

Joint Region 4 & Region 6 Regional Response Team Meeting



Spring 2023 Meeting – May 17-18

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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Day 1

Separate Meetings

Morning Agenda – Wednesday, May 17

<div>RRT-4</div> <div>Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator’s Office Office of Management & Finance Building, Room 308 7979 Independence Blvd Baton Rouge, Louisiana</div>		<div>Microsoft Teams meeting</div> <div>Join RRT-4 meeting</div> <div>Or call in (audio only) +1 202-991-0477,820573288#</div>	<div>RRT-6</div> <div>Louisiana State Police (LSP) Training Academy Auditorium Building A, 1st floor 7901 Independence Blvd Baton Rouge, Louisiana</div>		<div>Microsoft Teams meeting</div> <div>Join RRT-6 meeting</div> <div>Or call in (audio only) +1 210-469-3886,710972114#</div>
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Afternoon Agenda – Wednesday, May 17

Joint Meeting

*LSP Training Academy Auditorium
Building A, 1st floor
7901 Independence Blvd
Baton Rouge, Louisiana*

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Networking Session – Time & Location TBD

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Yellow Star- Office of Management and Finance Building, Room 308, 3rd Floor:
7979 Independence Blvd.
Office of Management & Finance Building
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

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Blue Star- LSP Academy Training Academy Auditorium. Building A, 1st floor
7901 Independence Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

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Welcome to the Spring 2023 Meeting



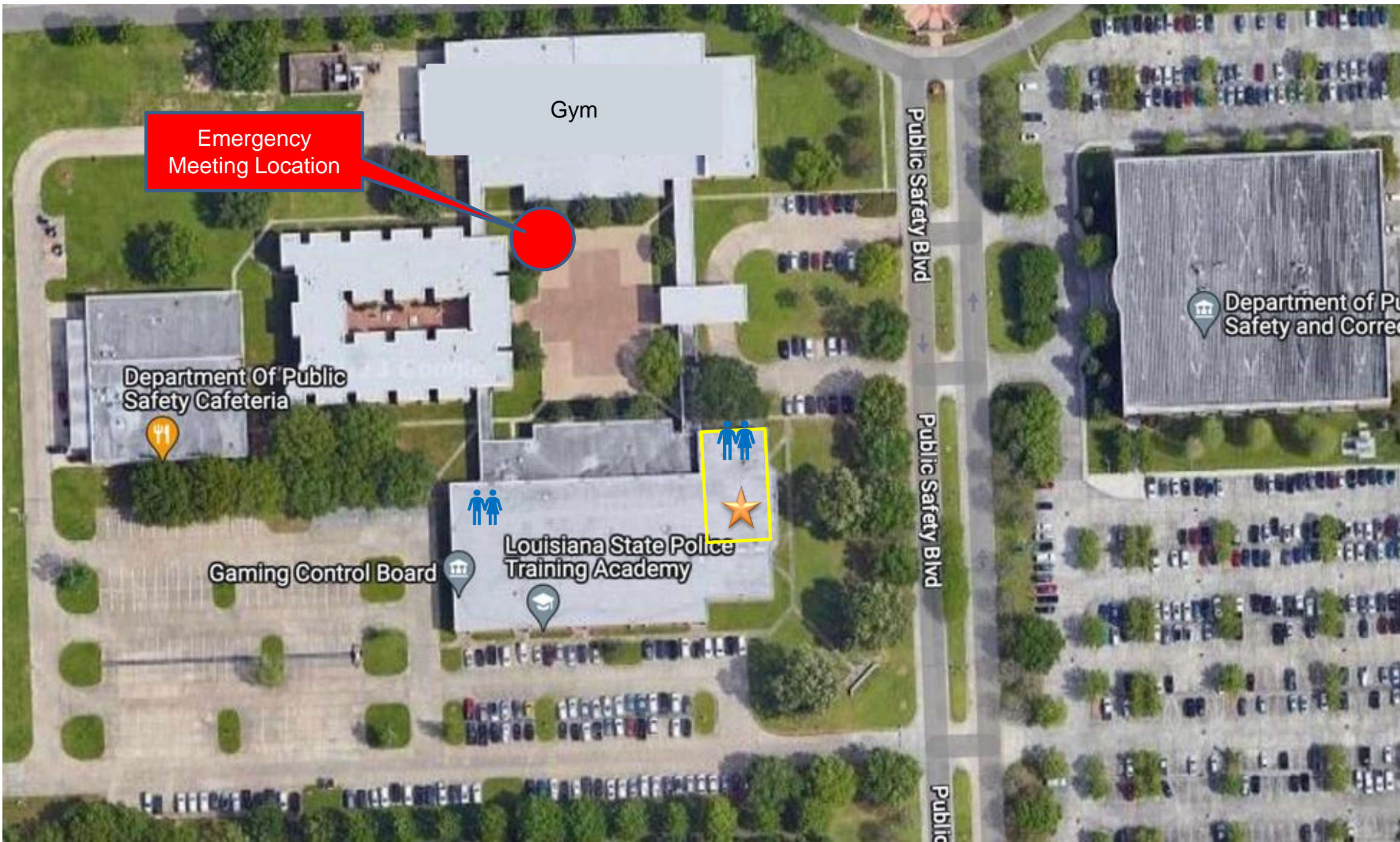
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Day 1

Meeting Call-in Number: (210) 469-3886 Passcode: 710 972 114#

Meeting Administrative Items

All Participants

- Identify yourself when speaking
- Breaks/Lunch
- Avoid Acronyms
- Sign-in Sheets
- Safety Moment – Next slide



Emergency Meeting Location

Gym

Department Of Public Safety Cafeteria



Gaming Control Board



Louisiana State Police Training Academy



Public Safety Blvd

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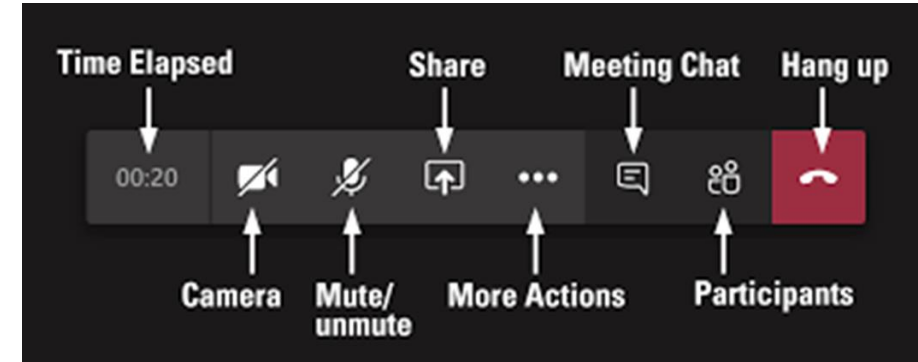
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Department of Public Safety and Corrections

Remote Participants

- Turn off computer camera and mute microphone when not speaking
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- For questions, **Raise Your Hand** and/or use the **Meeting Chat** function
- **Roll Call Process:**
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RRT-6 Meeting

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Opening Remarks

Co-Chairs



Craig Carroll, U.S. EPA



Michael Sams, USCG

Introductions

- Name
- Agency/Employer



Approve Fall 2022 Meeting Summary

	<p align="center">Region 6 RRT Fall Meeting November 1-3, 2022 In-Person & Virtual</p> <p><i>Presentations are available online: https://epaossc.org/rrt6-meetings</i></p>
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Executive Committee Meeting (November 1, 2022)

In-Person / Remote Attendance: Craig Carroll (USEPA), Michael Sams (USCG D8), Kelsey “Bray” Fisher (USEPA), Todd Peterson (USCG D8), Steve Mason (USEPA) Gary Moore (USEPA), Lyndsey Nguyen (USEPA), Adam Tyndale (USCG D8), Brandon Todd (USCG D8), Paige Doelling, (NOAA), Karolien Debusschere (LOSCO), Brent Koza TGLO), and Jimmy Martinez (TGLO)

1. Reviewed / Revised RRT-6 Priority List

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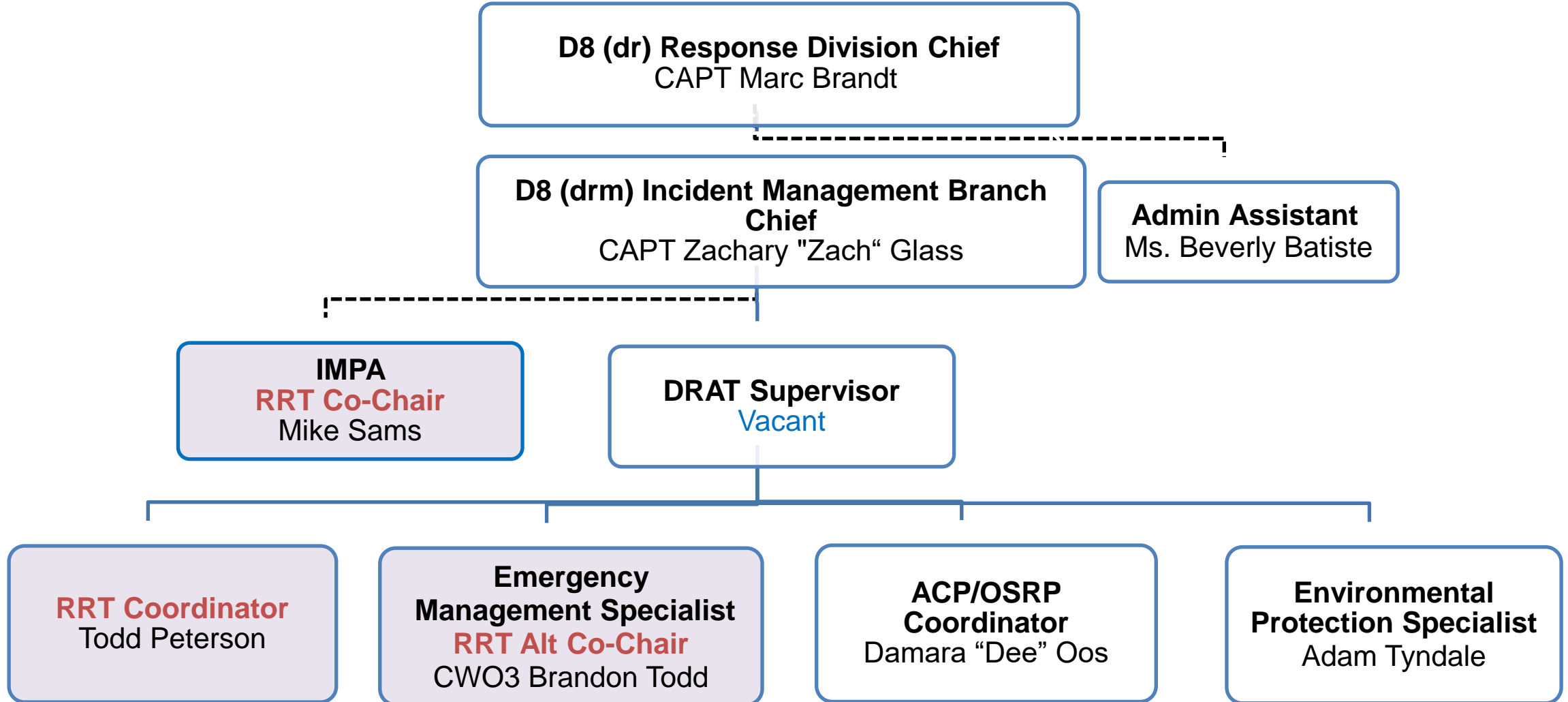
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Role	RRT Member	Contact Info
Co-Chair	Mr. Michael Sams	(504) 671-2234 Michael.K.Sams@uscg.mil
Co-Chair Alternate	CWO3 Brandon Todd	(504) 671-2235 Brandon.L.Todd@uscg.mil
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D8 (drm) Incident Management Branch





Overview

- Preparedness
- Annual Coastal Area Contingency Plan Update
- Environmental Consultations
- Environmental Health Support During Emergency Response

Hurricane Preparedness

Preseason



- CGD 8 conducts the following actions to prepare for Hurricane Season:
 - All-hands Hurricane Training
 - Personnel accountability list updated
 - Alert Warning System test
- RRT-6 conducts the following Hurricane Season Briefs:
 - Federal Hurricane Briefs (FEMA R6, EPA R6, USCG D8) – 13 Apr 2023 – Denton, TX
 - State-specific Hurricane Briefs:
 - Texas (TGLO, TCEQ, TRRC, and other relevant state agencies; EPA R6, BSEE, USCG (D8 & USCG COTPs)
 - Louisiana (LOSCO, LDEQ, and other relevant state agencies; EPA R6, BSEE, USCG (D8 & USCG COTPs)

2023 Hurricane Season Forecast		Atlantic Basin		
	1991-2020 Average	2022	Colorado State University	The Weather Company
■ Total Named	14	14	13	15
■ Hurricanes	7	8	6	7
■ Cat 3 or Higher	3	2	2	3



SETX and SWLA ACP Annex 5

Southeast Texas (SETX)
and
Southwest Louisiana (SWLA)
Area Contingency Plan

Environmental Health Support During
Emergency Response

Annex 5
July 2021

SETX and SWLA ACP
Environmental Health Support During Emergency Response, Annex 5

- **CDC** – lead federal health agency for Oil Discharges
- **ATSDR** – lead federal health agency for chemical spills

5100 Environmental Health

Environmental health is the science and practice of preventing human injury and illness and promoting well-being by:

- identifying and evaluating environmental sources and hazardous agents, and
- limiting exposures to hazardous physical, chemical, and biological agents in air, water, soil, food, and other environmental media or settings that may adversely affect human health.

