

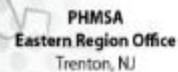
# Federal Report Outs

**RRT5** 





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# Updates

- **Arrival of new USCG D9 district commander, RADM Wayne Arguin; new Sector EGL; new Sector Lake Michigan; new NOAA SSC; vacant D9 RRT coordinator**
- **New USCG Marine Environmental Response and Preparedness manual promulgated**
  - Complete revision of MER Manual & consolidation of 7 policy documents
  - Revised guidance on ACPs, ACs, GIUE
  - USCG “Pollution Responder” now called “Environmental Response Investigator”
- **New USCG R & D product:** Lithium Battery Fire Hazards in Maritime Environment
- **Great Lakes Salvage & Marine Firefighting Task Force:** TF continues to gain members; bi-national-level SMFF TF continues to progress; 27-28 April exercise
- **MSU Cleveland:** M/V CUYAHOGA case short synopsis

<b>Name of Incident</b>	<b>M/V CUYAHOGA Flooding</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Ashtabula, OH</b>
<b>OSCs Responding</b>	<b>Sector Eastern Great Lakes, USCG</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>18MAR25</b>
<b>Type and Amount of Product Spilled</b>	<b>There is a potential to spill over 46,000 gallons of diesel and 450,000 gallons of firefighting water contaminated with a fire fighting agent.</b>
<b>Cause of Spill Flooding</b>	<b>It is believed that a pipe froze during the winter, breaking a valve, and as the weather and water warmed up, it allowed water to enter through the raw water cooling system.</b>
<b>Key Operational Activities</b>	<b>Remove the water from the recent flooding and remove the firefighting water that was transferred to the ballast tanks last year to stabilize the vessel.</b>
<b>Agencies Involved</b>	<b>USCG, Ohio EPA, and Ships Flag, Classification Society, and Company</b>
<b>Major Lessons Learned</b>	<b>Last year's plan for transferring water into the ballast tanks aimed at stabilizing the vessel and facilitating safe access for the investigation team, insurance adjusters, and company personnel to assess the damage. The goal was to determine the extent of the damage and develop a plan for the vessel's future. However, that plan was never fully implemented, leaving the boat idle. The new plan, however, includes a definitive endgame for the vessel. Keep water tight doors closed.</b>











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# Personnel Changes

## New Hires/Transfers

- Ethan Cooperstein, OSC Cincinnati, OH
- Samantha Henderson, OSC Indianapolis, IN
- Ashley De La Rosa, OSC Chicago, IL
- Shanna Horvatin, Industrial Hygienist Chicago, IL
- Paul Ruesch, transfer from OSC to RPM Willowbrook, IL

## Promotions/Job Changes/Retirements

- Len Zintak, OSC retired
- Kevin Turner, OSC retired
- Michelle Kerr, East Palestine Project Coordinator (long term detail)
- Ralph Dollhopf, OSC retiring 4/30/25

