## **Region 5 Regional Response Team (RRT)**

## **Spring 2017 Meeting Minutes**

## **Dakota Lodge in Thompson County Park**

## **1200 Stasson Lane**

## **West St. Paul, Minnesota**

**Wednesday April 5, 2017 Subcommittee Meeting**

Meeting Start 0900

**Planning Subcommittee Ms. Ann Whelan, US EPA**

1. The Coast Guard’s Great Lakes Assessment – shifting interpretation of managing coastal communities
   1. Meeting was held last week in Westlake, Ohio
   2. Congress has directed the Coast Guard to ensure all districts get closer to the CFR; we are to come up with a plan on how to move forward with each area to meet the CFR criteria; the Executive Steering Committee will help
   3. The Regional Contingency Plan (RCP) outline between inland and coastal zone is not consistent across entire zone. We have jurisdictional “gray area” zones. Working to define language in RCP regarding island definitions for the region.
2. Crafting of a letter to be signed by co-chairs that will be sent to sub areas and areas
   1. Better definition of coastal areas geographically via geographic position system (GPS)
   2. Current maps are based on old National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) lines from 1999
   3. New format will be a mixture of text and geographic information system (GIS)

Question (Lindy Nelson, Department of Interior [DOI]): Debris from a fall flood occurred in Region 7 that was 2 miles long. This project was jurisdictionally tricky because it was on the Mississippi River. Participants included the state, US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), US Coast Guard (USCG), and Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). Is having clarity on jurisdictional boundaries a future goal? This could be an issue in future projects. It would be helpful if the GIS maps were to have clarity of “parcels” of jurisdiction.

Response: A MOA has just been signed. The issue is that the refuge in which this project is located has a patchwork of ownership of federal land. The Upper Mississippi Plan could incorporate maps like this.

Mr. Nelson: These jurisdictional issues don’t seem to be exclusive to refuge lands.

**Tribal Fact Sheets**

These are still under review and are therefore internal documents. Therefore, they are not going to be discussed at this time.

**Story Boards Ms. Whelan**

1. Story boards provide a new way to look at maps and also have some associated text
   1. It is as if they are an “Interactive PowerPoint.” You can click on colored areas and associated plans will pop up for that area.
   2. How to organize these maps to add Canada plans and border regional plans.

Comment-If add Canada, it is no longer a sub area plan. Broader title to not restrict ourselves to sub area.

1. Coast Guard Great Lakes Assessment
   1. Filing a draft that is in review
   2. Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI) mapping for the region is 30 years old in some places
   3. Funding has been requested to update the maps
   4. Other regions have been sued for not having up-to-date maps

Comment-Other regions have a comprehensive listing of species and tactics for assessment and emergency consultation. Once the Center for Biodiversity in the Region 2 lawsuit started to understand the situation, they dropped the lawsuit because they saw that they wouldn’t have a strong case. The National Response Team (NRT) is trying to build on species lists. We need some kind of consultation.

Comment- ESIs/Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. New digital map of the northeast corridor. This broadens ability to do ESIs. We are focusing on streamlining and systemizing ESI consultations.

There was extensive collecting of data around the Great Lakes. There is no reason to duplicate this kind of data. We have created the habitat and species fact sheets and found that things in the inland zone didn’t change much from place to place.

EPA will send the fact sheets for people to review and for quality purposes. Looking for suggestions of other groupings.

Mr. Nelson: New species have been added, including bats and bees. We must ask questions such as “What does it take to impact species on a major scale?”

Mr. Popiel: Most of the research is done in the salt water environments. More work is needed in the freshwater area. We should be able to circulate a draft of the findings.

Mr. Nelson: We are hoping to collaborate to identify the highest priorities and focus on the freshwater environments.

**USCG and NOAA ERMA GRS Development Mr. Steve Lehmann, NOAA**

Emergency Response Management Application (ERMA) developers to put together an introductory webinar class for more advanced ERMA work

1. They want to provide as much training as people want
2. As more expertise join, the more robust the training is
3. One needs a sponsor to participate; Mr. Lehmann can be a sponsor

**Detroit Coastal Boundary Proposal**

1. The inland coastal boundary is proposed to be adjusted
   1. The boundary is currently inconsistent with other regions
   2. It is to be distributed and reviewed
   3. A vote is to be held tomorrow during general meeting
2. There is a proposal to make Area Contingency Plan (ACPs) and GRPsto meet requirements of 29 CFR; want to make them consistent with the RCP.

