



Historic Properties Specialist (HPS) Workshops

- Background and Need
- Recent Deliveries
- Future

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Background and Need

The National Historic Preservation Act Section 106

- Requires consideration of Historic Properties
- Informed Decision Making Through Consultation
- State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
- Tribes
- Public
- Slow and Iterative
- Roughly analogous to ESA

The 1997 Programmatic Agreement (97 PA)

- Alternate Way to Comply with Section 106
- Identifies the Historic Property Specialist
- Implementation Guidance Under Development
- The Response is the Undertaking!!

Background and Need

- Funding Source - DOI Inland Oil Spill Preparedness Program
- Quick HPS definition
- HPS Qualification – Secretary of the Interior's Standards
- OSC – Good Faith Effort

The Historic Property Specialist

- Sits in the Environmental Unit or Planning Section
- Liaison with Operations
- Reports to the FOSC
- Should not be hired by RP

The Historic Property Specialist - Activations

- Deep Water Horizon
 - Tribal consultation
 - Review of Operations plans
- Huntington Beach Spill (2021)
 - Historic Wharf
 - Initiated consultation with SHPOs
 - Tribal monitors
 - Unanticipated discovery protocol
- American Challenger (2021)
 - Coordination with Tribes
 - Avoidance of sensitive sites

HPS Workshops

Developed as Partnership Between NPS and OEPC

- OEPC REOs act as the local host
- NPS provides NHPA SMEs
- Recent Deliveries

Current HPS Workshop Format

- Limited “Training” Content
- Discussion Panels
- Practical exercise included
- Open Dialog between CRMs and Responders
- 2 days national content
- 1 day regional content
- Built on “RRT Business model”
- Case Studies

Workshop Participant Mix

- Cultural Resource Managers (CRMs)
 - SHPO, Agency Staff, NGO/Museum, Private Sector
- Tribal
 - THPOs, Staff, Elders, (All interested)
- Spill Responders
 - Tribal
 - Federal – EPA/USCG FOSCs
 - State – SOSCs and Environmental Unit
 - Local – LOSC, Emergency managers

Future Workshops

Revision Concepts

- Scenario Driven
- Operated as TTX
- Remote Prerequisites
- Menu of Options for Duration
- Modular Design
- Potential for Refresher or “Just-in-Time” Orientation

HPS Training in Minneapolis, MN

- Late Winter/Early Spring 2024
- Training may be held in Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge
- Working to ensure we have the right mix of presenters/students at the training
 - Additional promotional material for the course will be shared soon
- Invitational travel for Tribal partners is available

Webinars and Other Training Available

- FWS National Conservation Training Center Inland Oil Spill Webinar Series (Several recorded webinars on NHPS and Cultural/Historic resource protection during spill response)
 - [Inland Oil Spill for DOI Response Webinar Series | U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service \(fws.gov\)](#)

Questions?

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