# Superfund & Emergency Management Division

03/15/25

## Division Director/Immediate Office

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# Overview

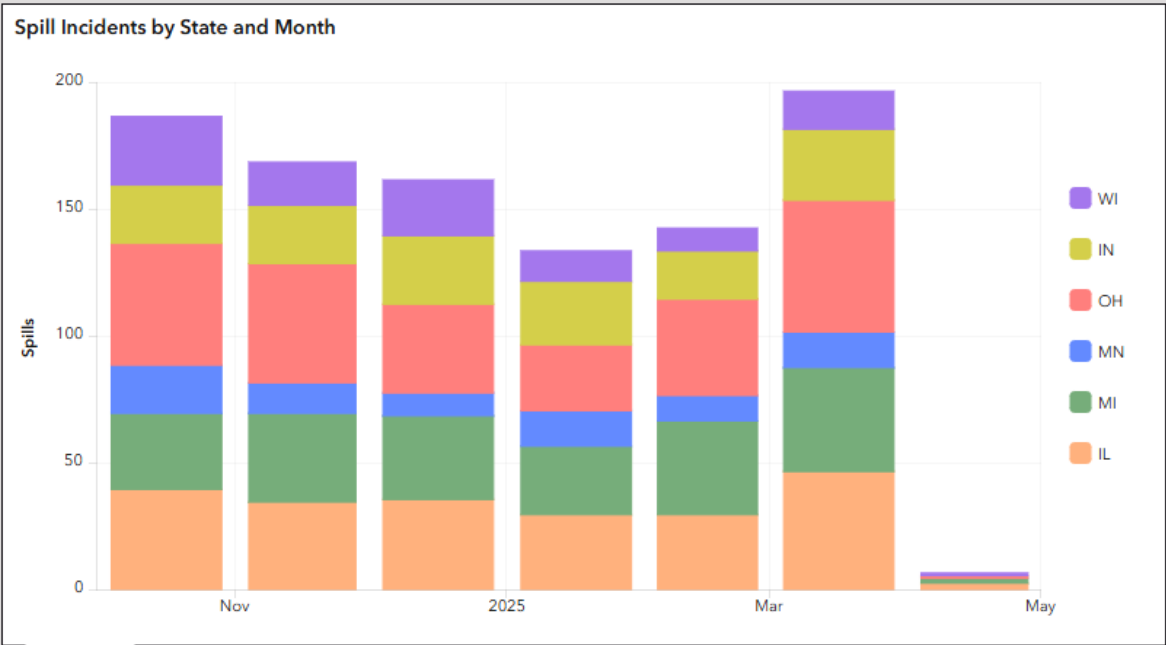
- Key cleanup/emergencies updates
- Region 9 LA Wildfire Support
- Mercury Response
- FRPs (as of 4/1/2025)
  - 29 FRPs reviewed, 8 approved, 21 disapproved
  - 47 five year reviews, 24 approved
  - 2 OfCMs, 5 GUIEs, 4 FRP inspections.
- SPCC: 10 inspections (as of 4/1/2025)



# Laws/Regulations/Policies

- Nothing specific to report
- Areas of interest
  - Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS)
  - Lead contamination sites
  - PFAS/PFOA – emerging issues

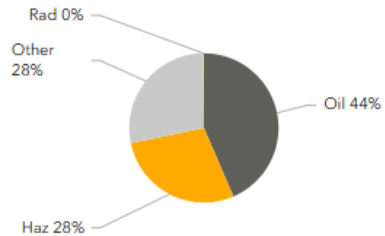
# NRC Call Stats (10/1/2024-4/2/2025)



