



THE NATIONAL RESPONSE SYSTEM

A BRIEF OVERVIEW

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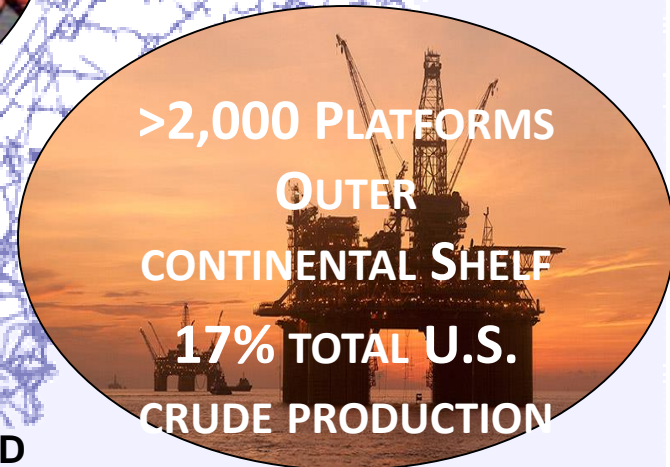
RRT COORDINATOR

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- Oil and Hazardous Substances Response Landscape
- Introduction to the National Response Team (NRT)
- Authorities
- National Response System (NRS)
- Role of the Responsible Party