5200 Environmental Health Professional or Specialist

An environmental health professional or specialist is a practitioner with appropriate academic education and training and registration or certification to:


- investigate, sample, measure, and assess hazardous environmental agents in various environmental media and settings;
- recommend and apply protective interventions that control hazards to health;
- develop, promote, and enforce guidelines, policies, laws, and regulations;
- develop and provide health communications and educational materials;
- manage and lead environmental health units within organizations;
- perform systems analysis;
- engage community members to understand, address, and resolve problems;
- review construction and land use plans and make recommendations;
- interpret research utilizing science and evidence to understand the relationship between health and environment; and
- interpret data and prepare technical summaries and reports. (<https://www.neha.org/about-neha/definitions-environmental-health>)



Regional Contingency Plan (RCP)

Volume 4 - Annexes

- Annex 20 – Activation Guidance for Poison Centers

	ACTIVATION GUIDANCE FOR POISON CENTERS	July, 2022 October, 2011 (original)
Region 6 Regional Response Team – Annex 20		

Introduction


Poison Centers (PCs), often called "poison control centers," are an integral part of the preparedness and response community protecting the health of our population during hazardous materials incidents or terrorist events. Functioning on a patchwork of limited local, state federal and private funding, PCs have provided vital health services to the general public and health care professionals for over 30 plus years. The PC provision of direct 24-hour patient care services to residential callers, health care professionals and institutions adds value to the services provided by many public health entities, health care providers and insurance carriers.

Not only can the PCs provide medical evaluation and consultation, they also save the states substantial money by reducing the number of hospital ER visits because they can assess and often treat cases at home, saving the States hundreds of thousands of dollars each year.


The Region 6 Regional Response Team (RRT6), Co-Chaired by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the US Coast Guard, is the federal component of the National Response System for the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

RRT6 is composed of representatives from sixteen (16) federal departments and agencies and each of the five States. In addition, Region 6 shares its southern border with the country of Mexico.

RRT6 has recognized the potential value and contributions that PCs offer to the National Response System and developed this guidance document for use of PCs within its jurisdiction.



Case Study



On October 3, 2011, a fire and explosion occurred at a chemical manufacturing, custom blending, and packaging facility in Waxahachie, Ellis County, TX, which served the agricultural, oil and gas, and other industries. The explosion occurred during a process of mixing/blending materials, with the fire smoldering for 3 days. A chemical inventory list provided by the company contained chemicals in multiple hazard classes in unknown quantities.

A state highway was closed, as well as approximately 1,000 individuals were evacuated from a local college, elementary school, and two retirement centers. By the next day, three individuals had self-reported to the local hospital with unknown symptoms.

The North Texas Poison Center (NTPC) notified the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the Texas Poison Center Network (TPCN) of the incident. The TPCN received seven calls within the first 24 hours from individuals experiencing varying symptoms. Information on the fire plume was shared with all Poison Centers, ATSDR, and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

Daily summaries of calls received were provided to the local DSHS representative.

On October 11, a community activist group placed information in the local newspaper regarding health effects from the fire and encouraged concerned citizens to contact poison center for further information.

Lessons Learned

1. The community went to FaceBook and other social media to discuss health concerns. The community activist groups used social media as a forum for discussion, as well as developing a map tracking health complaints.
2. Once the public begins reaching out to the PC, there needs to be a consistent message from local officials and responders to provide to those with safety or health concerns.

Region 6 RRT: Annex 20 – Activation Guidance for PCs 1 | Page



Laws/Regulations/Policies

- **CG Headquarters:**

- CG Incident Management Handbook (IMH) Update
- CG Marine Environmental Manual Update Pends
- Coast Guard National Review Panel (CGNRP)

- **CGD 8:**

- District Response Advisory Team Hiring (GS-13)
- Federal On-Scene Coordinator Representative (FOSCR)
College



Accomplishments

Since last RRT meeting

Federal, state, and local Planning and Coordination Efforts		
Description	Location	Dates
Clean Gulf Conference	New Orleans, LA	8-10 Nov 2022
LA SACESG Meeting	Telcon	17 Nov 2022
RRT-3 Meeting	Bethany Beach, DE	6-8 Dec 2022
LA SACESG Meeting	Baton Rouge, LA	8 Feb 2023
MEXUSGULF Workshop	New Orleans, LA	15-16 Mar 2023
Joint RRT-5/7 Meeting	St. Charles, MO	5-6 Apr 2023
RRT-8 Meeting	Denver, CO	11 Apr 2023
7 th Annual Clean Waterways Conference	Denver, CO	11-13 Apr 2023
FEMA R6 Regional Interagency Steering Committee	Denton, TX	11-13 Apr 2023
Federal Hurricane Briefs	Denton, TX	13 Apr 2023
RRT-3 Meeting	Laurel, MD	2-4 May 2023



Outlook

Until Next RRT meeting

Federal, state, and local Planning and Coordination Efforts

Description	Location	Dates
LA SACESG Meeting	Telcon	21 Jun 2023
FOSCR College	Sector Houston-Galveston	26-30 Jun 2023
RRT- 7 Meeting	Kansas City, MO	27-28 Sep 2023
RRT-8 Meeting	Denver, CO	11-12 Oct 2023
LA SACESG Meeting	Telcon	18 Oct 2023
RRT-6 Meeting	Addison, TX	2-3 Nov 2023
Clean Gulf Conference	San Antonio, TX	7-9 Nov 2023

EPA



15 Minute Break!



Tribal Priority Update

Open Forum



90-minute Lunch

State Report Outs



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State Report Outs



Arkansas

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Overview

- March 31st Tornado
- HB 1765/ACT 840
- PFAS Task Force
- HALO



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Overview

- ADEM Training 43 EM Classes, 806 students – 2022
- ADEM Training 14 EM Classes, 332 students – YTD 2023
- ADEM Training 125 HazMat Classes, 2,098 students – 2022
- ADEM Training 22 HazMat Classes, 454 students – YTD 2023
- Tier II Reporting 2,721 Facilities - Reporting Year 2022



Energy and Environment - DEQ

Incident Category	Total
Total # Incidents (October 26, 2022- May 5, 2023)	198
# Referred to DEQ Regulatory Programs	19
Environmental Media/Program Impacted	Total
# Water	170
# Air	16
# Hazardous Waste	16
# Regulated Storage Tanks	3
# Solid Waste	2
# Multimedia	37
# Complaints	706
# NRC	28

Outlook

Training

Description	Dates
Solar Eclipse Planning	Weekly
ADEM ESF Trainings	Ongoing
WebEOC Trainings	Ongoing

Exercises/Workshops

Description	Dates
ADEM Exercises	Multiple
Corporate Partner Exercises	Multiple

Fed/State/Local planning and coordination efforts

Description	Dates
English Creek	Ongoing
Williams Junction	Ongoing
Anthony Timberlands	Ongoing

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Oklahoma

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Oklahoma

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Primary	Michael DeRemer	OSDH	MichaelD@health.ok.gov
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Key Personnel Changes

Oklahoma

Agency	Role	Incoming Name	Outgoing Name
DEQ	Alternate	Unfilled	Ashley Sebree



Ongoing Response

Oklahoma

Event:	4/19/2023 Storms/Tornadoes DR-4706-OK
Damage:	5 counties affected, 3 fatalities and 185 injuries, 6 PWS facilities and 3 WWT facilities affected
Ongoing Issues:	Recovery continues All PWS and WWT facilities returned to normal operations 25 Tier II facilities contacted, no spills/releases reported 12 new debris sites approved, 1 pending OAS/SHPO approval 29 additional sites continue managing debris from previous events



Norman
storm



Shawnee
track



Shawnee
damage



Metrics/Trends/Challenges

Oklahoma

Since the last meeting...

DEQ complaints	1,873
DEQ spills	177
DEQ fish kills	57
Referred complaints & spills	145



*Old Atlas F chiller
Olustee, OK
February 2023*



Accomplishments

Federal, State, and Local Planning and Coordination Efforts, Trainings, and Exercises/Workshops	
Description	Dates
EPA/OCC/DEQ Seep/Purge Monitoring	On-going
Multi-agency <i>Campylobacter/E. coli (STEC)</i> Outbreak	October 27, 2022 – January 26, 2023
Four Corners Emergency Management Conference	December 5 – 7, 2022
Cherokee Co. LEPC Outreach	January 18, 2023
OCC/DEQ Response Coordination Meetings	February 13 – 14, 2023
Burned chiller from Atlas F missile silo site – friable asbestos	February 23 – March 9, 2023
Oklahoma Emergency Management Association Conference	February 28 – March 2, 2023
FEMA BRIC National Review Panel	March 20 – 24, 2023
FEMA RISC Meeting	April 11 – 13, 2023



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OCC/DEQ Class VI Injection Well Primacy	On-going
NUC/RAD FEMA Planning Meeting	TBD
Harmful Algal Bloom/Fishkill Standardization Training	May 9 & 16, 2023
Inter-Tribal Emergency Management Coalition Conference	August 15 – 17, 2023
State Hazard Mitigation Plan Updating	Due for completion 2024

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Texas

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Railroad Commission of Texas

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Overview

- No significant changes to note
- FY23 orphaned well plugging program ongoing with state-managed funds and federal (IIJA) funding: 643 – OGRC, 552 – Federal, as of May 11.
- FY23 abandoned cleanup program continues with state-managed (OGRC) funds: 177 completed cleanup activities, of which 27 were emergency cleanups.

Outlook

- We have a “routine” goal of 200 completed activities. Due to emergency cleanups at abandoned facilities, our actual CU count is expected to exceed 215.
- We anticipate adding CUs at federally funded well plugging sites, using IIJA funds next FY.
- Soliciting contracts for federally funded cleanups (federal requirements not included in existing state contracts)
- FOPS staff will be attending the 2023 TDEM conference in Ft. Worth convening May 30.

