

Illinois EPA Overview

TONY FALCONIO, MANAGER OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Mission

To safeguard environmental quality, consistent with the social and economic needs of the State, so as to protect health, welfare, property and the quality of life.

Locations

Headquarters & Laboratory: Springfield

Eight Field Offices: Champaign, Collinsville, Des Plaines, Marion, Rockford, Peoria,

Elgin & Elk Grove





Agency Organization

Director's Office: Director, Deputy Director, Chief of Staff, Legislative Liaison & Public Information Officer

Bureaus: Air, Land & Water (Permitting, Inspections, Compliance, etc.)

Divisions: Legal Counsel, Laboratory, Records Management & Administration (Fiscal, HR, Labor Relations)

Associate Director's Office: Community Relations, Environmental Justice, Environmental Education, Energy, Toxicity Assessment & Emergency Response

History

First Earth Day – April 22, 1970 Illinois Environmental Protection Act established Illinois EPA – July 1, 1970 U.S. EPA established – December 2, 1970

Key Federal Laws

- Clean Air Act 1967
- National Environmental Policy Act 1970
- Clean Water Act 1972
- Safe Drinking Water Act 1974
- Resource Conservation & Recovery Act 1976
- Toxic Substances Control Act 1976
- Superfund (CERCLA) 1980





Federal - State Relationship

- U.S. EPA provides Illinois EPA with funding, guidance & oversight including emergency response (Federal On Scene Coordinator FOSC)
- Illinois EPA has delegated authority from U.S. EPA to implement federal programs
- Performance Partnership Agreement
- U.S. EPA Region 5 includes IL, IN, MI, MN, OH & WI along with 35
 Native American Tribes. R5 office located in Chicago.

Inter-Agency Coordination

Governor's Office – Executive Branch of State Government; implements Governor's environmental policy within state and federal laws.













Inter-Agency Coordination

General Assembly – Makes environmental laws & appropriates annual funding.

Inter-Agency Coordination

State Coordination - Includes constitutional offices and

other executive agencies:

























Inter-Agency Coordination

Federal Coordination –U.S.

EPA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Department of Energy













US Army Corps of Engineers

Associate Director's Office

- Community Relations
- Environmental Justice
- Environmental Education
- Energy
- Toxicity Assessment
- Emergency Response













Office of Emergency Response

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MANAGER OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Office of Emergency Response (OER)

Mission

To protect the health, safety & the environment in responding to emergency incidents involving the release of oil, hazardous materials & other contaminants











Office of Emergency Response (OER)

Priorities

- Communicate with citizens & responsible parties about releases & associated concerns to ensure proper mitigation & cleanup
- Coordinate with federal, state & local partners in planning for & responding to large spills & disasters







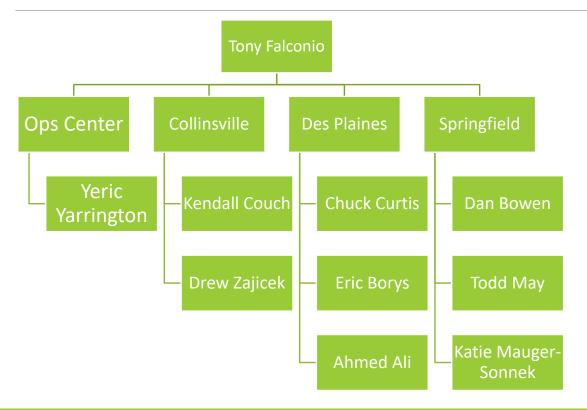






OER Regions

State On Scene Coordinators (SOSCs)









Safety Officer (Future Position)

Safety Mission To protect the Health & Safety of IEPA employees while performing job duties

Priorities

- •Comply with safe work practices per the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Act of 1970 under Title 29 of the CFR
- Provide safety training and Safety Plan reviews across programs
- Administer medical monitoring for staff performing duties with exposure risks
- Perform as ICS Safety Officer