DOI: We don’t have firm guidance from the NRT on Endangered Species Act Memorandum of Agreement (ESA MOA). It hasn’t formally been adopted across the regions. Recommend that the RCP be incorporated into the website that will be used. Take prescriptive language out and make it more accessible as a tool. It should be updated as NRT gives more guidance (it could be in draft form).

DOI-hopes to vote on adding it to the website.

Ms. Whelan: We will work with you to add it to the website in an appropriate way.

**Science and Technology Subcommittee Mr. TJ Mangoni, USCG**

1. Vendor Protocol
2. Documents are ready to be posted
3. Possible vote tomorrow (April 6, 2017)
4. Shoreline Protocol: pending revision, out for comment, and not ready for a vote
5. Herders: Working with Resource Management Directives (RMD) on herding agents; in situ burn (ISB)
6. Potential Great Lakes applications; shift focus to freshwater uses
7. Concern about its combustion properties. If you’re burning oil (ISB), you’re eventually burning this product as well. There is a toxicity component, especially with air quality
8. Detailed discussion on ISB at the next RRT meeting; possibly a mini RRT or special meeting with Michigan and whomever else would like to attend

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ): Let’s look at other states in respect to air quality. MDEQ will invite air people to the conversation.

1. USCG Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC) Guide on Oil and Ice
2. Contains information on surfactants and best practices
3. Culmination of 4 years of research
4. Marked for public distribution

**Training and Exercise/Drills Committee Mr. TJ Mangoni, USCG**

1. Offshore Training Symposium to be held at Coast Guard headquarters, date TBD
2. DOI Inland Oil Spill Response Course
   1. Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, Dodge County, Wisconsin
   2. From July 31- August 4, 2017
   3. Designed to help DOI responders
   4. Based on the Science of Oil Spills class; inland/freshwater focused
   5. POC: Lindy Nelson (DOI) if interested
3. NOAA Science of Spills
   1. Mobile, Alabama
   2. April 3-6, 2017
   3. Reboot of a class done 20 years ago
4. Transportation Rail Incident Preparedness and Response (TRIPR) Training
   1. Nine module program designed as free in-house training for responders to use. Includes panel discussion, table top discussions, and presentations with US EPA, railroad, and state and local agency involvement. Railroads are now a part of the conversation and discussion
   2. Well-received by the state of Wisconsin
   3. Recent Classes
      1. Steven Point, Wisconsin Dells, and Detroit
      2. More public health and air quality monitoring people attending
   4. Future TRIPR Training
      1. May 23, 2017 in St. Charles, Missouri. Please register online at [www.trainex.org/tripr](http://www.trainex.org/tripr)
5. Midwest Emergency Preparedness and Response Conference
   1. April 19-20, 2017
   2. Rockford, Illinois
6. Maritime Commission Hazmat and Derailment Over the River Exercise
   1. April 18-19, 2017
7. Bryan Swintek USCG: Prep exercise and training. Third week of September
8. Enbridge Full-Scale Pipeline Exercise
   1. Bemidji, Minnesota
   2. Sept. 26-27, 2017
   3. Includes the MPCA, tribal government, US Department of Agriculture, and FWS

US DOT PHMSA: If we are hosting an event, who do we contact to get out event on the website calendar?

We can work on getting anyone access for uploading events on the website. There is a registration component.

Ms. Whelan: We are working on response strategies to ensure their formats are the same across the region. The railroad and other companies are creating response strategies; we must work to ensure they are unified across the region. These are unverified until committee approves. Responders should have access to these strategies. They will be on the website but require a login.