Month

Day

Spill Incidents By Material



Regional Spot Reports

None to Display

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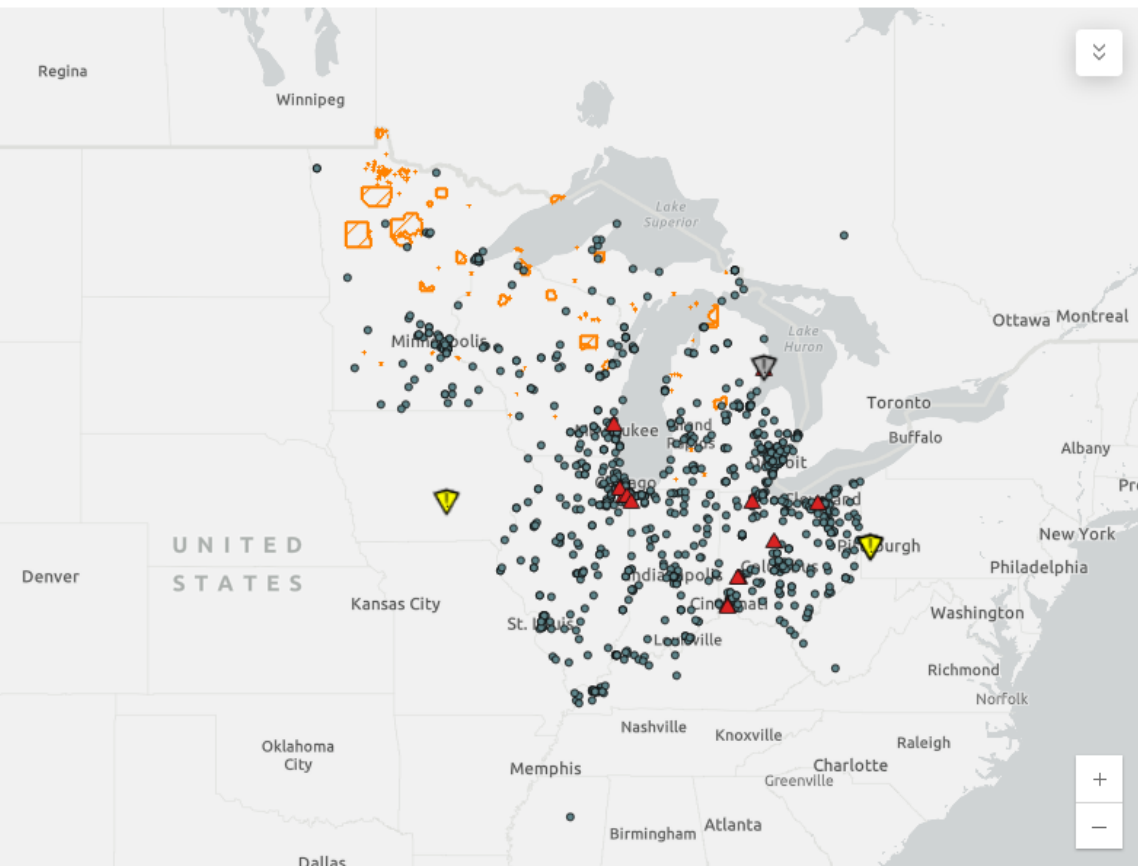
Number of NRC Reports

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OSC Responded

13

Spill Locations - Legend available at top-right corner of map



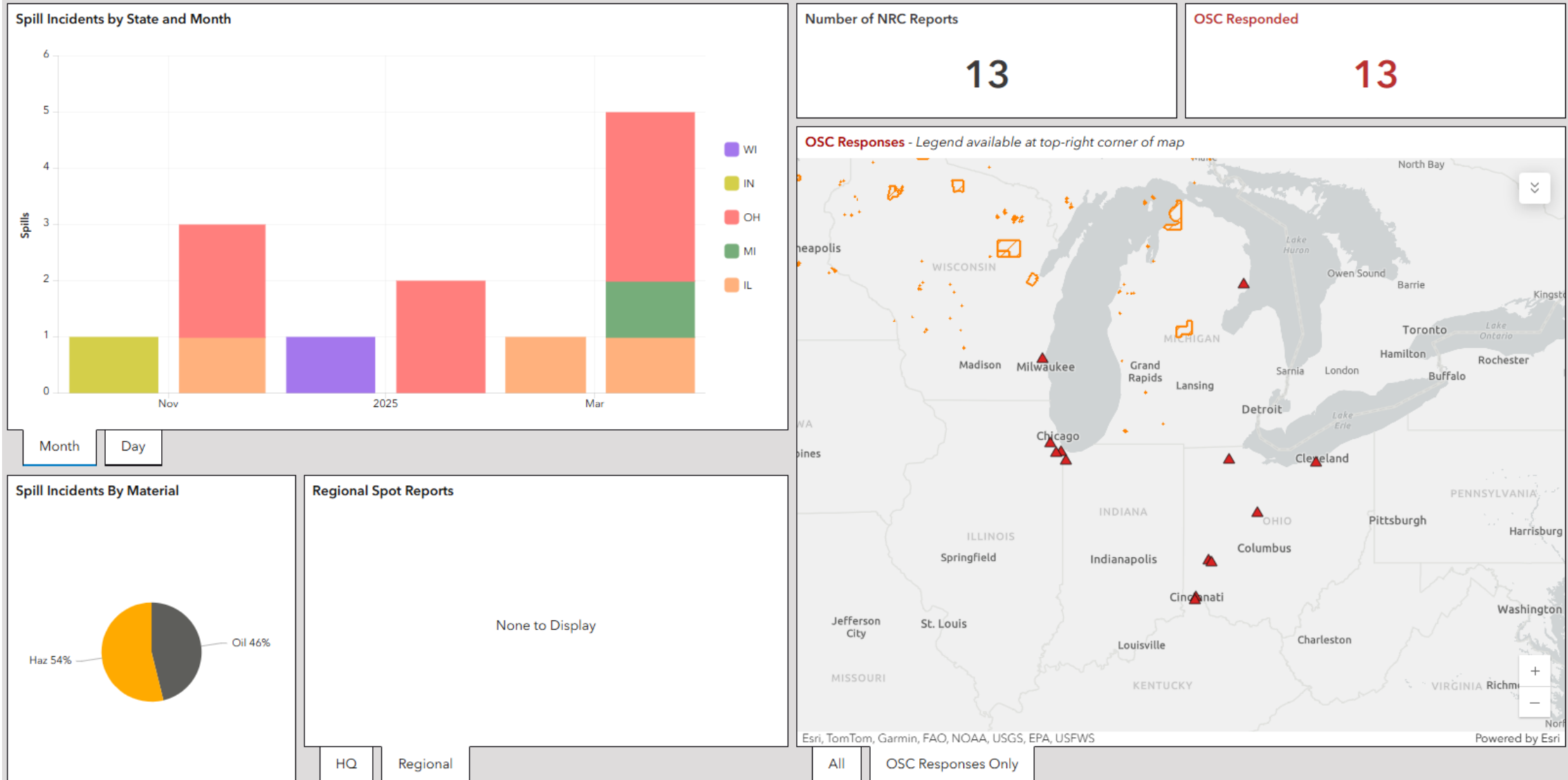
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OSC Responses Only