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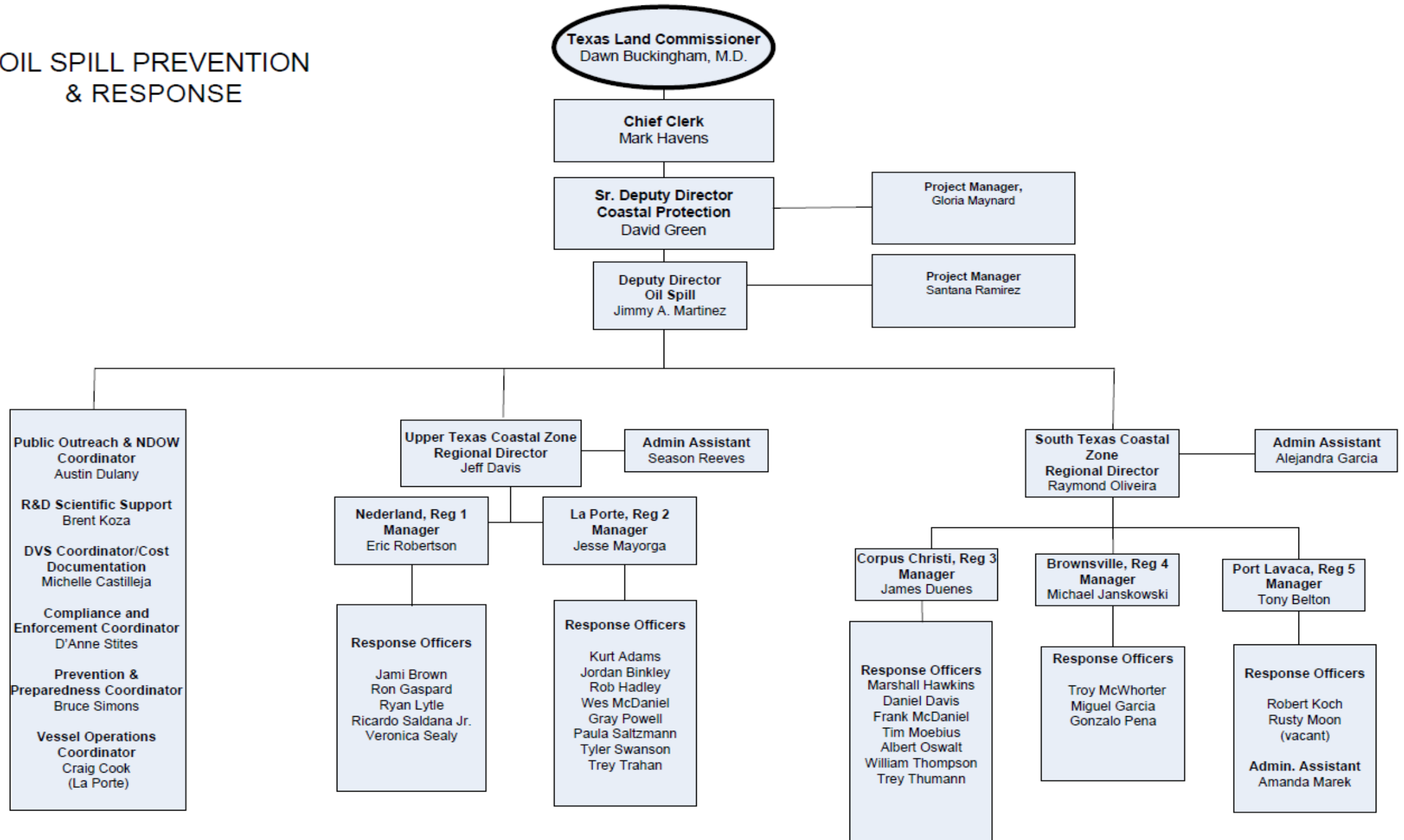


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OIL SPILL PREVENTION & RESPONSE





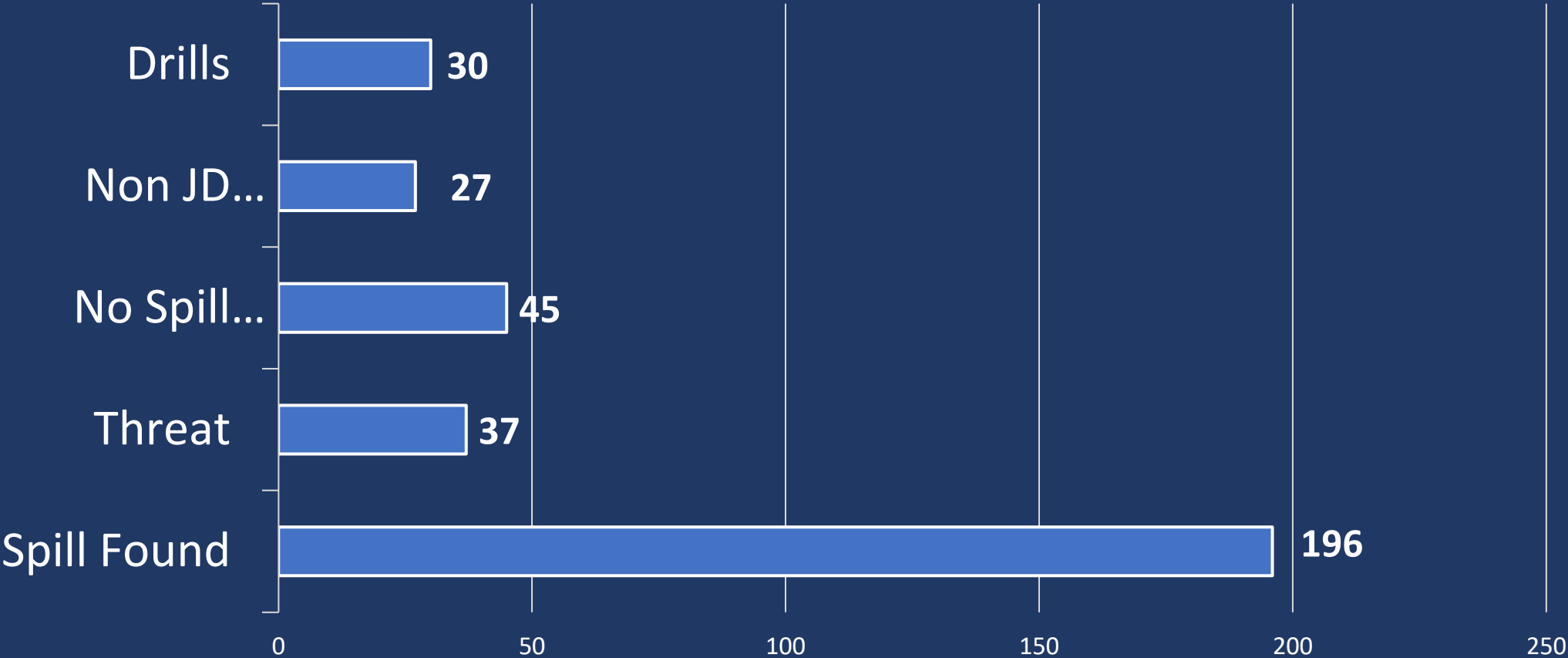
Laws/Regulations/Policies

- **The 88th Texas Legislature is in regular session from Jan. 10 – May 29, 2023**
 - No anticipated changes in the Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act or regulations
- **The Oil Spill Program continues to develop derelict vessel removal efforts**
 - Seeking out funding resources for contracted removals
 - Using Oil Spill program administrative authority and equipment as appropriate
 - Providing free opportunities for vessel relinquishments through VTIP
 - Working with local governments to expedite removal opportunities
- **The Oil Spill Program is improving participation in the Sound Management Practice Program (SMPP)**
 - SMPP is a long standing Oil Spill program important that reduces spill penalty costs by up to 50 percent
 - SMPP is available for both OSPRA regulated facilities and vessels
 - New efforts focus on increasing awareness of SMPP goals and benefits

Oil Spill Responses

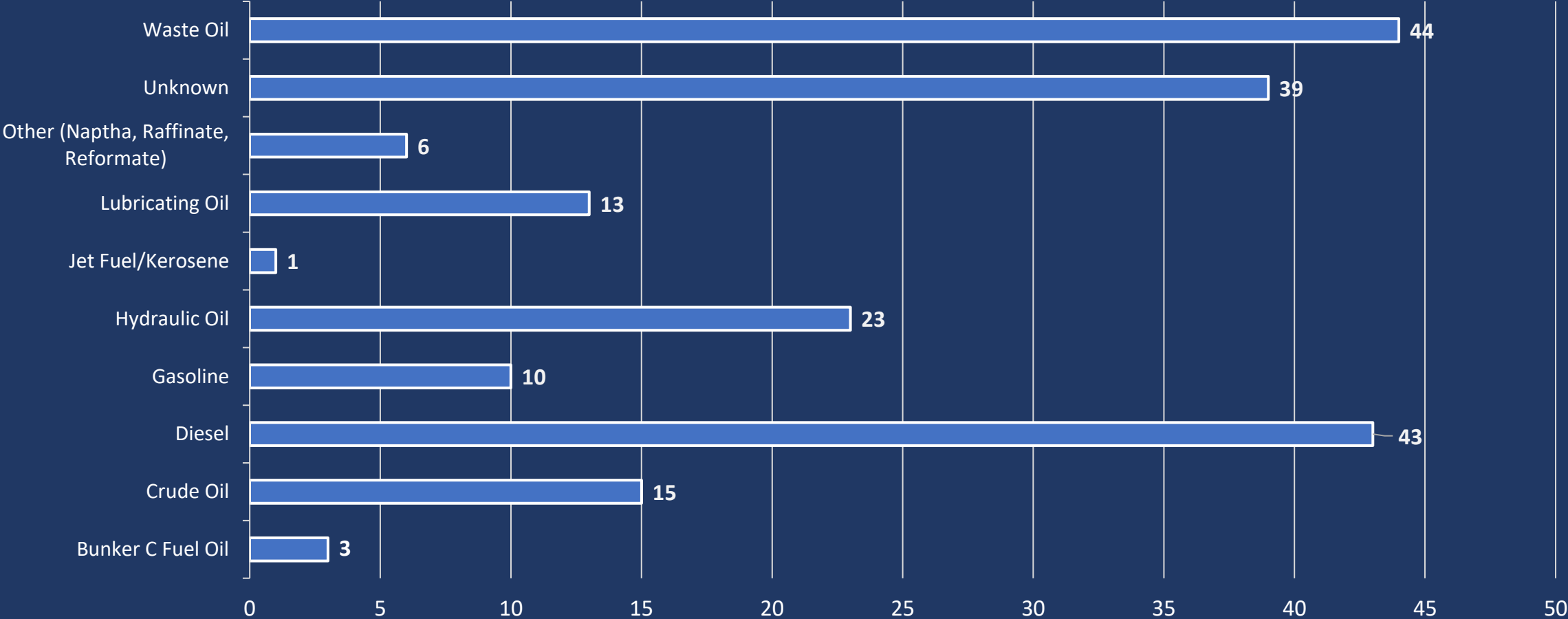
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335 total
responses



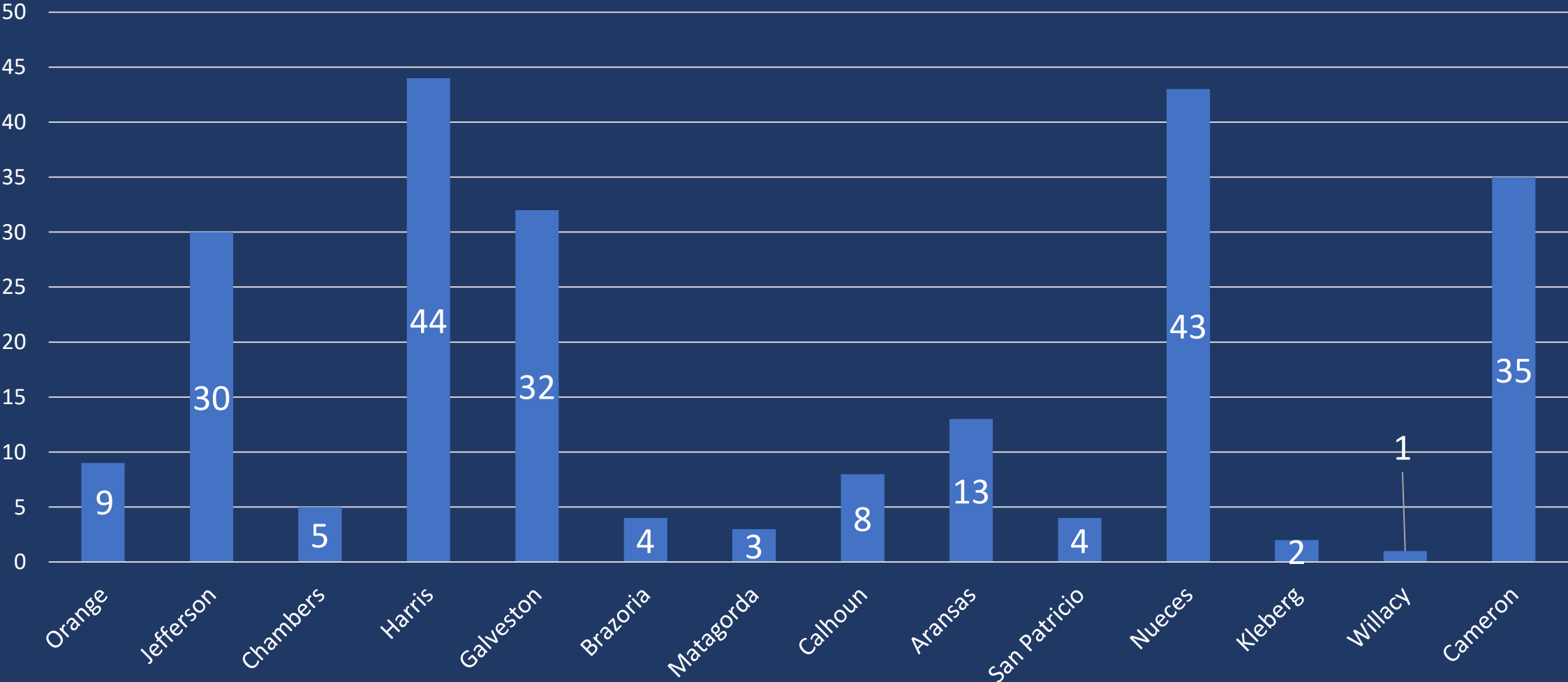
Oil Spill Product Spilled

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Oil Spill Program Spill & Threat Locations by County