**Wednesday April 5, 2017 – General Session**

Meeting Start 1300

**State and Federal Roundtable Reports Various**

1. Illinois EPA (Roger Lauder)
   1. No major spills in water since last RRT meeting
   2. Staff has decreased significantly
   3. The agency has been taking a serious look at lead in water in schools and farm chemicals runoff
   4. The Illinois governor is one of three republican governors that has taken a hard stance on coal
2. Wisconsin DNR (David Woodbury)
   1. A couple outbreaks of avian influenza in central portions of state
      1. Primarily in Barron County, near Minnesota
      2. Low impacts
   2. Mercury incident in Green Bay
      1. Worker brought home mercury and her kids took it to middle and elementary school
   3. Manure spill in a ditch in Brown County
      1. Reported 1,000 gallons but discovered to be 120,000 gallons
      2. Repeat offender for under reporting; taking appropriate action
      3. This time of year with all the rain there is an increase in manure spills and releases from farms, particularly in the northeast portion of the state
   4. Active as a department
      1. Approximately 4,000 people
      2. Working on reorganizing and aligning the agency
      3. This happens every 5-10 years
      4. Participating in two major exercises this year
         1. Exercise in Door County, September 20-21, 2017
         2. National Response Corporation (NRC) ingestion exercise September 18-19, 2017
         3. These exercises require significant resources to participate in and put a big stress on the state,
         4. Need more coordination with the federal and state agencies
         5. Wisconsin Emergency Management should be participating and should be here at this meeting
3. Michigan DEQ (Kathy Shirey)
   1. Emphasizing outreach events
      1. 73 recent outreach events; goal is to reach all counties
      2. Working with Local Air Pollution Control (LAPC)
   2. 40 training events
   3. Responded to 250 incidents; nothing major, some overturned semis and tanks
   4. Most problematic response lately is vapor intrusion; when to call in the US EPA
   5. Plan to do more response planning
      1. Primary concern are trigger levels; when to call for evacuations, when are we putting in communication systems, when and how are we sampling, etc.
      2. Clean up criteria; still trying to have a package of public protective criteria vs. industry interest
   6. Hiring a full-time Emergency Management Coordinator
4. Indiana DEM (Melissa Farington)
   1. Administrative change and leadership changes
   2. Looking at resource allocation and how to get tools to responders as efficiently as possible
   3. Continue to reach out to other state agencies like Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and homeland security
   4. We have ten responders for the whole state; a lot of ground to cover with small staff
   5. Continue to work with US EPA on Response Plan and a White River Plains Area Contingency Plan
5. Minnesota MPCA (Jane Braun)
   1. Two incidents that were interesting in scale and oddity; presentations throughout meeting
   2. Preparing for avian influenza
      1. Developing and preparing materials on the website
      2. Entertaining idea of carcass disposal instead of composting
   3. Sharing matrix about the nuclear generating plant; in final review
   4. Chose to use resources on external vs. internal preparedness
      1. Focused last year on external; focus groups
      2. Inward this year; first agency-wide exercise last year; future flash flood exercise
      3. Now have an agency-wide improvement plan; a new database with a different way to log incidents
6. DOT PHMSA (Mark Razny)
   1. Lesser-known activity of administering grants; money is available to states and tribal organizations to do preparedness training
      1. PHMSA Grant Program: [www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/grants-program](http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/grants-program); phone (202-366-1109); and email ([hmep.grants@dot.gov](mailto:hmep.grants@dot.gov))
   2. PHMSA is not a primary response agency but rather a support agency, but if you have a response and need PHMSA assistance (transportation-related incident), they are available to conduct an investigation
      1. PHMSA has some special permits that can speed up cleanup and removal efforts if deployed early enough in the response
      2. PHMSA Info Center phone (1-800-467-4922 or 202-366-4488) and email ([phmsa.hm-infocenter@dot.gov](mailto:phmsa.hm-infocenter@dot.gov))
   3. Next live TRIPR training is May 23, 2017 in St. Charles, Missouri
      1. TRIPR training is in railroad derailment and fire response. Includes table-top discussions, panel discussions, incident review and training.
      2. Record attendance in January event with over 400 participants
      3. Conducted in Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, and Minnesota
      4. Sign up online at [www.trainex.org/tripr](http://www.trainex.org/tripr)
      5. Self-study modules to be published this year
   4. Waiting on rulemaking on railroad response plans that will be coming out this summer
7. OSHA (Larken Akins)
   1. Changes in leadership; still undergoing changes in our region
   2. Biggest things to impact capabilities in the RRT is the emergency management plan
      1. Emergency Management Plan is currently in draft
      2. Instead of direction to responses coming from regional administrator, direction will now come from the area director, at a local level; the area directors will make the decision to respond
   3. Have concerns about the budget
      1. Went through Emergency Action Plan (EAP) to ensure basic functions are met; took out some of the training requirements
      2. Will make sure the state OSHAs have a copy of the EAP
8. DOI (Lindy Nelson)
   1. Going through reorganization and budget changes
   2. Finished the revising Pollution Removal Funding Authorizations (PRFA) guidance last fall
   3. National Historic Preservation Act 106 Consultation Guidance to be approached later
      1. A tool to inform the On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs) on federal requirements of the National Historic Preservation
   4. Inland Oil Spill Response Course
      1. Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, Dodge County, Wisconsin
      2. From July 31 to August 4, 2017
      3. Inland/freshwater focused
   5. No major oil spills/incidents
      1. Couldn’t find funding source to clean up a 2 mile long debris flow in RRT 7 (with RRT 5 involvement); looked internally and externally and kept striking out; jurisdictionally difficult to define and fund
9. Department of Commerce NOAA (Steve Lehmann)
   1. New version of CAMEO Chemicals—an application that supports HAZMAT response
   2. Research at the Taylor Energy Site in the Gulf of Mexico
      1. There is a chronic leak from a wellhead that has been suffering geologic collapse
      2. Research on remote sensing from near earth aircraft and satellites
      3. Applicable to many areas, including Great Lakes; how can we assess spills from far away
   3. Working with USCG 9th District on Geographic Response Strategies (GRS) project
   4. Training coming up end of next week on ERMA use for District 9
   5. NRT RRT co-chairs annual meeting in June in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
10. Department of Defense US Navy (Alan Kersnick—National On-Scene Coordinator [NOSC]): No significant recent events to report
11. US EPA (Jason El-Zein)