# OSC Responses by Material (10/1/2024-4/2/2025)





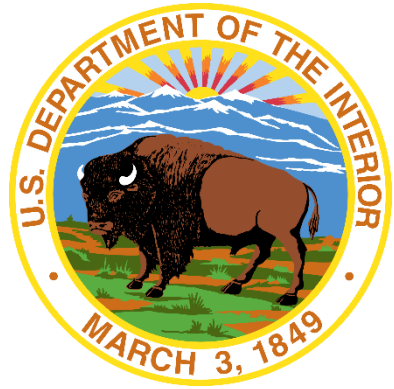
# MAJOR INCIDENTS

- AuSable River Queen, Oscoda, Michigan – Josh Peters & Jennifer Lavin  
[https://response.epa.gov/site/site\\_profile.aspx?site\\_id=16843](https://response.epa.gov/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=16843)
- Chicago Magnesium Fire, Blue Island, Illinois – Jeff Wawczak  
[https://response.epa.gov/site/site\\_profile.aspx?site\\_id=16852](https://response.epa.gov/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=16852)
- Blue Creek Oil Spill, Whitehouse, Ohio – Jon Gulch  
[https://response.epa.gov/site/site\\_profile.aspx?site\\_id=16837](https://response.epa.gov/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=16837)
- Sheffield Bronze Paint Site, Cleveland, Ohio – Sean Kane  
[https://response.epa.gov/site/site\\_profile.aspx?site\\_id=16852](https://response.epa.gov/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=16852)
- Mercury Responses
  - Ethan Avenue Mercury Spill, Cincinnati, Ohio – JJ Justice
  - McDonough Street Mercury Spill, Dayton, Ohio – Jon Gulch
  - Marion Ohio Mercury Spill, Marion, Ohio – Corey Peaslee
  - Mequon Vehicle Mercury Spill, Mequon, Wisconsin – Andy Maguire

# Outlook

Since last RRT meeting

- Funding
  - Incremental increases continue through continuing resolution
- Staffing
  - Hiring freeze remains in effect (internal and external)
- Navigating Change
  - Key parts of program impacted by new priorities
  - Succession planning / maintaining institutional knowledge



