM) has leaked from a steel storage tank into the Elk River, just 1.5 miles upstream of the intake for West Virginia American Water
- <u>12:00 pm, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup></u>, WV DEP personnel arrive on site to investigate
- <u>12:05 pm, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup></u>, Freedom Industries called state hotline to report leak

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# **Affected Counties**











# Freedom Industries Storage Tanks





# Winfield Locks and Dam



# Kanawha River Mile 31 = 29 river miles



#### Winfield – Huntington Comparison KRM 31 ORM 304 = 99 river miles



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### Huntington - Cincinnati ORM 304 ORM 463 = 159 river miles



### Huntington - Cincinnati – Louisville ORM 304 ORM 463 ORM 600 = 296 river miles



# **MCHM Plume Behavior**



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MCHM Dilution and Decay





# **Emergency Response Cooperation**

- WVDEP
- WV American Water
- WV DHHR
- PA AM Water
- KY DOW
- KY Office of DW/ER
- OH EPA
- OH Office of DW/ER
- Cincinnati Water Works

Louisville Water Co.
IDEM DW/ER
Evansville Water
ILEPA/ER
IL American Water
USCG Huntington
USEPA 3, 4, 5
ODS & H2O utilities

# Ohio River Focus Groups

### Four Ohio River Focus Groups

• Upper River

- Regions 3 5
- Together 14 years!

Huntington Area Spill Coordination Group
Newest, one meeting so far, second one scheduled

Cincinnati Area Focus Group
3 years, incident action plan

Great River Spill Response Group

# A Spill of National Significance

ENROLLED

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

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FOR

Senate Bill No. 373

### Passed State Legislature March 8, 2014

AN ACT to amend and reenact §16-1-2 and §16-1-9a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend said code by

## **Senator Manchin**

113TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION



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To protect surface water from contamination by chemical storage facilities, and for other purposes.

### April 3, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee unanimously!

To protect surface water from contamination by chemical storage facilities, and for other purposes.

# **Representative Capito**

#### <sup>113TH CONGRESS</sup> **H. R. 4024**

To protect navigable waters from contamination by chemical storage facilities, and for other purposes.

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#### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 2014 Mrs. CAPITO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

#### A BILL

To protect navigable waters from contamination by chemical storage facilities, and for other purposes.

# What do they do?

- Directs States to establish new oversight and inspection programs aimed at chemical storage facilities.
  - Unfunded

Notification of downstream public water supplies
All chemical inventory information to state agency
Make available to drinking water utilities