The US EPA has been very busy despite budget discussions

* 1. Hired 4 new OSCs in January
  2. Vapor intrusion (VI) has been a large focus; just a matter of time before they will work on VI in other states
  3. Mercury cleanup in Michigan; first encounter in which the insurance company paid for the cleanup
  4. Started working with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on Super Bowl LII; hoping to work with the state of Minnesota to see if they need assistance
  5. Tribal contact list on RRT website; hoping to develop a fact sheet on each tribe

1. USCG Sector Lake MI (Captain Amy Cocanour)
   1. Winding down 3 years as FOSC for Sector Lake MI; thank you for your partnership
   2. Captain Tom Stuhlreyer from Hawaii to take over for Captain Cocanour in July 2017
2. USCG Sector Lake MI (Bryan Swintek)
   1. Mass rescue exercise in March 2017
      1. Identified the challenge of jet fuel on ice; how to prepare and respond
      2. Excellent participation with partners; Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources participated as Environmental Unit Leader
   2. Prep exercise; will continue to work on preventing scheduling conflicts, especially September of this year
   3. Tabletop exercise with the National Seashore in Sleeping Bear Dunes in September; testing geographic response strategies
   4. Pipeline that runs from Milwaukee to Green Bay is closed; discussion about shipping petroleum products via vessels instead of pipeline; requests are out to build facilities in Green Bay
3. USCG Marine Safety Unit of Chicago (Commander Zeita Merchant)
   1. Chicago hasn’t had too many issues
   2. Project associated with Arcelor Mittal
      1. Indiana Harbor Canal is a historic area that is problematic with arsenic metal
      2. EPA and USCG have been working closely with 3rd parties to provide support
      3. With very small resources it is important to focus on these partnerships
4. USCG Sector Sault Sainte Marie (Rachel Wellman)

Area of Response (AOR) is Lake Superior and down the Ste. Marie River and straddles northern portions of Lake Michigan and Huron through the Straits of Mackinac

* + 1. Trying to get a plan approved for ISB; Line 5 runs through the Straights
    2. Highly politically charged; driving to get ISB approved; developed a work group last summer that includes US EPA, USCG, Michigan DEQ, Health and Human Services, NOAA, and many others
    3. Particulate matter issues
    4. Working with health experts to see if an elevated exposure limit is appropriate for a shorter amount of time; spoke with OSHA to shed some light on the exposure limits; some research has been done on particulate matter exposure; how do we make this applicable to our AOR
    5. Proximity to populations is biggest concern with exposure
    6. Preparing deliverables to be discussed at the next RRT meeting