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# Overview

- Biological Evaluation (BE) – FWS, EPA, USCG meeting to discuss priority areas for planning based on the findings of the Biological Opinion – Poweshiek Skipperling is one example of a GRP being crafted from this work.
- Historic Property Specialist Training November 19-21 in Bloomington, MN
- Working with EPA, Great Lakes Commission, MI SHPO on trying to update the Inland Sensitivity Atlas with more historic property data
  - Reaching out to Illinois SHPO in future for similar effort.
- Unanticipated Discovery Plan and Modeling Fact Sheets – Planning and S&T Subcommittees
- Inland Oil Spill Preparedness Project – DOI is in the process of reviewing FY25 proposals

# Quad Cities and Greater St. Louis Subarea Exercises



# Exercise Schedule

0830-0945	Module 1: Notification and Mobilization
0945-1100	Module 2: Resources at Risk, Protection Priorities, Immediate Response Needs
1100-1115	Break
1115-1215	Module 3: Staffing of ICS Positions
1215-1330	Lunch
1330-1415	Module 4: Oil Assessment and Cleanup Decision Making and Operations
1415-1500	Module 5: Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration
1500-1515	Break
1515-1630	Wrap-Up and Hotwash

# Overview

- Inland Oil Spill Preparedness Program (IOSPP)
  - Projects started in 2024
    - Surface velocity mapping of Tanana and Yukon Rivers, AK with UFWS fixed wing aircraft, uses MARV (moving aircraft river velocimetry)
    - Streamstats TOT (time of travel) update with machine learning and gaging station velocity data (<https://streamstats.usgs.gov/tot-beta/>)
  - Ongoing studies
    - FluOil tool (NPS-St. Croix River) being tested and updated for the Rainy River through the Multi-Partner Research Initiative (OPI-OWN)
    - Cell phone fluorescence app for rapid assessment of spilled oil
    - Testing multi-volatile gas sensors and weather meters for inland oil spills
    - Remote sensing of ice cover on the Great Lakes
    - Carcass scavenging rate models



# FWS Agency Organization Chart

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# Laws/Regulations/Policies

- DOI/OEPC is working on revising internal Pollution Removal Funding Authorizations guidance; process for setting up reimbursable agreements between DOI bureaus and OSC when DOI expertise is requested on a response.
- Tribal Training – DOI is working to assemble a Tribal Outreach Plan. Identified need to provide Tribes with training and preparedness activities associated with oil spills. Identify Tribal training needs and barriers associated with attending trainings.

# Accomplishments

Since last RRT meeting

Federal, state, and local Planning and Coordination Efforts		
Description	Location	Dates
HPS Training	Minneapolis, MN	November 2024
Subarea Training and Exercise	Wood River, IL	April 2025

# Outlook

Since last RRT meeting

Federal, state, and local Planning and Coordination Efforts		
Description	Location	Dates
Cut River TTX	St. Ignace, MI	8/21/25 or 8/22/25





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# NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration

- LCDR Chris Duffy has departed
- William Whitmore, PhD is now serving as Great Lakes SSC
  - Willie is based in Gloucester, MA – Grew up outside of Erie, PA.
- Support from Adam Davis
  - Adam is in Mobile, AL and works with USCG 8<sup>th</sup> District
- No known permanent replacement for the Great Lakes Region

# Accomplishments

Since last RRT meeting

Federal, state, and local Planning and Coordination Efforts		
Description	Location	Dates
Assisting with Sector Detroit Full-Scale Exercise		
Provided Trajectory information for Suncor spill in the St. Claire River		
I will likely be working closely with USCG Great Lakes COE on current UAS projects.		