FY 2023 – 1st Half



Oil Spill Prevention Activities & Targets

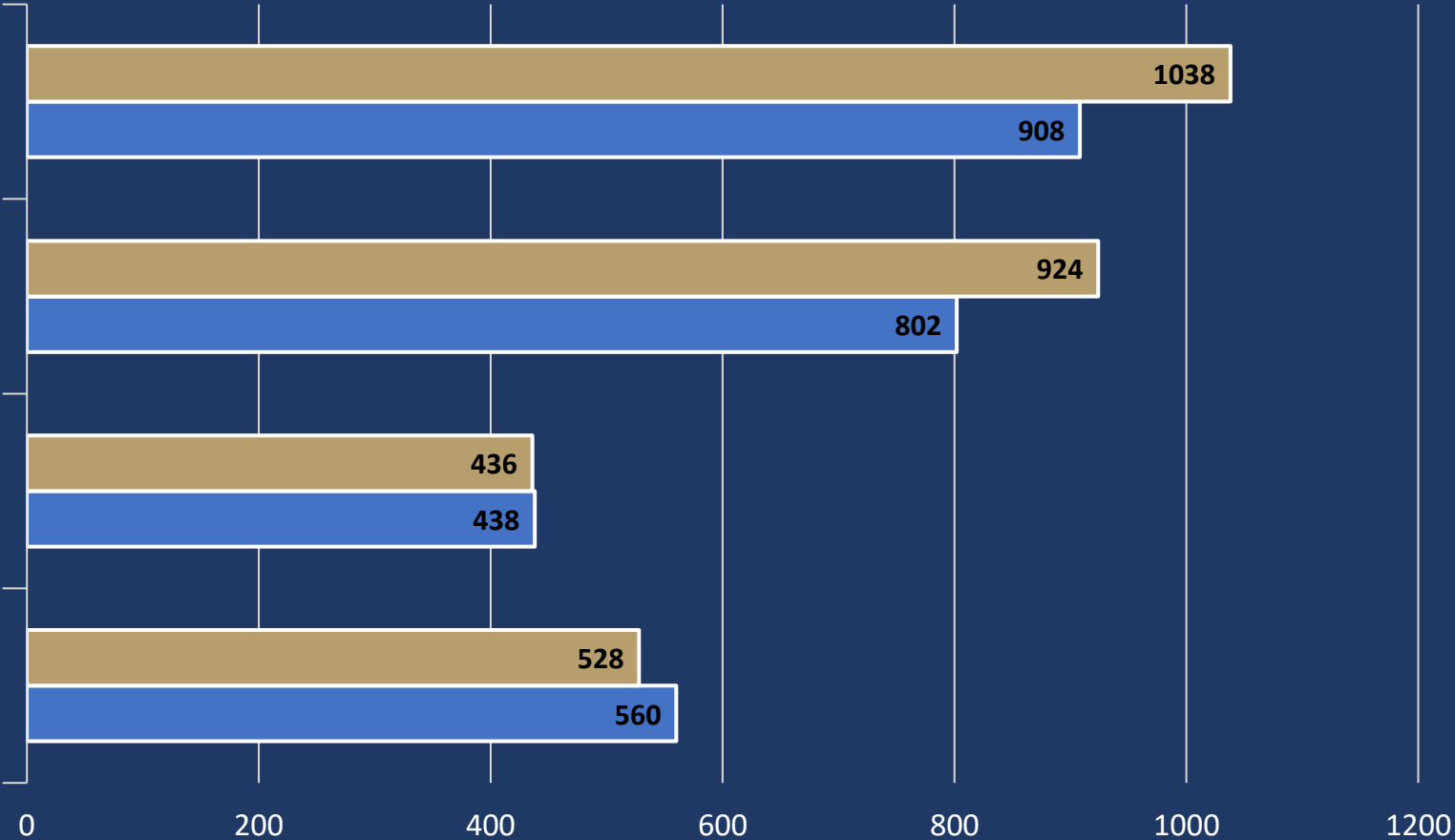
FY 2023 – 1st Half

Shore & Water Patrols

Vessel Activities

Facility Activities

Certified Facilities



■ FY 2023

■ Target

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Oil Spill Derelict Vessel Removal Activity

FY 2023

The Oil Spill Program continues to support derelict vessel removals to rid coastal areas of pollution sources, environmental and navigational hazards through agency administrative authority/contracting and Vessel Turn In Program (VTIP) events.

- **Derelict Abandoned Vessel Program** – Using agency authority and resources to remove abandoned vessels, 37 vessels were removed from Sept 1-May 10.

County	Vessels Removed
Aransas	1
Brazoria	6
Cameron	1
Chambers	2
Galveston	4
Harris	2
Jefferson	5
Kenedy	5
Orange	7
San Patricio	3
Willacy	1



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Vessel Turn In Program (VTIP) Events

FY 2023

VTIP is a voluntary partnership program with participating cities, counties, state agencies and local businesses that allows owners to bring their unwanted vessels to local turn in events at no cost.

8 VTIP Events conducted or scheduled before June, 2023

- Aransas County
- Port Isabel
- City of Ingleside
- Galveston County
- Brazoria County
- Orange County
- Matagorda County (May 17-20)
- Harris County Precinct Two (May 30-June 3)

245 vessels relinquished FY 2023 to date

Lifetime Program Totals

- 1,380 vessels removed to date
- 2,363 gallons of fuel removed
- 104 derelict trailers removed
- 22,231 linear ft/vessel length removed

\$10.5 million estimated cost savings



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Prioritization of Orphan Wells in Texas Bays for Plugging Efforts

- Potential funding for plugging of orphan wells in Texas coastal bays (not BIL funds)
- Oil Spill staff identified 185 inactive & unplugged wells
- Oil Spill staff created an ArcGIS field map application for site assessments
- Training
- Response Officers collected information in the field including operator name, API number, lease name, well number, storage, well type, wellhead condition, photos, other relevant info, and location with regards to high recreational use areas

5 total points available for environmental sensitivity

- 3 points assigned when the well is within one mile of a Priority Protection Area
- 2 additional points assigned when the well is within ¼ mile of a Priority Protection Area

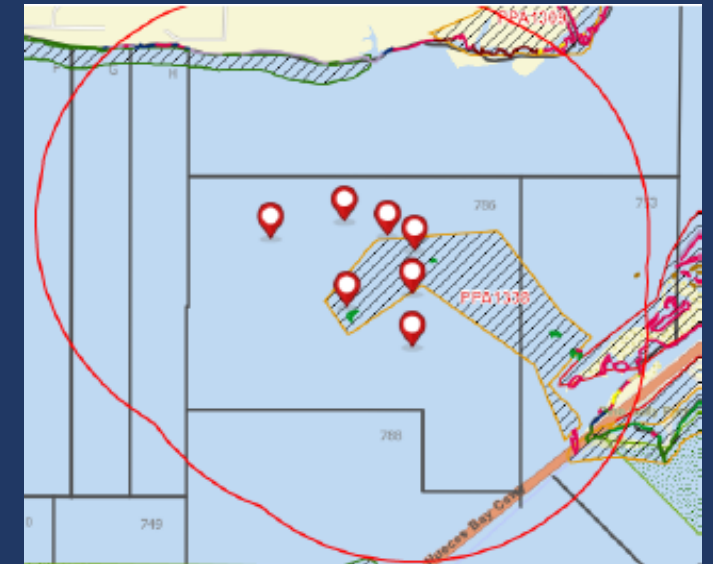
5 total points available for spill history

- 3 points assigned when known spill(s) of any amount have occurred from the well field
- 2 additional points assigned when spill(s) from the well field have exceeded one gallon

3 points assigned for poor well condition

3 total points available for proximity to nearest shoreline

- 2 points assigned when well is located within one mile of the nearest shoreline
- 1 additional point assigned when well is located within ¼ mile of the nearest shoreline



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Prioritization of Orphan Wells in Texas Bays for Plugging Efforts (cont.)

- Field data were analyzed for environmental sensitivity, spill history, distance to nearest shoreline, shoreline type and wells were assigned a priority plugging score
- A comprehensive report was developed to provide a clear picture of the issues with orphan wells in coastal waters

API Number: 05701296 GLO Facility Number: (28.28181, -96.7839)
Operator: GULF E&P LTD Waterbody: San Antonio Bay Well #: 1 C

Final Rank
9

Overall Priority Recommendation
Orange - High (Past incidents, open to atmo.)


State-Owned Submerged Land? Past known Spills?
Yes Yes

Env. Sensitive or High Use Area?
Aransas Wildlife Refuge Nearby
Comments
Spill 2016-1251 - 6 gal 5/05/2016
Spill 2016-1271 - 442 gal 5/06/16

Removal priority score: 13

Wellhead Condition
Poor - Fully worn paint, significant rust
Comments: Oil well

Additional Comments:
Environmental: 6650 ft of marsh, piping plover, occasional use by whooping cranes. Includes Webb Point wetlands feeding area for whooping cranes. Oyster reefs present.
Operational: Two wells nearby, 05701177, 05701178. Spills: 16-1271, 16-1251, which were 442 gallons and 6.5 gallons condensate.



Accomplishments

Federal, State and Local Planning Efforts



Description	Location	Dates
GLO Unannounced Notification Drill	Austin and all 5 regions	September 24, 2022
BP Worst Case Discharge Functional Exercise	Houston	October 4-6, 2022
Citgo Worst Case Discharge Full Scale Exercise	Robstown	October 18-20, 2022
ExxonMobil US Conventional GOM BSEE Exercise	The Woodlands	October 20, 2022
Enbridge Tabletop Exercise	Ingleside	October 26, 2022
GIUE Valero Refinery	Port Arthur	November 15, 2022
GIUE Texas Flow Tankage LLC, Crude Oil Terminal	Victoria	November 16, 2022
Cheniere Spill Response Drill & Deployment Exercise	Gregory	November 17, 2022
ExxonMobil Pipeline Exercise	Baytown	November 17, 2022
GIUE Vulcan Material, Inc.	Brownsville	November 28, 2022
GIUE Genesis Crude	Houma, LA (virtual)	December 13, 2022
TransMontaigne Tabletop Exercise	Brownsville	January 11, 2023
NDOW Communications Field Exercise	Corpus Christi	February 6-10, 2023
GIUE ExxonMobil	Baytown	February 8, 2023
Lydia Ann Channel Fleet Drill	Rockport	February 9, 2023
Energy Transfer Drill	Houston	February 16, 2023
Strategic Petroleum PREP Exercise	Winnie	March 1, 2023
Valero Refinery West Exercise	Corpus Christi	March 22, 2023
Flint Hills Resources Deployment Exercise	Corpus Christi	March 30, 2023
BOE Exploration Production LLC Exercise	Houston	April 4-5, 2023