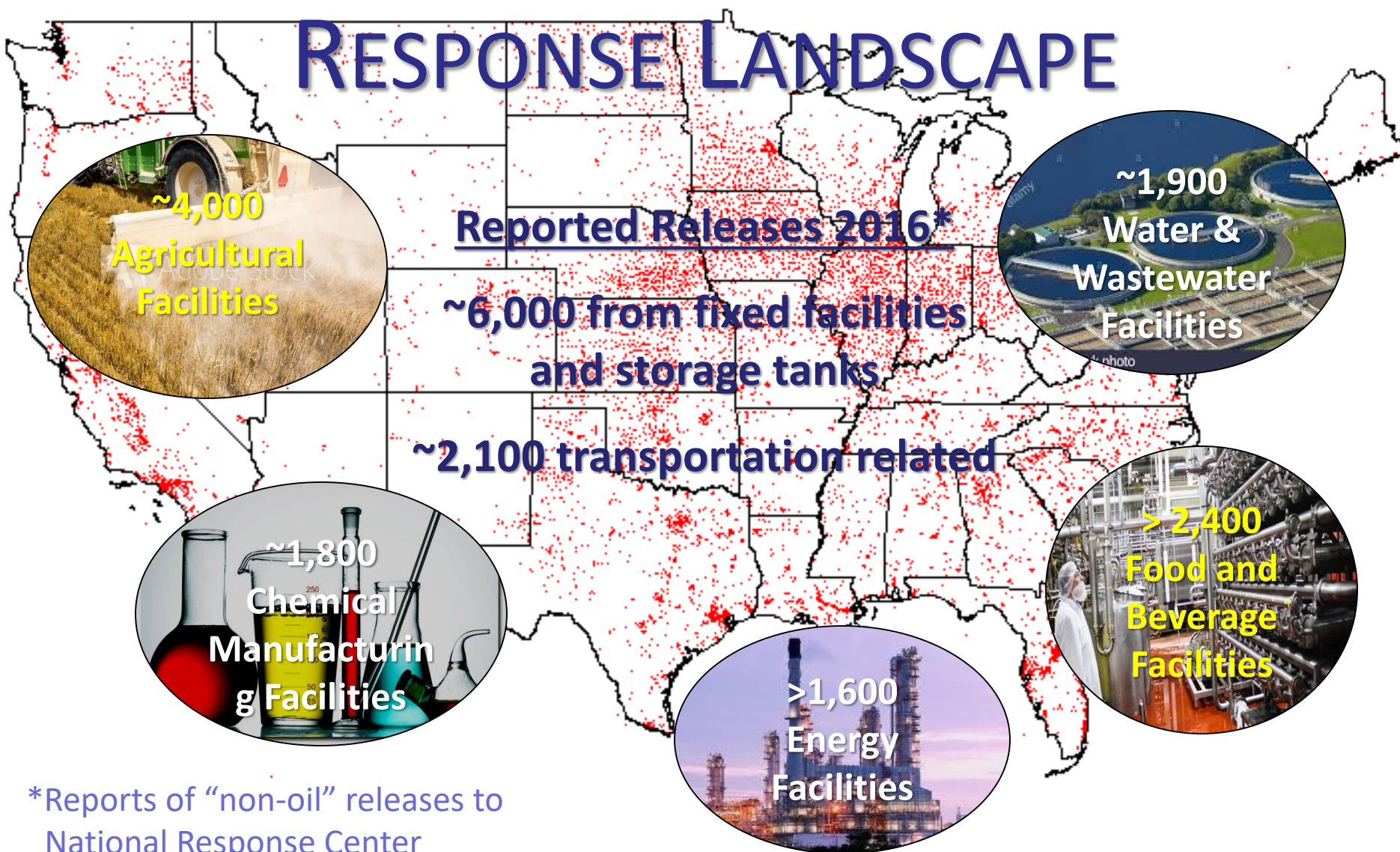
THE OIL RESPONSE LANDSCAPE



CRUDE OIL IMPORTS > 9 M B/D
CRUDE OIL EXPORTS >4.5 M B/D

* Reports to the National Response Center

THE HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES RESPONSE LANDSCAPE



NATIONAL RESPONSE TEAM (NRT)



Mission: *To provide technical assistance, resources and coordination on preparedness, planning, and response activities for emergencies involving hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants, hazmat, oil, weapons of mass destruction in natural and technological disasters and other environmental nationally significant incidents.*

- Comprised of 15 federal agencies/departments
- EPA – Chair, USCG – Vice Chair
- National-level planning, policy, and coordinating body
- Provides policy advice and national-level assistance to the On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) and Regional Response Team(s) (RRT) during a response