1. USCG Sector Detroit (Jodi Knox)
   1. Jurisdictional boundaries are primary focus; put forward draft to the RRT of new jurisdictional boundaries that follow shorelines and go up navigable waters as visual aid for responders
   2. Will use new jurisdictional boundaries in exercise in inland and coastal zones in August 2017, if approved
   3. Thank you to NOAA support with GRSs; request is in to have iPads for responders to use and access data in the field
   4. Reorganized Sub-Area Committees into one larger Area Committee called the Northwest Michigan Southeast Ohio Area Committee; created an Executive Steering Committee
   5. Ice pollution response training recently conducted with other USCG units and US EPA; would like to see more hands-on exercises
2. RRT 5 (Co-Chair Jerry Popiel)
   1. New Training Tactics Procedure (TTP) – training tactics protocol for USCG oil spill responders just released by USCG HQ; a step-by-step document for first responders on notifications and initial actions
   2. Oil Service Response Organization (OSRO) classification guidelines were redone last year; several companies have now met the OSRO non-floating oil (NFO) classification, most recently T&T Salvage.
   3. USCG was directed by congress to do an assessment on the preparedness for oil spill response planning and resource development on the Great Lakes Coastal Zone
      1. Report will be in review format soon; routed for signature in summer 2017
      2. Couple of planning findings related to ESI mapping and ESA consultations
      3. Paints a favorable view on cooperation in this group
      4. Report presents finding related a need for more spill research in freshwater
   4. USCG headquarters released an FOSC guide for response to oil on ice; public document
   5. Ongoing State of Michigan pipeline safety advisory board
      1. Risk analysis and alternatives analysis related to the Straits pipeline crossing
      2. Det Norske Vertias ((<https://www.dnvgl.com/>)) is contractor for risk analysis; reaching out to other RRT members for input; looking at the worst case CFR discharges and beyond worse case
   6. NRT meeting in June 2017
      1. ACP national level work group to reengineer how ACPs look nationally
      2. Survey coming out to RRTs hopefully in the next two months; current ACP practices and recommendations; will shape future of ACP process
   7. Restructure agreement associated to 1999 MOU with Region 5 and District 9
3. Detroit Coastal Boundary Proposal (TJ Mangoni)
   1. Sector Detroit and US EPA met last week in Westlake, Ohio to discussed cleaning up language of RCP regarding the inland coastal zone boundary
   2. In general, the line has been moved to the shoreline, except for certain tributaries to the river where the FOSCs agreed upon a specific point; 99% of the jurisdictional lines stayed the same
   3. Vote tomorrow (Thursday April 6, 2017); make sure Michigan and Ohio have a chance to review

**Working with 3rd Parties on Major Response Mr. Mark Durno, US EPA**

**Mr. Scott Smith, Water Defense**

Presentation about the Flint, Michigan water response and the benefit of working with 3rd parties.

**Case Study Mr. Craig Schafer, MPCA Emergency Management Unit**

Presentation on a large mercury spill in New Ulm, Minnesota.

Meeting End 1635

**Thursday April 6, 2017 General Session**

Meeting Start 0830

**NRC Notification Process Chief Lee Brittle, NRC**

Presentation on the National Response Corporation’s notification process.

Questions

There is a separate number for Federal Railroad administration. Do they have to report both numbers?

Answer: They can use either but they know that this line is more direct.

Can you go back and change and report to the NRC?

Answer: Yes. Updates are allowed but it is considered a new report. It is a new report number, but it references the old report.

If you want to do training with the NRC reports, do you need advance notice?

Answer: No advanced notification needed.

How do watch standers know they are notifying the right people in the right area? A lot of times we get notified from different areas.

Answer: We are doing server updates to hopefully correct these errors. The watcher is supposed to watch for these but errors do occur. We try to be conservative in our notifications, so if the report is on the border of jurisdictions, then we will over notify.

What is the process for get an audio recording of a call-in report?

Answer: A Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

Do you struggle with lack of info in reports? There is a variability in callers. Do you have a process for training watch standers for extracting useful info?

Answer: That’s why we have this system. We must slow things down and follow the process. Watch standers get extensive training.

Have you transitioned your visual observations nomenclature to the international description of oil?

Answer: It is probably the old descriptions.

If we have a drill and do a drill notification, and there is information (like a county) missing in the report, what is the process of getting that included? Can we make that request on behalf of the county?

Answer: There is an application online that you can start an initial report or you can add to an existing report, then it will go to Chief Brittle. There is an application to report to the NRC to become a reporting group. If you have more than 5 recipients, we ask that you please set up a distribution system.

Comment: The D9 has begun outreach to Tribes on NRC notifications. We are helping them fill these reports out and attending their meetings. Mr. Mangoni has spoken with the director at the NRC to have some of our unit’s do a little bit of NRC outreach. We want to hand out stickers and pamphlets and explain CFR to field operators. This could be done with the US EPA as an RRT 5 sponsorship, and possibly include other regions. The NRC is prioritizing outreach.

