

REGION 7 REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM (R7 RRT) MEETING REPORT-OUT FORM

(For use by Federal Agencies, States, and Tribes)

The purpose of this form is to standardize text versions of RRT member report outs during meetings, which will increase the speed and accuracy of meeting minutes. You are not expected to fill out all fields below for each meeting and report outs should be focused on RRT relevancy. Please provide this form prior to each meeting to the R7RRT Coordinators.

Entity: Nebraska DEQ Person Reporting: Kirk Morrow RRT Meeting date: 28 MAR 2018

PERSONNEL CHANGES:

Doug Barry (formerly of the Water Quality Division) is the new Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) Process Improvement Coordinator. He is responsible for the oversight of the NDEQ's activities and documentation in the State's Lean Six Sigma process improvement effort. Doug works directly for Kara Valentine, Deputy Director of Land and Air Division.

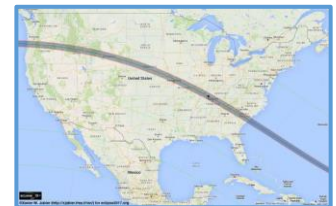
The **Field Services and Assistance Division (FSAD)** (Joe Francis, Associate Program Director) has been reorganized under the Land and Air Division (Kara Valentine, Deputy Director) and the Water Division (Steve Goans Deputy Director). The coordination of emergency response activities are conducted under the supervision of FSAD.

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services **Drinking Water Program** has relocated to the current location of NDEQ. Howard Isaacs recently retired as the Division Administrator. **Andy Kahle** is currently Acting Administrator.

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS/EVENTS/RESPONSES (insert photos as needed):

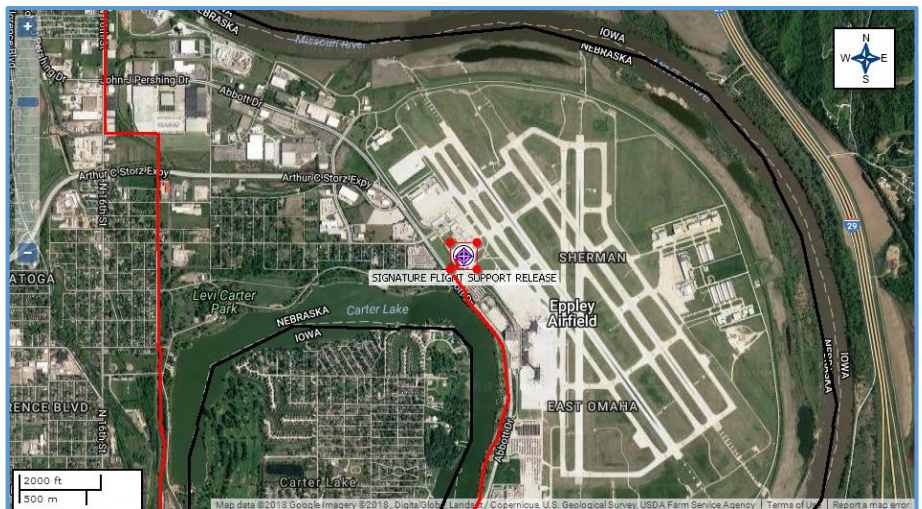
SOLAR ECLIPSE - Statewide, Nebraska – August 21, 2017

NDEQ (Joe Francis, Dale Busch and Morgan Leibrandt) participated in several weeks of planning meetings, as well monitoring activities on the day of the event. No significant problems were reported.



SIGNATURE FLIGHT SUPPORT – Eppley Airfield, Omaha – March 9, 2018

At 0545 hours, on March 9, 2018, NDEQ was notified of an overfill of a 20,000-gallon capacity aboveground storage tank. An estimated 10,500 gallons of Jet-A fuel was released. The Airport Authority Fire Department responded to the release. No fuel reached the storm sewers; a nearby pump station was monitored for the appearance of fuel. A member of the NDEQ ER Team was on scene from 0910 through 1000 hours.



Geographic Location of release - Red line is the approximate location of a pipeline.



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Nebraska Public Power Cooper Nuclear Plant (Brownville) – Report of Coolant leak

On November 14, 2017, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued a notice of unusual event. The cause was the discovery of a leak of hydrogen, used to cool the turbines. There were no threats to safety. The plant continued to operate.

In March of 2017, NRC conducted a special inspection of this plant when it was discovered that two heat removal systems (primary and backup) were allowed to be disengaged at the same time during repairs.