Accomplishments

Outreach Efforts



Event	Location	Dates
2023 Texas Pipeline Safety Program	Orange County	February 1, 2023
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Crab Trap Rodeo	Sabine Pass	February 21, 2023
Lee High School Environmental Club-Eddie V Gray Wetlands Ctr	Baytown	September 21, 2022
San Jacinto Maritime College Career Fair	La Porte	October 19, 2022
Touch A Truck	Texas City	October 22, 2022
USCG Community Day	Houston	February 11, 2023
Aransas Pass Dispatch Symposium	Aransas Pass	February 16, 2023
Ella Barnes Elementary Earth Day	Corpus Christi	March 8, 2023
Rockport High School Water Week	Rockport	March 23, 2023
Cunningham Middle School STEM Night	Corpus Christi	March 27, 2023
Corpus Christi Boy Scouts	Corpus Christi	April 25, 2023
Bahia Grande Univ of Texas Rio Grande Valley Water Sampling	Brownsville	January 18, 2023
Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment Workshop	Brownsville	February 22, 2023
Queen Isabella Causeway Run	South Padre Island	April 15, 2023
Adopt-A-Beach	South Padre Island	April 22, 2023
Blessing Elementary	Blessing	September 14, 2022
USCG Industry Day	Port Lavaca	September 22, 2022
San Antonio Bay Shoreline Cleanup	Port Lavaca	September 27, 2022
Victoria Duck Safari	Victoria	October 29, 2022
City of Port Lavaca Clean it Green it Earth Day Event	Port Lavaca	April 24, 2023



Hurricane Preparedness



List the regulatory authorities over the following facilities or entities that handle hazardous substances and/or oil that may be impacted by a hurricane (e.g., permitted facilities, RMP, FRP, transfer facilities) ***The General Land Office Oil Spill Prevention and Response Program certifies coastal oil handling facilities - facilities located within 100 yards of coastal waters. The GLO also works regularly with the US Coast Guard, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Texas Railroad Commission.***

Does the Agency maintain a list of facilities or entities that may be impacted, with contact information? If so, how often is the list updated? ***Yes. The Oil Spill Program maintains a list of designated contacts (Persons in Charge) for every OSPRA certified facility. Keeping the contact information updated is the responsibility of the certificate holder; the GLO conducts annual audits and inspections to ensure contact with each facility.***

Does the Agency participate in stakeholder outreach events for hurricane preparedness? ***Yes. See Hurricane Season Planning Event Chart***

Does the Agency conduct any public affairs or external outreach to facilities (or public) potentially impacted? If so, provide examples of activities. ***Yes. The GLO provides storm information and resources through agency social media channels and website, outreach events.***

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Does the Agency participate or conduct hurricane preparedness exercises (WS, TTX, or FSE)? If so, provide dates, locations, lessons learned and/or recommended best practices. ***Yes. See Hurricane Season Planning Event Chart.***

2023 Hurricane Season Planning Federal, State and Local Planning Efforts

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Hurricane Preparedness

Pre-Storm



- How does the Agency maintain situation awareness PRE-landfall (e.g., common operating picture, assessments, viewers)? Provide examples. ***The GLO maintains situational awareness in cooperation with other agencies and local partners such as Natural Disaster Operational Workgroup (NDOW), Disaster District Coordinators and Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC), Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and State Operations Center (SOC).***
- Provide Agency stakeholder outreach activities (e.g., conference calls, pre-positioning of LNOs, site walks, inspections). ***The GLO conducts pre-storm and pre-landfall assessments with stakeholders including marinas and environmental areas of concern where oil could escape.***
- Provide public affairs and external outreach activities (e.g., monitoring of social media, press releases, monitoring of local news broadcasts for community information). ***Oil Spill Prevention and Response works cooperatively with the agency's Communication Division to ensure public messages concerning safety and environmental needs in weather events are addressed.***

Outlook

Federal, State and Local Planning Efforts and GLO Initiatives

- Oiled Wildlife Tabletop Exercise – Corpus Christi, July 7
- OXY/Anadarko GOM PREP Exercise, The Woodlands, September 27-28
- Oiled Wildlife Functional Exercise – Corpus Christi, TBD
- Orphan Well Removal Initiative
- Continued GLO Staff Training
- Review of Oil Spill Research Proposals



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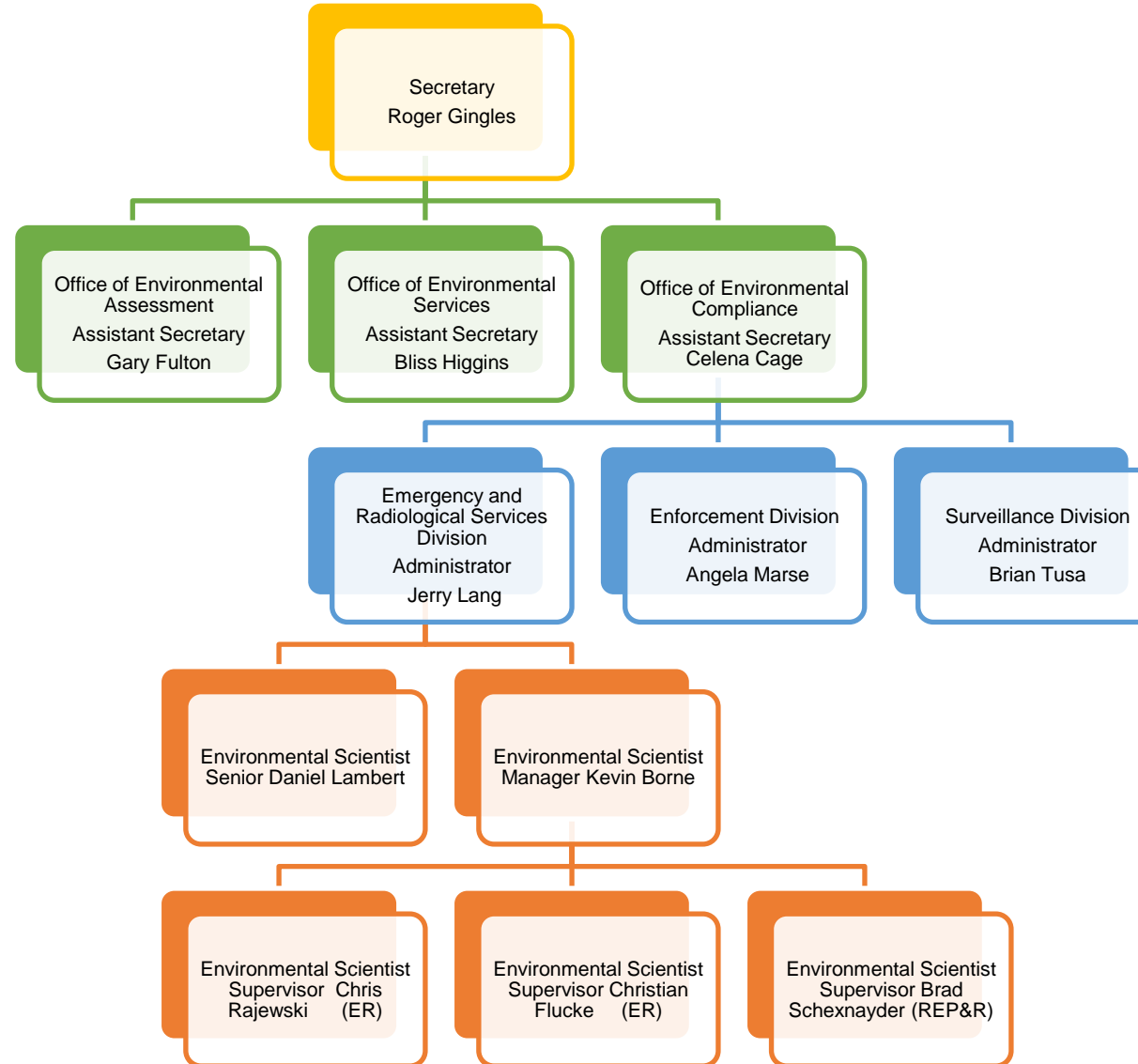
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Mission Statement

Provide service to the people of Louisiana through comprehensive environmental protection in order to promote and protect health, safety and welfare while considering sound policies that are consistent with statutory mandates.

LDEQ Organizational Chart



Notification/Response Activities

- 3,178 Industry Notifications and Complaints processed by Single Point of Contact (October 12, 2022 – April 12, 2023)
- 562 Emergency Responses from Oct 12th – April 12th.
- 11/2/22 – Canadian National – Paulina, LA – Hydrochloric Acid
- 12/26/22 – WCC Entergy – Port Sulphur – Crude Oil
- 3/22/23 – BioLab – Lake Charles – Chlorine release

Hurricane Preparedness

Preseason



- LDEQ Authority LA RS 30:2001 et seq LDEQ Rules and Regulations LAC Title 33
- Databases of Regulated Facilities are kept by the Department in which key information including contact information are constantly updated either through the Permitting process or the Inspection process.
- LDEQ conducts outreach and participates in exercises with Industry, State and Local entities, and the Public through various means:
 - GOHSEP (Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness) Regional Hurricane Meetings
 - Hurricane Information posted to the LDEQ Website
 - Parish Liaisons remain in contact with their respective Parishes
 - Parish Resource Book is updated and distributed every year which contains contact information, Notification Procedures, and information on Debris Management.
 - Participation in the GOHSEP's yearly Rehearsal of Concepts (ROC) Drill.
 - Participation in Local Drills and Preparedness Meetings as requested.
 - Conducts a yearly update of the Department's Natural Disaster and Catastrophic Event Response Plan

Accomplishments

Since last RRT meeting

Federal, state, and local Planning and Coordination Efforts		
Description	Location	Dates
West Feliciana Hospital and EMS MS-1 Demonstration, West Jefferson Medical Center MS-1 Drill, FRMAC Semi Annual Conference, FEMA REP Exercise Controller Training	Various	Various
Isotope Crossroads Exercise	New Orleans	April, 2023
Iberville Parish Railcar Tabletop Exercise	Iberville Parish	April, 2023
Street Chemistry	JESTC - Baton Rouge	April, 2023
Chevron Gulf of Mexico 2023 WCD Training & Exercise	Covington, LA	April, 2023
Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Plant Graded Drill	Multiple	March, 2023

Outlook

Until Next RRT meeting

Federal, state, and local Planning and Coordination Efforts		
Description	Location	Dates
Waterford 3 Dress Rehearsal	Multiple	May, 2023
Pontchartrain Center Reception Center Demonstration	Kenner, LA	TBD
Waterford 3 Station Exercise	St. Charles, LA	June, 2023
Radiological Accident Assessment Concepts Course	LDEQ HQ, Baton Rouge, LA	August, 2023
West Feliciana Hospital MS-1 Demonstration	St. Francisville, LA	October, 2023

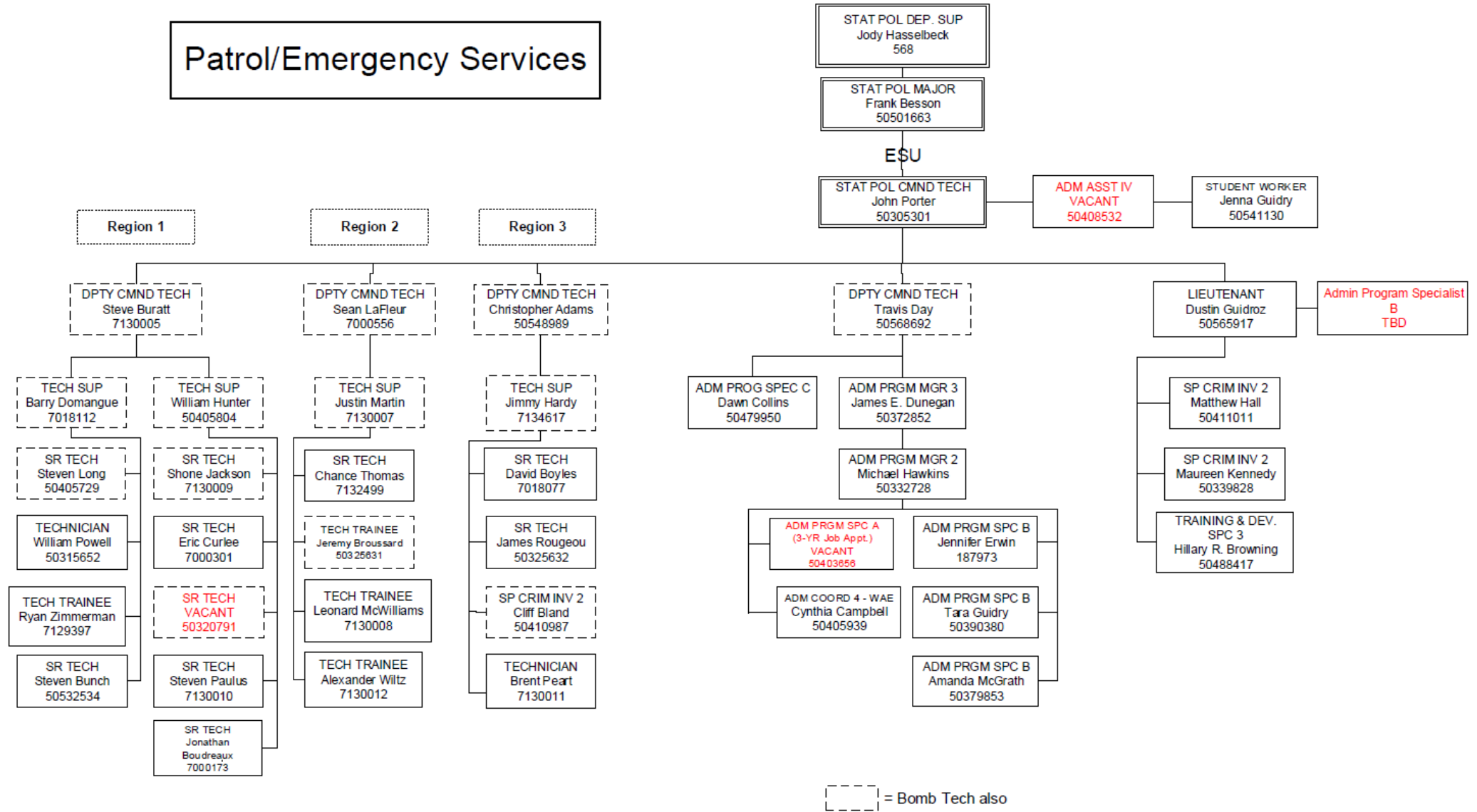
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Patrol/Emergency Services



