



Region 6 RRT Spring Meeting

May 13-15, 2014

Addison, TX

Day 1: May 13, 2014: Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee meeting was conducted on May 13. In Attendance: Mike Sams (USCG-D8, RRT6 Co-Chair), Ronnie Crossland (EPA R6, RRT6 Co-Chair), Wes McQuiddy (EPA R6), Steve Mason (EPA R6), Steve Buschang (TGLO), John Temperilli (Industry Liaison Committee), Jim Staves (Industry Liaison Committee), Karolien Debusschere (LOSCO), Paige Doelling (NOAA), Althea Foster (EPA R6), Todd Peterson (USCG-D8). Via phone: Adam Tyndale (USCG-D8), Matt Huyser (EPA R4). Minutes by Hilary Gafford, Weston Solutions.

Topics discussed included:

- Region 4 / Region 6 Dispersant Use Plan Update
 - ✓ Region 4, Matt Huyser, provided powerpoint update on plan
 - ✓ Discussed content, requirements, and format of plan, including forms
 - ✓ Will contain pre-authorization, expedited approval, and consultation information
 - ✓ Guidance and other needed information will be included in separate documents
- Standing Committee Updates
 - Preparedness, Karolien Debusschere (LOSCO)
 - ✓ Position of vice chair is currently on hold
 - ✓ Currently working on dispersant issues.
 - Science and Technology Committee, Steve Buschang (TGLO)
 - ✓ Surface Washing Agent checklist/SOP is in progress, progressing geographically up the Texas coast, (Houston-Galveston is currently in the works and Corpus Christi is next).
 - ✓ Regional template for waste management plan template is progressing. Buschang will send draft template to other states for input, and then to Executive Committee for review, before final review of full RRT.
 - Industry Liaison Committee, John Temperilli
 - ✓ Fact sheet for industry preparedness to a natural disaster is progressing – committee has reached out to industry groups to obtain input and best practices. Draft should be provided to Executive Committee in coming months.
 - ✓ Draft guidance/forms for sub-sea dispersant approval to the RRT is progressing; drafts should be ready for Executive Committee review soon; forms have been successfully used in exercises.
 - Response, Adam Tyndale (USCG- D8)
 - ✓ Alternate Countermeasures Playbook is progressing – content is almost completed, format is being reviewed and adjusted; should be ready for Executive Committee review in coming months.

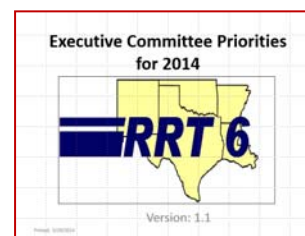
- Reviewed/revised 2014 Priority List (make changes if necessary)
 - Priority List attached to this document
- Reviewed General Meeting Agenda for this meeting.
- Discussed Logistics for General Meeting for this meeting
- Established dates & locations for 2014 upcoming meetings
 - Proposed dates for next meeting: November 18-20; location to stay at Addison EPA facility
- END EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Day 2: May 14, 2014 : General Meeting

- Meeting was opened and introductions given by Acting Co-Chair Wes McQuiddy, EPA, and by Co-Chair Michael Sams, USCG. Minutes from the December, 2013 meeting, and the agenda for this meeting, were reviewed and approved.
- Ronnie Crossland was introduced as the new Co-Chair, representing EPA Region 6.
- The RRT recognized Kenny Harmon, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, who was given the Chemical Emergency Preparedness State Partner Award by EPA Headquarters.

Review / Update of R6 RRT 2014 Priorities

- Presentation provided by Mike Sams, USCG, reviewing the priorities of the RRT, which included two new priorities approved by the Executive Committee.
- Presentation posted to <http://rrt6.org/Meetings/PastMeetingPresentations.aspx>
- The RRT will be revisiting priorities and revising the list of priorities as elements are completed or determined no longer to be a priority. The updated priorities are listed below.



In Progress or Continuing		
1	Review Coastal (USCG) / Inland (USEPA) Boundaries and update as needed (Ongoing)	Executive Committee
2	Develop Surface Washing Agent (SWA) Checklist / SOP (Waiting for concurrence letter from trustee -- USFWS)	Alternative Technologies Workgroup
3	Revise / Expand R6 RRT AST Fact Sheet (collaborate with R4 as appropriate) (Draft ready for Executive Committee review in next month or two)	Industry Liaison Committee
4	Coordinate with Region 4 RRT to maximize consistency between dispersant pre-authorization and dispersant use plan (forms, procedures); revise as appropriate (Draft ready for Executive Committee review by 15 August, 2014)	Preparedness Committee
5	Create draft guidance for industry to facilitate RRT6 dialogue on the issue of subsurface dispersant application (Draft ready for Executive Committee review by July, 2014)	Industry Liaison Committee
6	Monthly Executive Committee Teleconferences (ongoing)	Executive Committee