# Outlook

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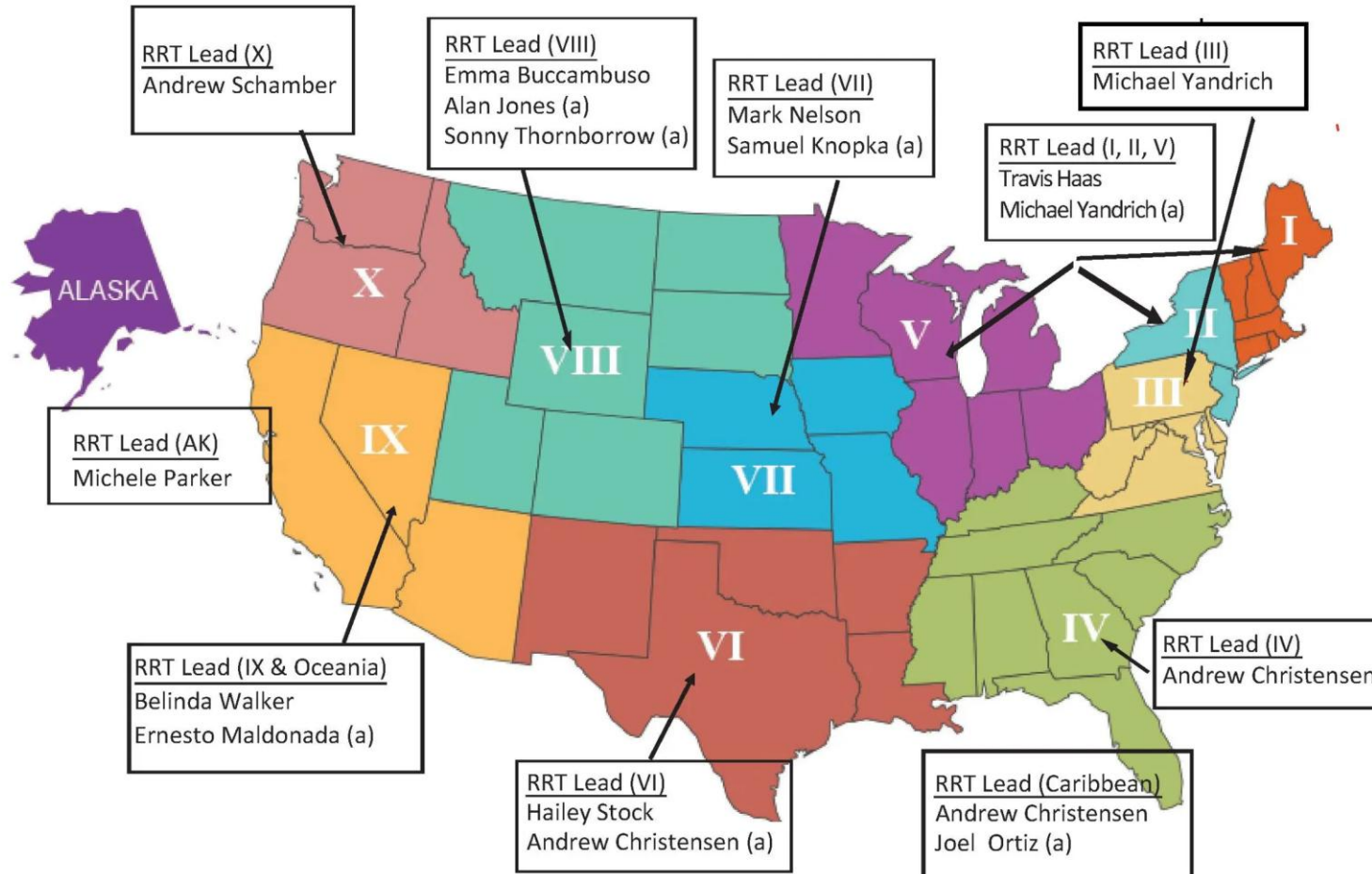
Federal, state, and local Planning and Coordination Efforts		
Description	Location	Dates
NOAA is currently going through VERA/VSIP (opportunity ends this week)		
RIF planning is underway, extent and/or timing is unknown		
Mission critical travel only. Emergency travel needs review/approval. No travel when virtual meeting is available.		
Note: Scott Lundgren is departing		
Please keep me in the loop and I will participate in meetings as I can!		



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