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U.S. Navy

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New Sarah.m.Murtagh.civ@us.navy.mil

Deputy Navy On-Scene Coordinator (Training and Exercise)

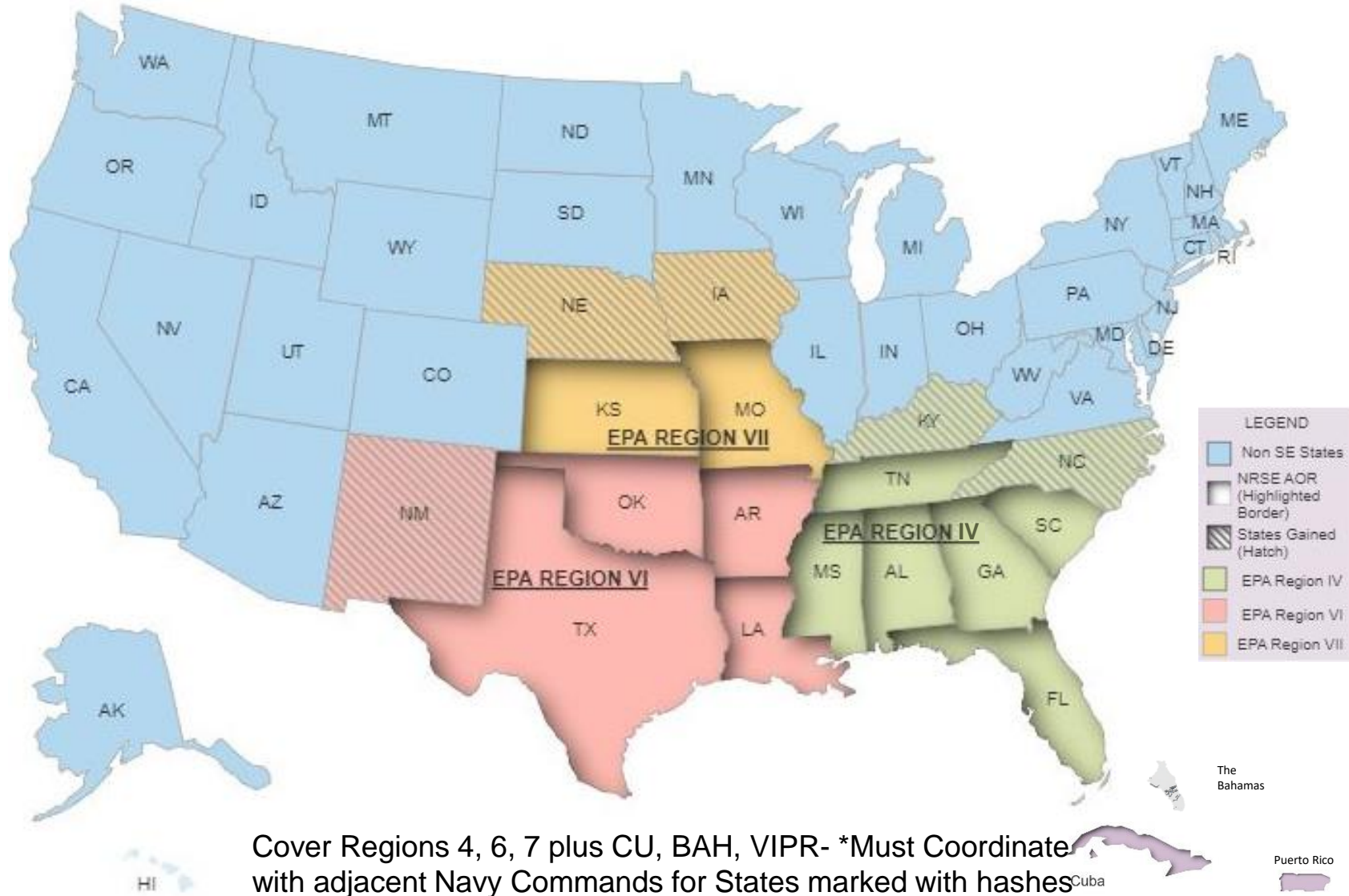
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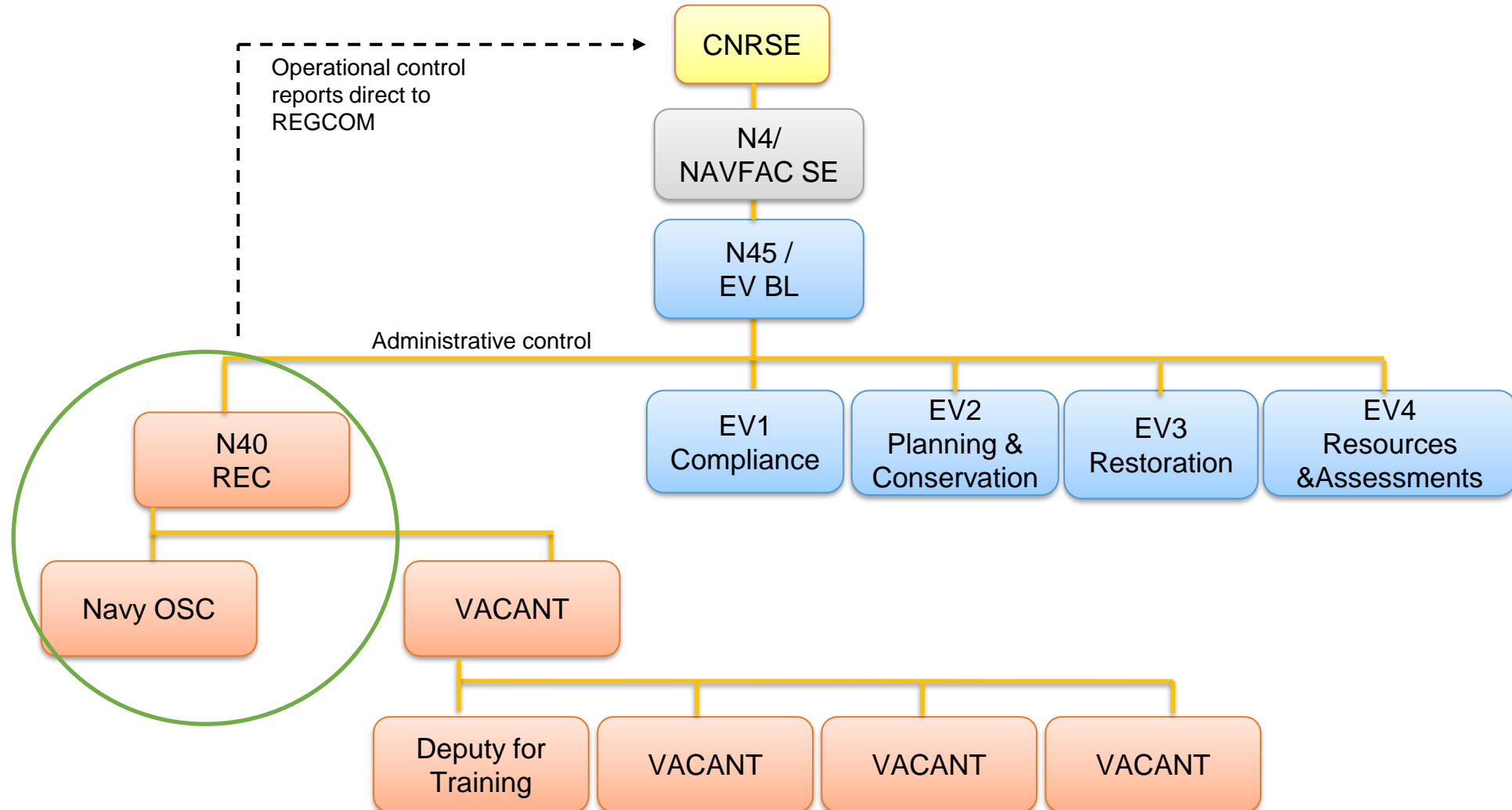
4 Open vacancies (1 Supervisory) for OHS Exercise Design and Planning
Please email Sarah and John if interested

(U) Area of Responsibility



Environmental Organization

**The REC and Navy OSC are the Operational Arm
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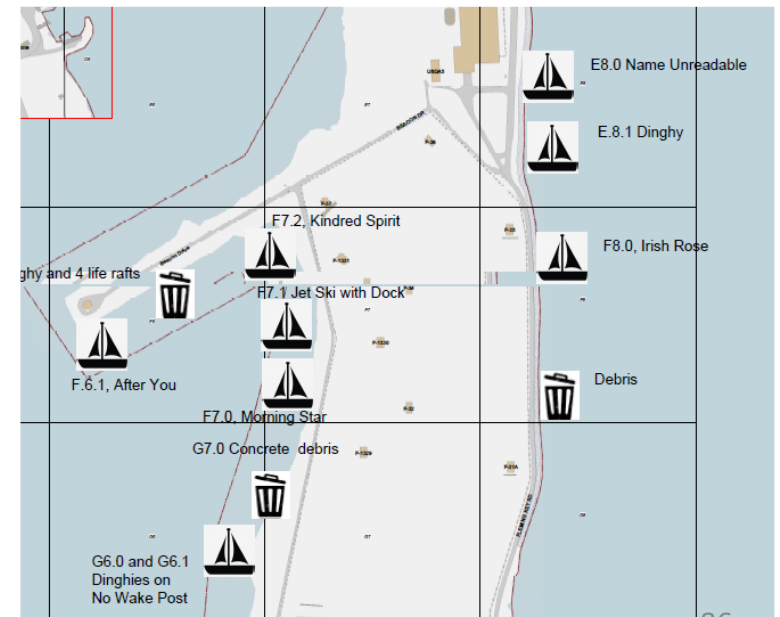


Challenges and Wins

Challenges-	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Bring awareness to Navy OSC program internally and externally to Navy2. Training new personnel- A lot of turnover at the installation level
Best Practices-	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. October 2022, Hurricane Ian- USCG salvaged two vessels just outside NAS Key West zone2. April 2023: Full Scale Government exercise with DOE (RAP and ARG), USCG, DOJ in April 20233. 30-31 Mar 2023: NOAA SSC and USCG assistance with large UXO in civilian Marina near Shalimar, FL4. 25 January 2023: TCEQ assistance with civilian helicopter crash on NAS Kingsville Range

Navy OSC Activation

Incident:	Hurricane Ian and Cuban Migrant Surge
Date:	06 OCT– 15 OCT 2022
Location:	Multiple Annexes across Islands
Substance / Quantity:	Boats washing ashore on Federal Property in different conditions
Key Operational Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - USCG assistance with boat after owner was taken into custody
Agencies Involved:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NCIS: Assistance with migrants and bodies washing ashore
Conclusion:	20 boats salvaged in 2 weeks.