7	Conduct Incident Specific Conference Calls, including Exercises and Document Results (ongoing)	RRT Function
8	Develop Region 6 RRT Countermeasures for Oil Spills Playbook (Draft ready for Executive Committee review by 15 July, 2014)	Response Committee
9	Create Lower Mississippi River Sub-Area Plan (added)	Executive Committee
10	Develop Regional template for Waste Management Plan, including State inputs (Currently being reviewed by state environmental agencies)	Science & Technology Committee
11	Revise Inland Contingency Plan as part of Compendium of RRT Plans (added)	Executive Committee
12	Develop RRT 101 / Welcome to RRT presentation for new members (Completed)	Executive Committee

State Agency Reports

- State agency updates on preparedness / response activities
- Reports for the States
 - Kenny Harmon, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM)
 - Aimee Beveridge, Texas Railroad Commission (TRRC), Greg Pollock/Steve Buschang, Texas General Land Office (TGLO), and Roger Bennett, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
 - Richard McDaniel, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ)
 - Karolein Debusschere, Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinators Office (LOSCO), and Chad Scroggs, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ)

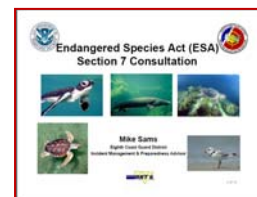
Texas City Y Spill Presentation

- Presented by Commander Bryan Pinoyer, Commander Ricardo of Sector Houston Galveston, and Captain Randall Ogrydziak of USCG Sector Corpus Christi.
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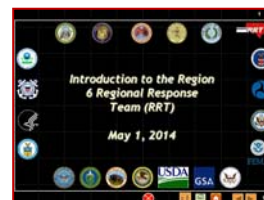
Endangered Species Act (ESA Section 7) Consultations Discussion

- Presented by Michael Sams, USCG D8
- Presentation posted to <http://rrt6.org/Meetings/PastMeetingPresentations.aspx>



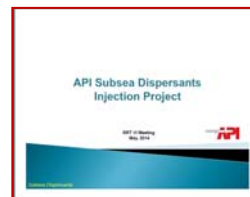
RRT 101 and Other Website Training

- Presented by Steve Mason, EPA Region 6
- RRT 101 / Welcome to the RRT and the Region 6 HAZWOPER Awareness On-line Training posted to RRT 6 website: <http://rrt6.org> under the Training Repository button



American Petroleum Institute Joint Industry Task Force Subsea Dispersant Use Project

- Presented by Victoria Broje, Shell Oil
- Presentation posted to <http://rrt6.org/Meetings/PastMeetingPresentations.aspx>



Tar Sand / Bakken Oils Issues

- Presented by Chris Ruhl (EPA Region 6) and Tay Rucker (DOT / PHMSA)
- Presentations posted to <http://rrt6.org/Meetings/PastMeetingPresentations.aspx>



USCG Captain of the Port Reports

- Presentations by:
 - Drew Casey, Sector New Orleans
 - Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Morgan City
 - Lt JG Thomas Mason, Sector Lower Mississippi River
 - Commander Dan Deptula, Sector Corpus Christi
 - Commander Jackie Twoomey, MSU Port Arthur
 - Commander Ricardo Alonso, Sector Houston-Galveston
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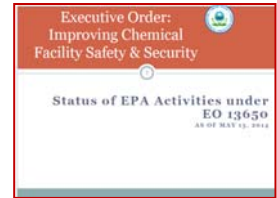


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Day 3: May 15, 2014 : General Meeting

Status of Implementation of Presidential Executive Order 13650 / Regional Implementation of Executive Order

- Presented by Kim Jennings, EPA HQ OEM
- Regional implementation presented by Patrick Bustos, EPA Region 7, and Steve Mason, EPA Region 6
- Presentation posted to <http://rrt6.org/Meetings/PastMeetingPresentations.aspx>



Fish and Wildlife and Sensitive Environments Plan (FWSEP) Annex Requirements

- Presented by Stephen Spencer, DOI
- Presentation posted to <http://rrt6.org/Meetings/PastMeetingPresentations.aspx>



EPA OSC Reports

- Presented by:
 - Steve Mason (Spill reporting)
 - Bryant Smalley (McGowan Oil Spill in Waterproof, LA)
 - Paige Delgado (EXPLO removal in Minden, LA)
- Presentation posted to <http://rrt6.org/Meetings/PastMeetingPresentations.aspx>