2021 Response Totals

Types of Responses

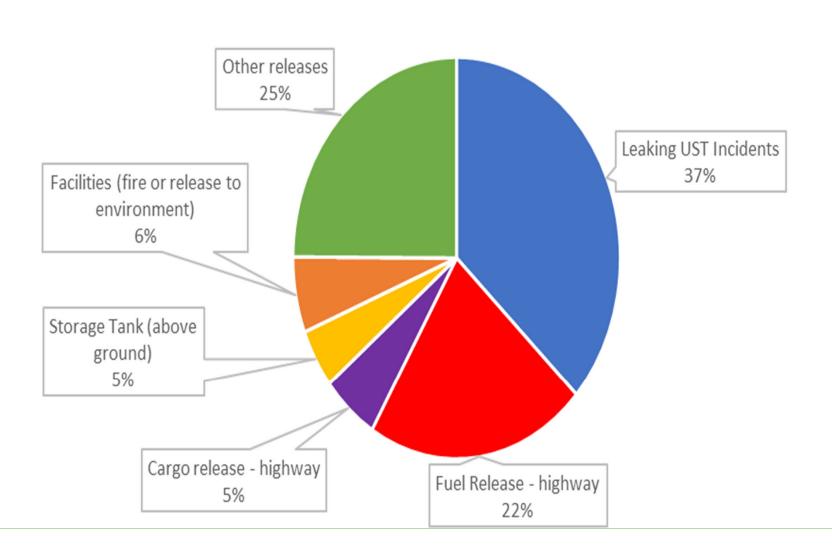
Calls Received

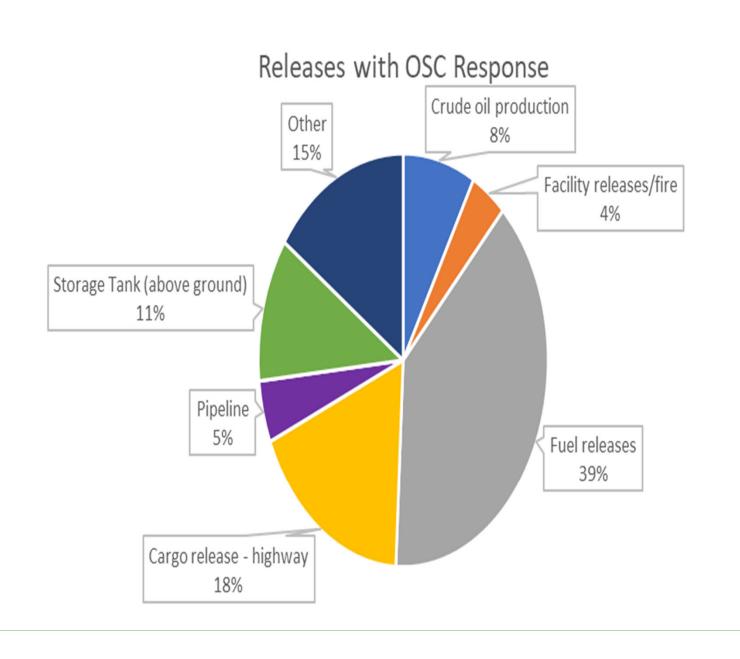
- 1,132 total reports received
 - 418 Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST)
 - 125 In Person Responses
 - Des Plaines 36/700
 - Springfield 51/258
 - ∘ Collinsville 37/172











Deliverables

Knowledge and Expertise in Environmental Emergency Response

- Incident Command System
- 40 Hour HAZWOPER
- Environmental Investigation
- Oil Spill Response







Deliverables

Emergency Response Equipment

- Monitoring Devices
 - 5 Gas Meters
 - Photo-Ionization Detectors
 - Flame-Ionization Detectors
 - Mercury Monitors
 - Handheld RAMAN Spectrometer
- Oil Spill Response
 - Absorbent Pads and Boom
 - Skirted Boom (small applications)
 - Swamp Boom







Training and Public Outreach

- Attend meetings
- Participate in exercises that would involve an EPA response
- Partake in community events such as the State Fair





NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

To report a hazardous materials release or other environmental incident, phone calls must be made by the responsible party to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.



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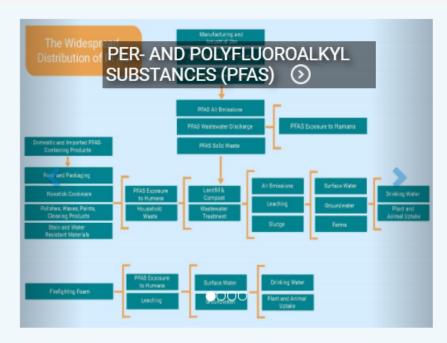


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