Navy OSC Activation

Incident:	T-6 MISHAP _ Robertsdale, AL
Date:	18 JAN – 24 JAN / 20Feb-24 Feb 2023
Location:	Robertsdale, AL
Substance / Quantity:	Jet-A 120 gal plus hydraulic oil and remnants of ejection seat explosives
Key Operational Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ejection seat found on separate location - Aircraft recovery - Sampling and excavation of 383.43 tons of soil - Property restoration
Agencies Involved:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Baldwin County SO - USN EOD - USN MISHAP Investigation Team
Conclusion:	No significant cultural or natural resource concerns. Area did not catch fire due to recent rains



2023 Outlook

Spill Exercises 2023		
Exercise Size	Installation(s)/Quarter	FTX Date
Medium	NAS Whiting Field	25JAN23
WCD	AUTEC	08MAR23
Small	NAS Jacksonville	15MAR23
Small	NS Guantanamo Bay	29MAR23
Small	NAS Corpus Christi	04APR23
WCD	NAS JRB New Orleans	10MAY23
Medium	NSA Panama City	18MAY23
Medium	NSB Kings Bay	24MAY23
Small	NAS Pensacola	01JUN23
WCD	NAS Kingsville	13JUN23
Medium	NAS Key West	28JUN23
WCD	NAS Meridian	19JUL23
WCD	NS Mayport	01AUG23
Small (TTX)	NCBC Gulfport	09AUG23
Small (TTX)	NSA Mid-South	23AUG23
Medium	NAS JRB Ft Worth	13SEP23
WCD (TTX)	NSF Beaufort	20SEP23
WCD	MCSF-Blount Island	21SEP23

Questions?





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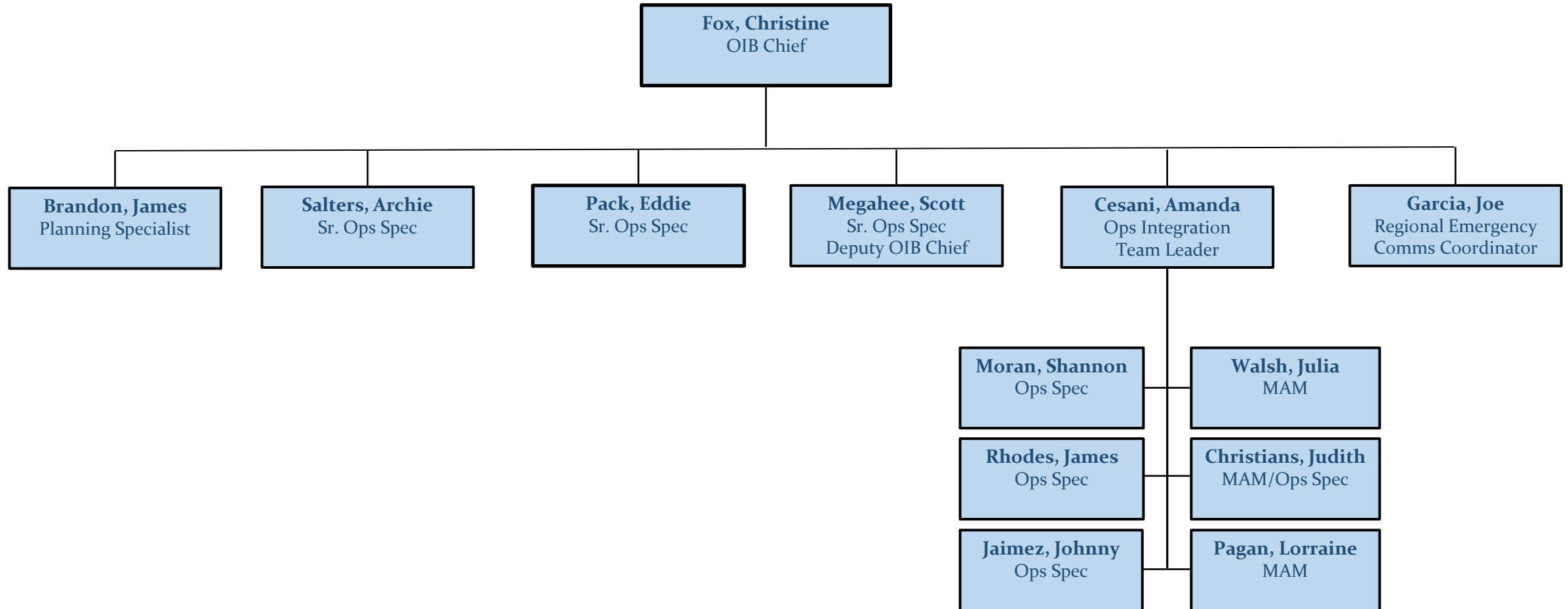
Overview

- Preparation for 2023 Hurricane Season
 - Pre-Hurricane coordination meeting with USCG & EPA – April 13, 2023
 - Internal TTX – May 15, 2023
 - ASPR/HHS AREP training for RRCC response – May 9, 2023
 - Action Tracker Training (ESBD focused) – May 11, 2023
- Pre-Scripted Mission Assignment (PSMA) Library Technical Review 2023
- Climate and Equity – Operational Planner (new hire)



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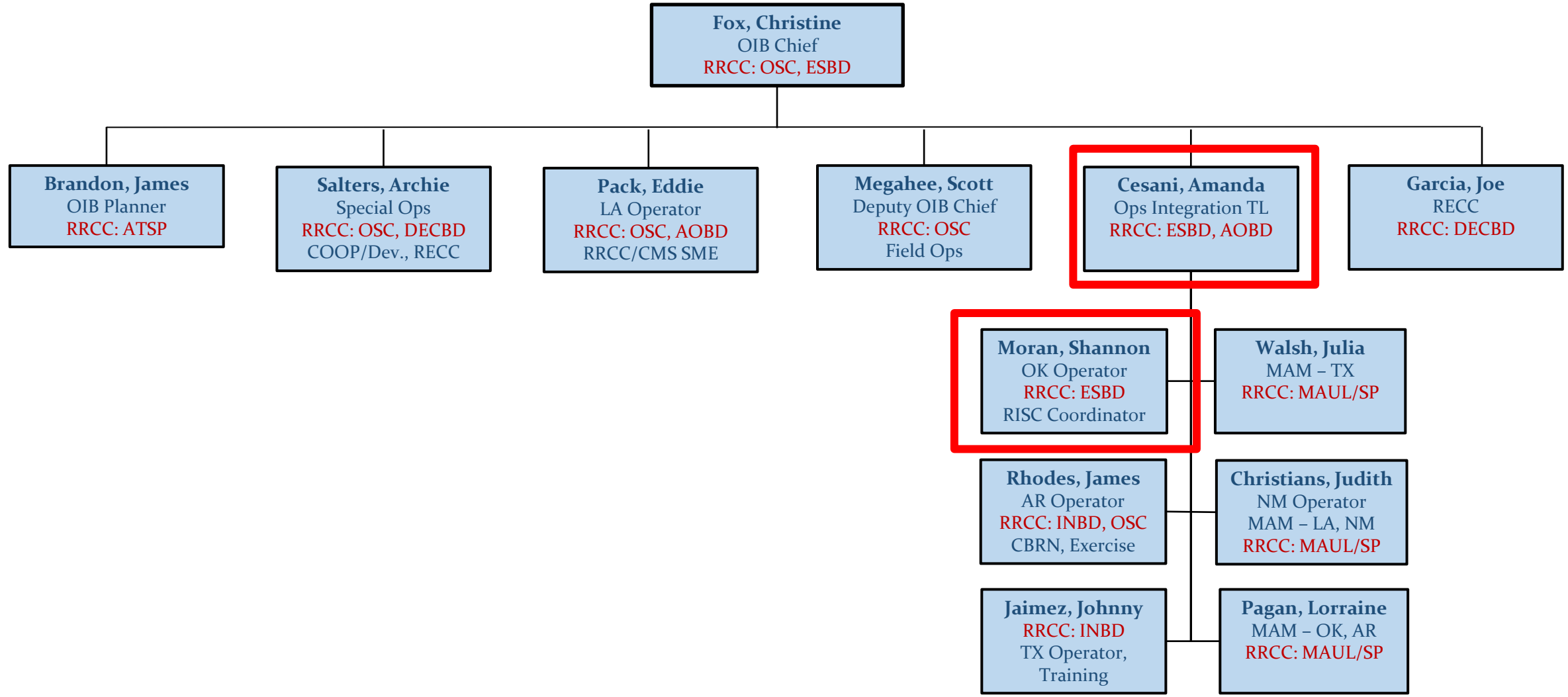
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Laws/Regulations/Policies

- In-Person attendance for FEMA Region 6 RRCC activations is expected
- FEMA HQ/ESF Leadership Group (ESFLG) published official memo regarding IFMIS stamp on August 26, 2022.
 - Intended to clarify when Other Federal Agencies/ESF partners should begin moving resources during the mission assignment approval process to prevent delays to deploy critical resources during federal response and recovery operations.
 - Distributed to core RRCC ESF/OFA partners in August. Reach out to Shannon, or Amanda for a copy or to discuss.



Accomplishments

Since last RRT meeting

Federal, state, and local Planning and Coordination Efforts		
Description	Location	Dates
Corpus Christi Airfield Assessment	Corpus Christi, Texas	January 16-18, 2023
DOD CERTEX	San Antonio, Texas	February 7-9, 2023
El Paso Airfield Assessment	El Paso, Texas	February 20-22, 2023
Oklahoma Emergency Management Conference	Durant, Oklahoma	February 27-March 2, 2023
Medical Evacuation Meeting (pre and post landfall)	Baton Rouge, LA	March 19, 2023
Spring RISC	Denton, Texas	April 11-13, 2023
Supported ARNORTH Global Thunder Exercise	Joint Base San Antonio, Fort Sam Houston	April 8-16, 2023



Outlook

Until Next RRT meeting

Federal, state, and local Planning and Coordination Efforts		
Description	Location	Dates
VA Medical Evacuation Exercise	Houston, Texas	May 23-24, 2023
Presentation on Resource Request Process – Tribal Summit (Mission Assignment Managers)	Denton, Texas	June 6, 2023
Hurricane Exercise	Denton, Texas	June 13-14, 2023
Region 6 Climate & Equity Adaptation Seminar	Baton Rouge, LA	June (tbd)
Oklahoma Terrain Walk	Tulsa/Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	June 26-30, 2023
Fall RISC	FAA Facility/Fort Worth, Texas	October 10-12, 2023

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CISA



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Overview

- Hurricane Season Preparations
 - CISA Region 6 Preparations (discussed in Hurricane pre slide deck)
- Outlier Research –Tier II Cross-Referencing, Analysis, etc.
- Outreach and Information Sharing



Hurricane Preparedness

Preseason

- CFATS regulatory authority over approximately 325 high risk chemical facilities in Region 6.
- List of regulated facilities is available and continuously updated by CISA CFATS program.
- The CFATS program participates in all hazards outreach via LEPCs, email coordination, voluntary exercises, etc.
- CISA Region 6 participates in internal and external hurricane preparedness exercises annually.