**Solberg-Haegele Removal Action, Clearwater, MN Mr. Dave Morrison, US EPA**

Presentation about unknown oil products found in barrels in Clearwater, Minnesota

Question: Did soil sampling reveal any damage to the river?

Answer: No. We took surface samples when completed and handed that data to the state. There are some wells in the area and neighbors were concerned. But this was not a remedial study so I don’t know the answer to that. We were only there to document what was at the site.

**USCG Marine Safety Department St. Paul Overview LT Matthew Mackillop, USCG**

No Questions

**Tribal Updates Ms. Kathy Halbur, US EPA**

**Chief Dean Johnston, USCG**

Question: Can we access the OSC website?

Answer: The OSC website is password protected, but yes, you can get access.

Question: We’ve been trying to do more outreach in Region 3. Tribes are no longer residing in the region. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and tribal counterparts are saying that the best way to engage with the tribes is to go where they are. Our goal is to present at their meetings and meet where they are. Is there is a goal to engage in some of the regional/state tribal meetings?

Answer: That is how Jenny Manville (EPA Region 5 Tribal Liaison) is getting all of the contacts. She is reaching out at meetings.

Comment: Keeping the contact information up to date is key to maintaining those engagements.

Question: The OSCs were involved in exercises. What were their responsibilities?

Answer: Spill response and tribal outreach. The tribe has had problems with synthetic cannabis. They went out and did some sampling of residual contamination. We worked with the BIA to collect data and come up with strategies to respond.

**USCG National Strike Force Coordination Center Update Mr. Jim Snyder, USCG**

Question: What can be done to get proven technologies to mitigate shoreline impact?

We work from the policy that is given to us from the Coast Guard. You’re not the only one asking these questions. I can’t answer what you’re asking. We’ve asked these same questions.

There is a process to get these alternative technologies on the list to be used.

These are all proven on the scheduled US EPA list to be used. Nothing has been updated in seven years about these proven technologies as listed. They are considered approved and they’re still not being used.

There are only certain products that go on the product schedule. First, the fact that they are on the product list does not prove that they are approved. The list just means that they have been tested for efficacy and toxicity. Second, the list has been updated; there have been other chemicals added to it. Also, it is not the FOSC that determines what equipment will be used. It is the OSRO and the RP going to the unified command saying these are the products we want to use. The FOSC can make suggestions but they cannot go out and try new products. It would be great to have a mechanism to try new field products. There’s no funding to have this opportunity to go out and field test new products. You can ask the RP to use an unproven technology, but you need grants and approval from the state and local agencies.

I’m talking about technologies that have been proven in real world spills. I am trying to elevate the conversation. I’m not trying to point fingers. I found the government to be nothing but supportive, but the government’s hands are tied. And the environment pays the price.

Question: You’ve (directed towards Mr. Snyder) worked in the gulf on responses and you know that the fish there are tested probably more than anywhere else in world. Why don’t you eat the fish?

Answer: It’s an old fashioned way of thinking. It’s just my own personal opinion.

Question How many Incident Management Assistance Teams (IMAT) teams are there?

Answer: About thirty.

Question: Out of the new OSROs with the new classification, how many have undergone any PAV? And does a PAV look any different?

Answer: That process is in draft form at this time. We are looking at their equipment to deal with NFO from a policy standpoint.

# **Subcommittee Reports**

Planning (Ms. Whelan)

1. Jurisdictional tools were a main focus of the Planning Committee meeting. We have the option to approve the jurisdictional boundaries for the ACP. We can add a caveat to wait for final approval until Ohio EPA has a chance to review.
   1. Mr. El –Zein prefers to approve with caveat to wait for final approval until Ohio EPA has a chance to review.
   2. Once Ohio EPA has approved, it will be posted in the plan

Ms. Whelan holds a vote to approve the jurisdictional boundaries pending Ohio EPA review and approval. The plan has been sent to Ohio but Jim has yet to respond.

Unanimous approval.

The decision is made to approve the boundaries pending Ohio approval.

1. Jurisdictional view to be updated
   1. A letter to be sent from the USCG and US EPA to each area and subarea about working together in committees and understanding that the jurisdictions and plans will stay separate. But the planning committee’s will be working together.
   2. Jurisdictions for islands within the Great Lakes to be reviewed

Question (Ms. Halbur): Is every island going to be evaluated independently or by size? Are we doing this through the subcommittee?