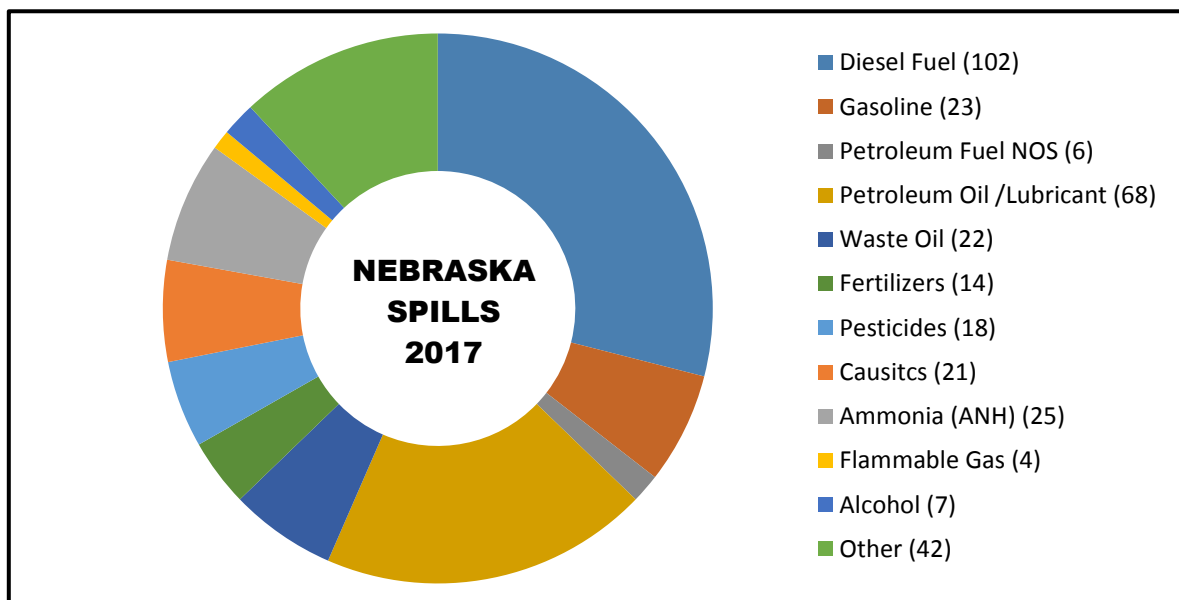


METRICS/TRENDS/CHALLENGES:

REPORTING/RECORDING of Environmental spills, Complaints, Problems

A review and compilation of the reported spills, as recorded in the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) records, is reflected in the chart below. The database indicates that NDEQ recorded three hundred fifty-two (352) releases during CY 2017. This reflects a “typical” year for reports recorded; for comparison, three hundred sixty-nine (369) spills were recorded in 2015 and three hundred thirty-six (336) spill reports were received in 2016.

In addition to releases, NDEQ recorded an additional 459 complaints during CY 2017. This is consistent with previous years (425 recorded complaints in 2015; 452 recorded complaints in 2016).



LAWS/REGULATIONS/POLICIES:

Some of the NDEQ Field Offices (Chadron, Norfolk) have converted to “working from home.” All NDEQ field offices have converted to cellular phone use only; no landlines.

EXERCISES/TRAININGS:

Over the last few months, NDEQ ESF-10 Coordinators (Joe Francis, Morgan Leibrandt and Dale Busch) have participated in the exercise of the state’s Radiological Emergency Response Plan for Nuclear Power Plants. Exercises were conducted for both of the state’s nuclear power plants – Nebraska Public Power District’s Cooper station and Omaha Public Power District’s Ft. Calhoun Station. An exercise was conducted at the Ft. Calhoun station even though the facility is in the process of shutting down.

March 5-7, 2018, USEPA Region 7 (Doug Ferguson, Andrew Gieseke, *et .el.*) provided training in **Chemical Characterization at Clandestine Drug and Homemade Explosives Labs** to members of the Nebraska Hazardous Incident Team (NSFM, NSP, NDEQ) as well as other invitees (72nd CST, Grand Island FD, North Platte FD, etc.). The training was well attended and well received.

ANYTHING ELSE FOR THE GOOD OF THE RRT OR OTHER AGENCIES:

Status of the Construction of the Transcanada Kestone XL Pipeline through Nebraska

On November 20, 2017, the Nebraska Public Service Commission approved the “mainline alternative route” for the proposed construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline Project through Nebraska. Subsequently, there were court filings by affected landowners.

On March 14, 2018, the Nebraska Supreme Court agreed to take over the court appeals, bypassing the Nebraska Court of Appeals. This is expected to shorten the time necessary to resolve any remaining issues by several months.