AUTHORITIES

**Clean Water Act (CWA)
Section 311,
as amended by Oil Pollution Act
(OPA 90)**



**Comprehensive Environmental
Response, Compensation, and Liability
Act (CERCLA)
(aka Superfund)**

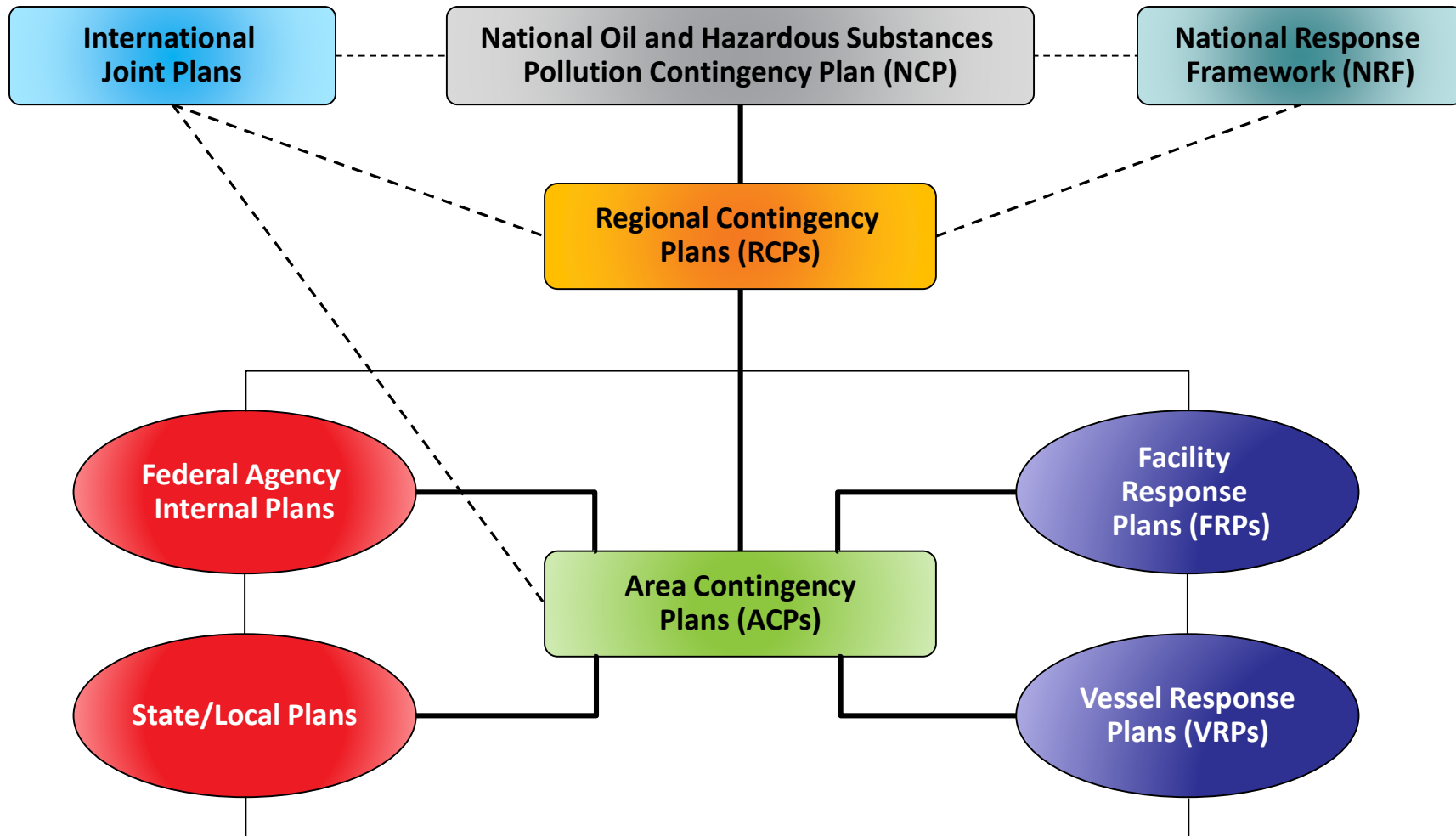


- ❖ Response
- ❖ Planning and Preparedness
- ❖ Enforcement

National Oil & Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP)

Regulation at **40 CFR part 300** that implements the oil/hazmat response authorities in these laws

NRS FAMILY OF PLANS



FEDERAL ON-SCENE COORDINATORS (OSCs)

USCG FOR COASTAL ZONE

36 pre-designated
OSCs



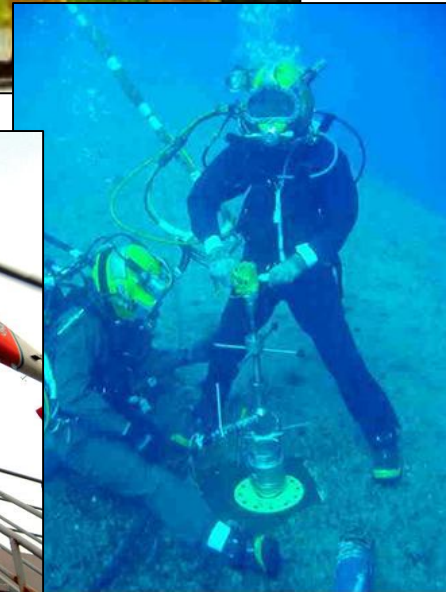
EPA FOR INLAND ZONE

~ 230 pre-designated
OSCs

- Authority to conduct, direct, and coordinate all response efforts at the incident scene
- Protect the environment, public health, as well as worker safety & health
- Responsible for developing ACPs and Chairing Area Committees