Federal Agency Reports

- Federal agency updates on preparedness / response activities
- Reports for the Agencies
 - Bryan Rogers, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)
 - Stephen Spencer, Department of Interior (DOI)
 - Marsha Brewer, Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS/FEMA)
 - Charlie Henry, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (DOC/NOAA)
 - Doug Huddleston, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (DOL/OSHA)
 - Bill Gross, Department of Defense (DOD/DCE)
 - Patrick Young, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (DHHS/ATSDR)

- Nick Brescia, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Michael Sams, United States Coast Guard (USCG)

Helix Well Containment Group (HWCG) / Freeman – McMoran Oil & Gas (FMOG) Subsea Dispersant Exercise Review



- Presented by Jim Staves, HDR Industry Liaison Committee
- Presentation posted to <http://rrt6.org/Meetings/PastMeetingPresentations.aspx>

MEXUS Gulf Update



- Presented by Todd Peterson, USCG D8
- Presentation posted to <http://rrt6.org/Meetings/PastMeetingPresentations.aspx>

Closing Comments from Ronnie Crossland (EPA Region 6) / Michael Sams (USCG D8), RRT Co-Chairs

END OF DAY THREE

Future action items to be considered by Executive Committee:

- DOI has suggested that the Fish and Wildlife Sensitive Environments Plan Annex to the ACP be updated, and has asked the RRT6 Executive Committee to consider adding this task to the Priorities List in the future.
- ATSDR will put the recently-developed odors document on the RRT website, and it will be provided in an upcoming Region 6 LEPC Newsletter.
- Natural resource trustee organizations would like a regular report of updated critical habitats and species within Region 6

The next Region 6 RRT meetings is proposed dates for November 18-20; location to stay at Addison EPA facility

Attendees who signed in (RRT Members are shaded)

1	Adam Adams (EPA-R6)	33	Kim Jennings (EPA-HQ)
2	Aimee Beveridge (TX RRC)	34	Loree Boyerton (ODEQ)
3	Alex Nunez (TPWD)	35	Marsha Brewer (DHS/FEMA)
4	Althea Foster (EPA-R6)	36	Mike Niles (OMI)
5	Andrew Brennon (USCG-GST)	37	Mike Sams (USCG-D8)
6	Barry Forsyth (USFWS)	38	Nealon Kerwin (BHP Billington)
7	Bill Gross (DOD)	39	Nicholas Brescia (EPA-R6)
8	Brandi Todd (EPA-R6)	40	Niell Irvin (Marathon Oil)
9	Brian Penoyer (USCG-Sector Houston-Galveston)	41	Paige Doelling (NOAA)
10	Bryan Rogers (BSEE)	42	Patrick Young (ATSDR-R6)
11	Bryant Smalley (EPA-R6)	43	Randal Ogrydziak (USCG-Sector Corpus Christi)
12	Chad Scroggs (LDEQ)	44	Ricardo Alonso (USCG-MSU Texas City)
13	Charlie Henry (NOAA)	45	Richard McDaniel (ODEQ)
14	Chelsea Murphy (TGLO)	46	Robert Scheuermann (Helix Well Control Group)
15	Chris Foreman (ADEM)	47	Roberto Bernier (EPA-R6)
16	Chris Ruhl (EPA-R6)	48	Roger Bennett (TCEQ)
17	Daniel Deptula (USCG-Sector Corpus Christi)	49	Ron Brinkley (USFWS)
18	David Anderson (BIA/SPRO)	50	Ronnie Crossland (EPA-R6)
19	Greg Pollock (TGLO)	51	Russell Howerton (Sunoco Logistics)
20	Hilary Gafford (EPA-START)	52	Stacy Boultinghouse (Energy Transfer)
21	Jackie Smith (OMI)	53	Steve Huddleston (DOL/OSHA)
22	James Hanzalik (CGA)	54	Steve Mason (EPA-R6)
23	Jay Salzer (TAS Environmental Services)	55	Steve Spencer (DOI)
24	Jim Staves (HDR)	56	Steven Buschang (TGLO)
25	Jimmy Martinez (TGLO)	57	Tay Rucker (DOT/PHMSA)
26	John Temperilli	58	Thomas Mason (USCG-SLMR)
27	Jon Wickersam (Transcanada)	59	Thomas Treagle (BSSE)
28	Karolien Debusschere (LOSCO)	60	Tim McKinna (Gallagher Marine Systems)
29	Keith Naker (USCG-MSU Texas City)	61	Todd Peterson (USCG D8)
30	Ken Jones (USCG-Sector New Orleans)	62	Victoria Broje (Shell)
31 \	Kenny Harmon (ADEM)	63	Wes McQuiddy (EPA-R6)
32	Kevin Palm (NRCC)	64	Drew Casey (USCG-Sector New Orleans)