EPA Region 8 Emergency Response

U.S. EPA Region 8 Response Capabilities

South Dakota – 2023 Workshop Roadshow

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Agenda

1. Frequency of Releases

2. EPA's Emergency Response Program

3. EPA's Legislative Authorities

4. Who should you call?

5. On-Scene Coordinator Procedure and Capabilities

6. How to Properly Prepare for a Release in your Community

Releases are Inevitable!

Total Disposal or Other Releases Over Time
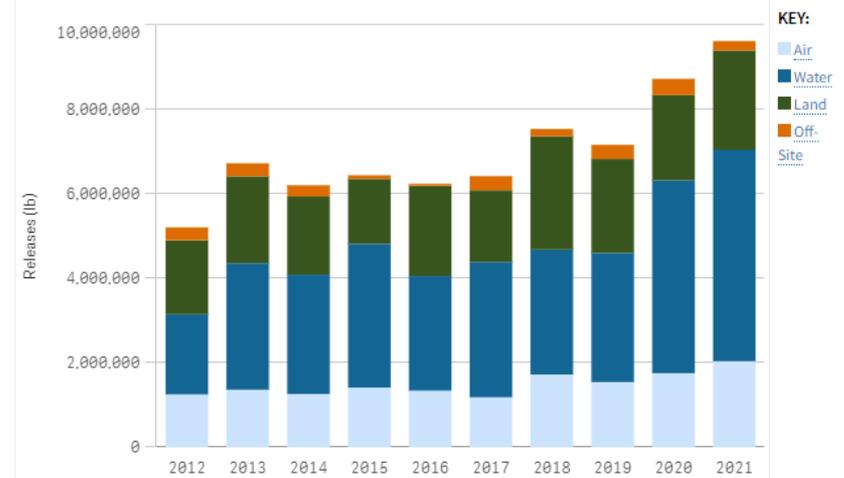
Emergency Response and Removal

- The EPA Emergency Response (ER) Program addresses **_urgent_** threats to **human health, public welfare,** or the **environment**

- This can include but is not limited to:
    - Hazardous chemical releases anywhere
    - Oil or fuel spills into "navigable" water
    - "Pollutant or contaminant" discharges into the environment
    - Threatened/potential releases/discharges
        - Abandoned containers/facilities
        - Oil spills up gradient from water.

Legislative Authorities

- Hazardous Substances or Pollutants and Contaminants
  - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (**CERCLA**)

- Oil Spills
  - Clean Water Act (**CWA**) as amended by the Oil Pollution Act (**OPA**)

- National Disasters
  - Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (**Stafford Act**)

If there is an Incident…

Call The EPA! (OSCs)
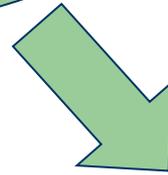
NRC

1-800-424-8802

R8 Duty Officer

303-293-1788

File an NRC report online:
www.nrc.uscg.mil

Requesting On-Scene Coordinators

Assessment → Monitoring → Response Actions → Evaluation
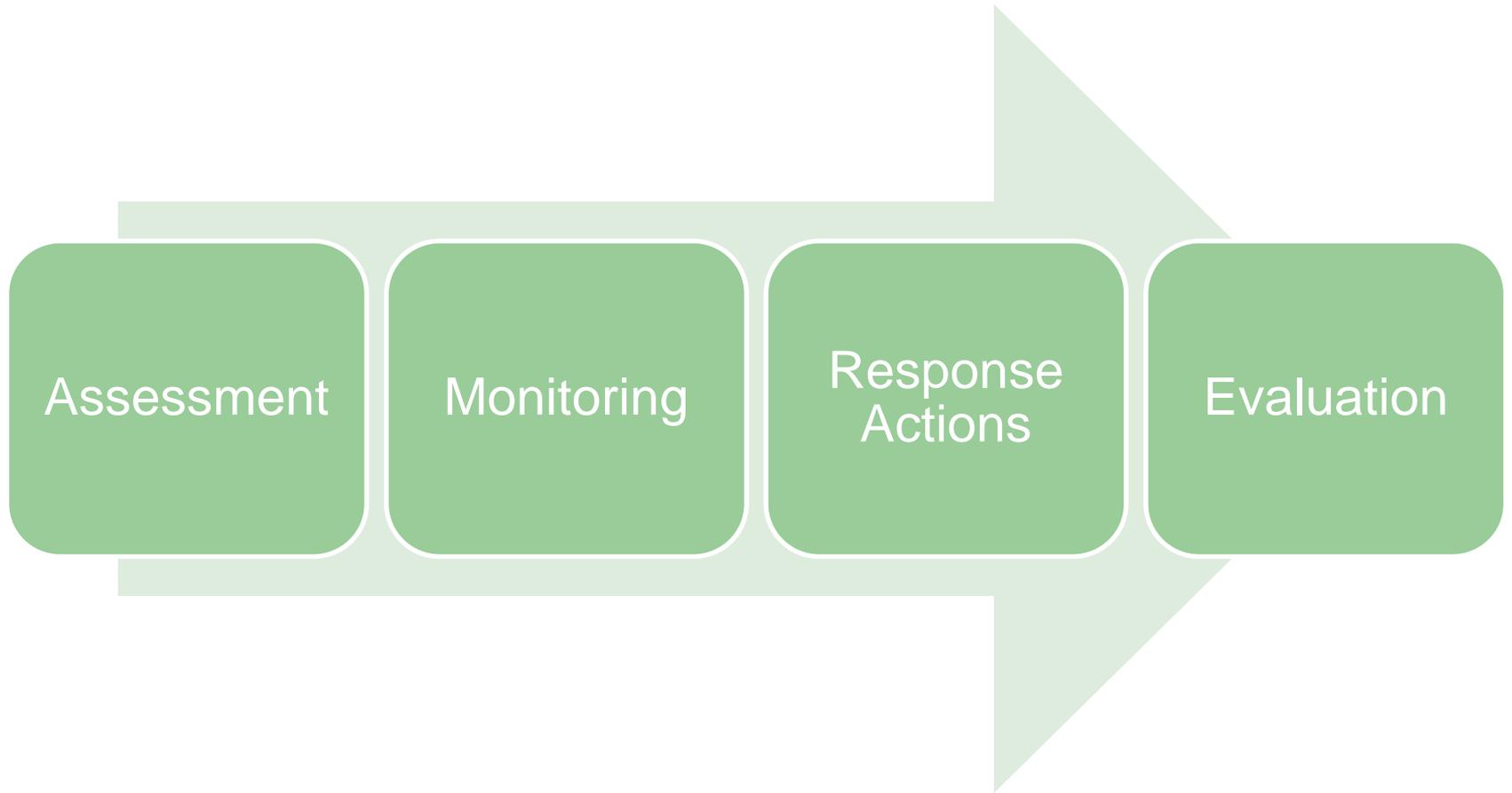
OSC Capabilities

- OSCs have immediate access to Resources!
  - Contractors
  - Response Support Corps
  - Supporting Federal Agencies

OSCs can support or lead a Response!

Preparation is the most Important

- You want to have a plan for what to do if that bad day arrives:

  – You know the players (EMs, LEPCs, nearby constituents)

  – You know your job

  – You know your equipment

  – You know the notification procedures

  – Develop Exercise Plans and schedules by December 2023

  – You may have already anticipated hiccups

Questions?