**Regional Response Team Region 7 Area Committee Teleconference February 10, 2015**

**Purpose of Call: General Operating Picture regarding Canadian Pacific Railroad Derailment, Balltown, Iowa**

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The purpose of the Regional Response Team was to provide federal support to On-scene Coordinators. Since the EPA no longer has OSCs on the scene, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources will be reporting and leading the call, with support from the EPA.

The remaining scrap on the scene is being cut up and hauled off the scene for recycling. An aerator was constructed for use at the site where the d. ethanol entered the river. The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) have monitors along the river collecting data on certain parameters. Fisheries staff and USACE will coordinate to obtain background data prior to the incident.

A coordination meeting at the scene scheduled for tomorrow, February 11, 2015, has been postponed until 1400 hours on Thursday, February 12, 2015. This meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn in Dubuque, Iowa at 450 North Main Street.

CRA will be collecting the ice slabs and scrapping the bottom of the slabs to see if any ethanol has been absorbed. Water/waste mixture is being recovered from the tributary and fly-ash is being added for disposal at the Scott County landfill. CPR is looking into disposal options at the Dubuque landfill to see about taking it there.

Heath Smith, EPA, reported that there is an assumption that ethanol is trapped in the ballast. There were higher measurements of ethanol where the toe and ballast meet.

Bob Stewart posed a question about the status of waste on top of the ice since there is a concern about the potential for additional releases. There is still a lot of product not accounted for and there is concern about the refuge downstream.

The species of mussels attached to the ice sample collected last week still have not yet been identified. This should be happening today.

Roger Lauder and Vanessa Myers (Illinois) posed a concern about the ethanol sampling and which lab is doing the sampling of the A26OC. They recommended a lab out of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee. Eric Nold and Vanessa coordinate after the call.

Out of the 55,000 gallons not accounted for, the balance has been broken down into five categories: burned, evaporated, soaked into the soil, in the river, or bound in ice.

The next coordinators meeting will be at 1400 hours, Thursday, February 12, 2015, unless Iowa cannot participate.