Answer: We are doing this through the subcommittee. We will develop criteria for evaluating the islands. We have yet to decide on that criteria.

Question: Are there any examples in other regions?

Answer: There are no examples in any RCPs.

1. We will be adding jurisdictional information about the Upper Mississippi River Basin, including ownership and control info from the US EPA, USCG, FWS, and the Army Corp of Engineers, to the RRT5.org website. We are going to add the National Historic Preservation (NHP), the USCG oil on ice guidance, and vendor protocol as tools. Vender protocol will also be a part of the body of the plan.
   1. Mr. Lehmann: I would vote not to add the vendor protocol as part of the plan yet. We need to be more forthright with the vendors and lay out expectations before this is published.

Mr. Popiel: This will be discussed more.

1. Add language about the area contingency plan to previous language.
2. Draft species fact sheets
   1. Mr. Nelson and others can suggest other species/groups. Looking for technical help with the species and habitat fact sheets

Worker Health and Safety (Ms. Akins)

1. Reviewing the NCP and portions related to the Great Lakes health and safety, specifically 29 CFR 1910.120 (Hazardous waste operations and emergency response) recommendations for RRT5 organizations associated groups.
   1. Wildlife responders would like to do HAZWOPER but not the 40 hr.
   2. Tribal involvement

Science and Technology (Mr. Mangoni)

1. Vendor protocol is on hold
2. Shoreline cleaner protocol is ongoing, no updates
3. Sector Sault Sainte Marie
   1. There is a request to take a look at countermeasures in the Straights of Mackinac
   2. Use of ISB
4. Availability of USCG RFP center-created oil on ice response guide.
   1. To be posted on the RRT and D9 website
   2. Email Scott Binko for a copy

Training and Exercise (Mr. Mangoni)

1. TRIPR Training
   1. Next Class is May 23, 2017 in St. Charles, Missouri. Please register online at [www.trainex.org/tripr](http://www.trainex.org/tripr)
2. Transcaer Training
   1. Union Pacific Railroading: April 17-19 in Northlake, Illinois
   2. CSX Safety Training: May 4-5, 2017 in Vincennes, Indiana
3. Inland Oil Spill Response course in Jamestown, Virginia that is put on by DOI is full.
4. National Capital Planning Commission Class in Horicon National Wildlife Refuge from July 31 to August 4, 2017. Talk to Liney Nelson (DOI) to get registered.
5. USCG oil and environmental response exercises in every sector this year. These will be on the RRT.org website.
6. Incident-Specific RRT 5 will be on the website. RRT 7 Incident-Specific Exercise occurred already; DOI noticed a gap in notification during this exercise and the problem was fixed with the NRC.

**Closing Remarks**

Next meeting is in Illinois in the fall of 2017.

**Acronym List**

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| Acronym | Definition |
| ACP | Area Contingency Plan |
| AOR | Area of Response |
| BIA | Bureau of Indian Affairs |
| CFR | Code of Federal Regulations |
| DEQ | Department of Environmental Quality |
| DNR | Department of Natural Resources |
| DOI | Department of Interior |
| EAP | Emergency Action Plan |
| EMU | Emergency Management Unit |
| ERMA | Emergency Response Management Application |
| ESA MOA | Endangered Species Act Memorandum of Agreement |
| ESI | Environmental Sensitivity Index |
| FEMA | Federal Emergency Management Agency |
| FOIA | Freedom of Information Act |
| FOSC | Federal On-Scene Coordinator |
| FWS | Fish and Wildlife Service |
| GPS | Global Positioning System |
| GRS | Geographic Response Strategies |
| IMAT | Incident Management Assistance Team |
| ISB | In Situ Burn |
| LAPC | Local Air Pollution Control |
| NCPC | National Capital Planning Commission |
| NFO | Non-Floating Oil |
| NHP | National Historic Preservation |
| NOAA | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration |
| NOSC | Navy On-Scene Coordinator |
| NRC | National Response Corporation |
| NRT | National Response Team |
| OSC | On-Scene Coordinator |
| OSRO | Oil Service Response Organizations |
| PAD |  |
| PHMSA | Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration |
| PRFA | Pollution Removal Funding Authorizations |
| RCP | Regional Contingency Plan |
| RMD | Resource Management Directives |
| RP | Responsible Party |
| TRIPR | Transportation Rail Incident Preparedness and Response |
| USCG | United States Coast Guard |
| US EPA | Environmental Protection Agency |