NRS SPECIAL TEAMS

EPA USCG NOAA OSHA
BSEE DOE USN-SUPSALV

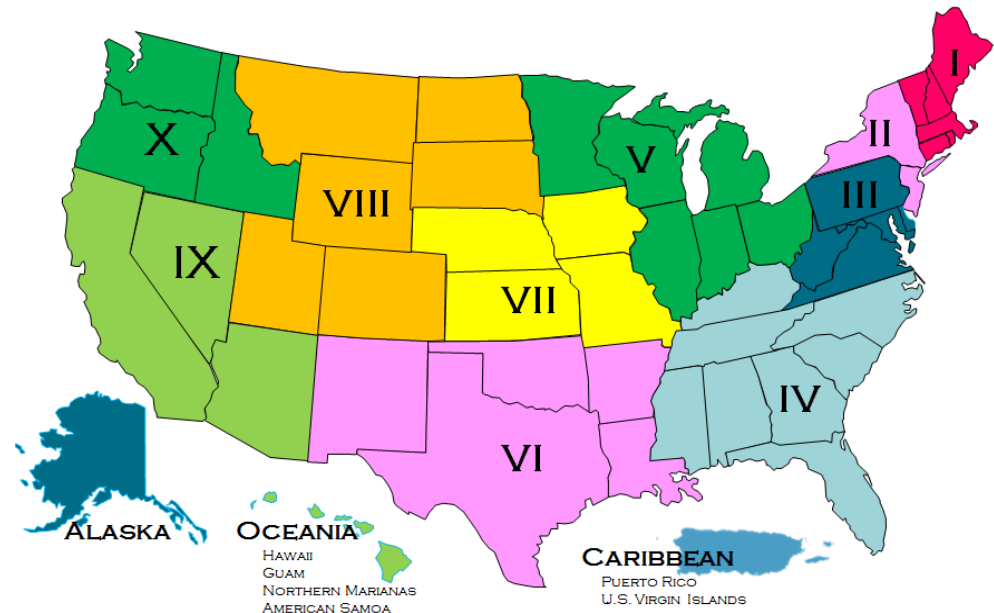


NRT AND RRTs



NATIONAL RESPONSE TEAM

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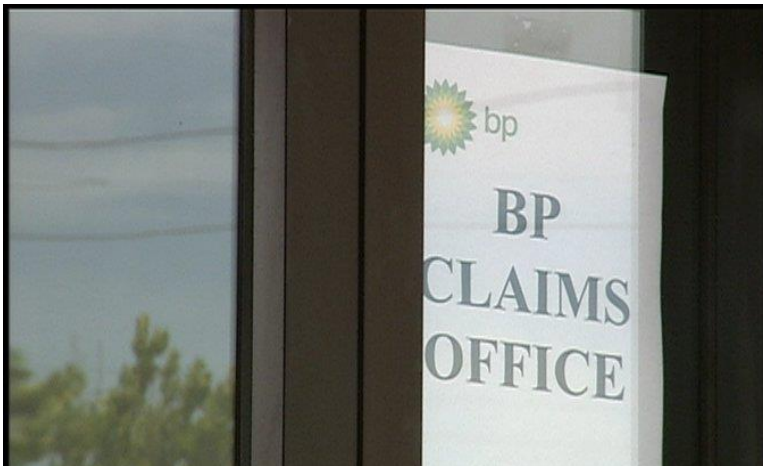


REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAMS - 13

- Co-chaired by EPA & USCG
- 15 Federal agencies plus State/Territorial & Tribal representatives
- Engage in planning & training activities year-round
- Coordinate decision making process for alternative cleanup operations
- Provide technical expertise & resources to the OSC during a response



ROLE OF THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY



Responsible for:

- Cleaning up the spill
- Response costs
- Certain damages
- Environmental restoration

Often a response partner and part of the Unified Command

QUESTIONS