2023 Hurricane Season Forecast		Atlantic Basin		
	1991-2020 Average	2022	Colorado State University	The Weather Company
■ Total Named	14	14	13	15
■ Hurricanes	7	8	6	7
■ Cat 3 or Higher	3	2	2	3



Laws/Regulations/Policies

- Chemical Security Voluntary Program (CHEMLOCK)



Accomplishments

Fed/State/Local planning and coordination efforts

Description	Dates
LEPCs	Throughout the year



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Training

Description	Dates
NDOW RM Training	23 May

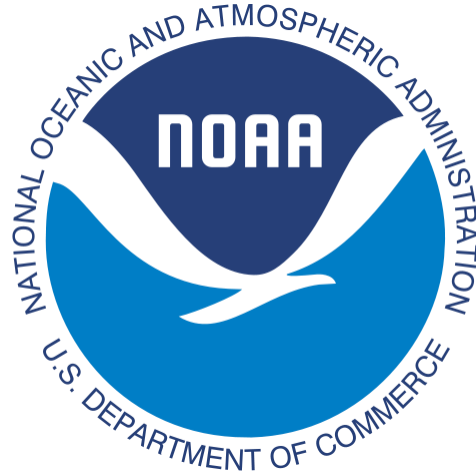
Exercises/Workshops

Description	Dates
NDOW FS Exercise	22-26 May

Fed/State/Local planning and coordination efforts

Description	Dates
LEPCs	Throughout the year
Joint Chemical Security Regional Hurricane EX	Annual (June)

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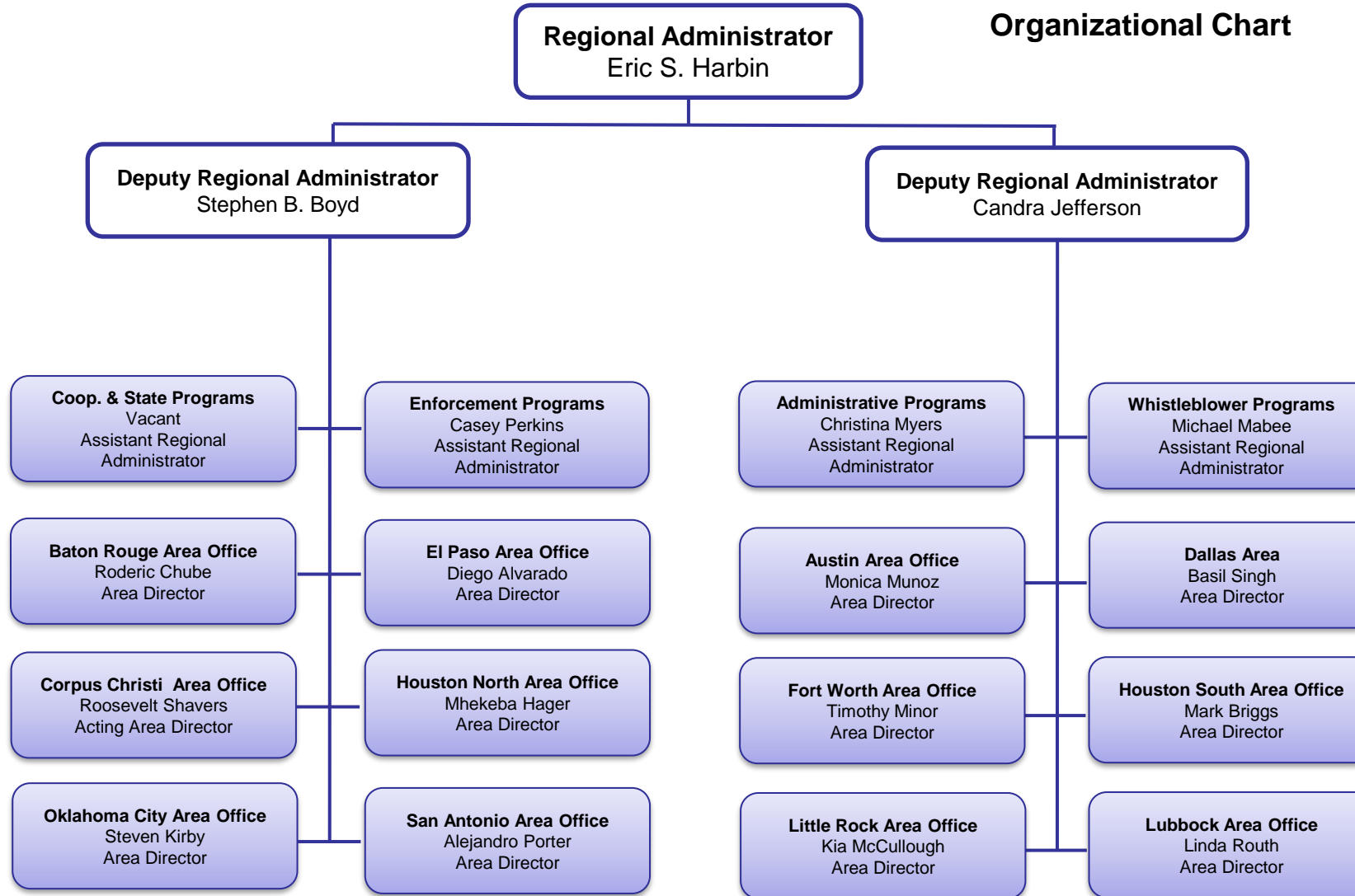
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U.S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)



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OSHA REGION VI Organizational Chart



Overview

- Reviewing OSHA Region 6 Regional Continuity Operation Plan
- Reviewing Area Offices Continuity of Operation Plans (COOP)
- Updating Region 6 Regional Emergency Response Team (RERT)
- OSHA Region 6 Month of Impact Trench and Excavation Outreach

Alarming rise in trench-related fatalities spurs US Department of Labor to announce enhanced nationwide enforcement, additional oversight

22 workers have perished in first half of 2022

WASHINGTON – In 2022's first six months, 22 workers have fallen victim to the deadly hazards present in trenching and excavation work – surpassing 15 in all of 2021 – and prompting the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration to launch enhanced enforcement initiatives to protect workers from known industry hazards.

- To stress the dangers of disregarding federal workplace safety requirements for trenching and excavation work, OSHA enforcement staff will consider every available tool at the agency's disposal. These actions will place additional emphasis on how agency officials evaluate penalties for trenching and excavation related incidents, including criminal referrals for federal or state prosecution to hold employers and others accountable when their actions or inactions kill workers or put their lives at risk.
- In keeping with its [National Emphasis Program for excavations](#), OSHA compliance officers will perform more than 1,000 trench inspections nationwide where they may stop by, and inspect, any excavation site during their daily duties.
- "The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is calling on all employers engaged in trenching and excavation activities to act immediately to ensure that required protections are fully in place every single time their employees step down into or work near a trench," said Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health Doug Parker. "In a matter of seconds, workers can be crushed and buried under thousands of pounds of soil and rocks in an unsafe trench. The alarming increase in the number of workers needlessly dying and suffering serious injuries in trenching incidents must be stopped."
- "Every one of these tragedies could have been prevented had employers complied with OSHA standards," Parker continued. "There simply is no excuse for ignoring safety requirements to prevent trench collapses and cave-ins, and leaving families, friends and co-workers to grieve when the solutions are so well-understood."
- A recent incident in central Texas highlights the dangers of trenching and an impetus for OSHA's action. On June 28, 2022, two workers, aged 20 and 39, suffered fatal injuries in Jarrell, Texas, when the unprotected trench more than 20 feet deep collapsed upon them as they worked. Trench shields, which could have saved their lives, sat unused beside the excavation.
- Trenching and excavation operations require protective systems and inspections before workers can enter. When employers fail to install trench protection systems or properly inspect the trench, workers are exposed to serious hazards, including risk of being buried under thousands of pounds of soil. By some estimates, a cubic yard of soil can weigh as much as 3,000 pounds, equal to that of a compact car.
- [States that operate their own Occupational Safety and Health plan](#) have similar emphasis programs in place, and OSHA also encourages those states to consider additional measures, including criminal referrals for federal or state prosecution for trenching-related incidents.
- [Trenching standards require protective systems on trenches deeper than 5 feet](#) and soil and other materials kept at least 2 feet from the edge of a trench. Additionally, trenches must be inspected by a knowledgeable person, be free of standing water and atmospheric hazards and have a safe means of entering and exiting prior to allowing a worker to enter.
- "OSHA stands ready to assist any employer who needs help to comply with our trenching and excavation requirements," Parker added. "We will conduct outreach programs, including safety summits, in all of our 10 regions to help ensure any employer who wants assistance gets it. The stakes are too important."
- OSHA's [On-Site Consultation Program](#), a free and confidential health and safety consulting program for small- and medium-sized businesses, will assist employers in developing strategic approaches for addressing trench-related illnesses and injuries in workplaces.
- The agency also urges workers to contact their local [OSHA or state plan office](#), or call 800-321-OSHA, if their employer requires working in or beside trenches that are not sloped, shored, or shielded and are five or more feet in depth.
- OSHA's [trenching and excavation webpage](#) provides additional information on trenching hazards and solutions, including a [safety video](#).

National Trenching and Excavation Overview

In 2022, there is a preliminary estimate of 39 workers who died in trenching and excavation work, more than double the number for all of 2021.

How can a trench kill me?

Dirt is heavy. Really heavy. One cubic yard of dirt is the weight of a mid-sized car.



The weight of soil is so heavy that it will crush you.

You could **die in minutes from a trench collapse...**
even if your head and arms are above the dirt.

**REGION VI TRENCHING AND
EXCAVATION STATISTICS**

Fatalities under OSHA's jurisdiction in Region VI

Fiscal Year 2022	Fiscal Year 2021	Fiscal Year 2020	Total Events FY 20-22
End Date: September 30th	End Date: September 30th	End Date: September 30th	End Date: September 30th
8	3	8	19



Region VI- Month of Impact- Trenching and Excavation
Fatalities and Severe Injury Data (SIR) under OSHA's jurisdiction in Region VI



FREE TRAINING

OSHA CONSTRUCTION SAFETY WORKSHOP (Virtual)

April 11, 2023

9:00 am - 12 pm

Agenda

- Overview of Region 6 Trenching and Excavation Fatality and Serious Incident Data - OSHA
- Texas811 Damage Review and Analysis - Texas811
- The Trench Competent Person - OSHA
- The One Call (811) Process - Texas811
- Trench Safety Requirements - H&S Safety

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CLASSROOM TRAINING EVENT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 2023



TRENCH & EXCAVATION SAFETY AWARENESS WORKSHOP

Associated Builders & Contractors (ABC) Pelican Chapter
19251 Highland Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70809
9:00AM - 12:00PM | Lunch will be provided

TOPICS THAT
WILL BE
COVERED

Trench Edges | Trench Rescue | Soil Classification | Water In Trenches
Protective Systems | Underground Utilities | Hazardous Atmosphere

LOUISIANA FIRE & EMERGENCY
TRAINING ACADEMY



• FIELD TRAINING EVENT •

TUESDAY
APRIL 4
2023

TOPICS THAT WILL BE COVERED

SAFETY SYSTEMS
WATER IN TRENCH
TRENCH EDGE HAZARDS
SOIL CLASSIFICATION
HAZARDOUS ATMOSPHERE
UNDERGROUND UTILITIES
TRENCH RESCUE & MORE

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TRENCH & EXCAVATION SAFETY AWARENESS WORKSHOP

Louisiana Fire & Emergency Training Academy
6868 Nicholson Drive | Baton Rouge LA | 70820
9:00AM - 12:00PM | Lunch will be provided



RSVP NOW



SAVE THE DATE March 23, 2023



8:00 AM



Yoakum Community
Center
105 Huck Street
Yoakum, TX 77995

Excavation Safety Day

You and your coworkers are invited to join us on March 23, 2023, for the Eagle Ford Safety & Equipment Rodeo Roundup.

No fee to attend.

A full day of training and demonstrations has been planned! We also have exhibiting and sponsorship opportunities available.

<https://dpcoftexas.org/eagle-ford-rodeo/>





TRENCH SAFETY STAND DOWN

2023 Trench Safety Stand Down

June 19-23, 2023

JUNE 2023: [TRENCH SAFETY MONTH!](#)

*Thank you for your participation and keeping your employees
safe!*

Accomplishments

Since last RRT meeting
2 Nov 2022

Federal, state, and local Planning and Coordination Efforts		
Description	Location	Dates
Consolidated OSHA Region 6 area office COOP's in a OneNote electronic notebook	OSHA Region 6	April 2023
Participated in Lunch and Learn with FEMA giving OSHA update	OSHA Region 6	January 2023
Consolidated OSHA Region 6 area office COOP's in a OneNote electronic notebook	OSHA Region 6	November 2021

Outlook

Until Next RRT meeting
4-5 Nov 2022

Federal, state, and local Planning and Coordination Efforts		
Description	Location	Dates
Outreach being performed in Arkansas in the wake of March tornados	OSHA Region 6	On Going
Outreach being performed in Oklahoma in the wake of March tornados	OSHA Region 6	On Going
In early talks between OSHA National Office and U.S. Army Corps of Engineer to form a partnership in relation to Operation Blue Roof	OSHA Region 6	2023
Met with the New Orleans Resilience Corps to develop relationship. They are a large disaster response and recovery group.	OSHA Region 6	2023

Federal Report Outs



Department of the Interior (DOI)

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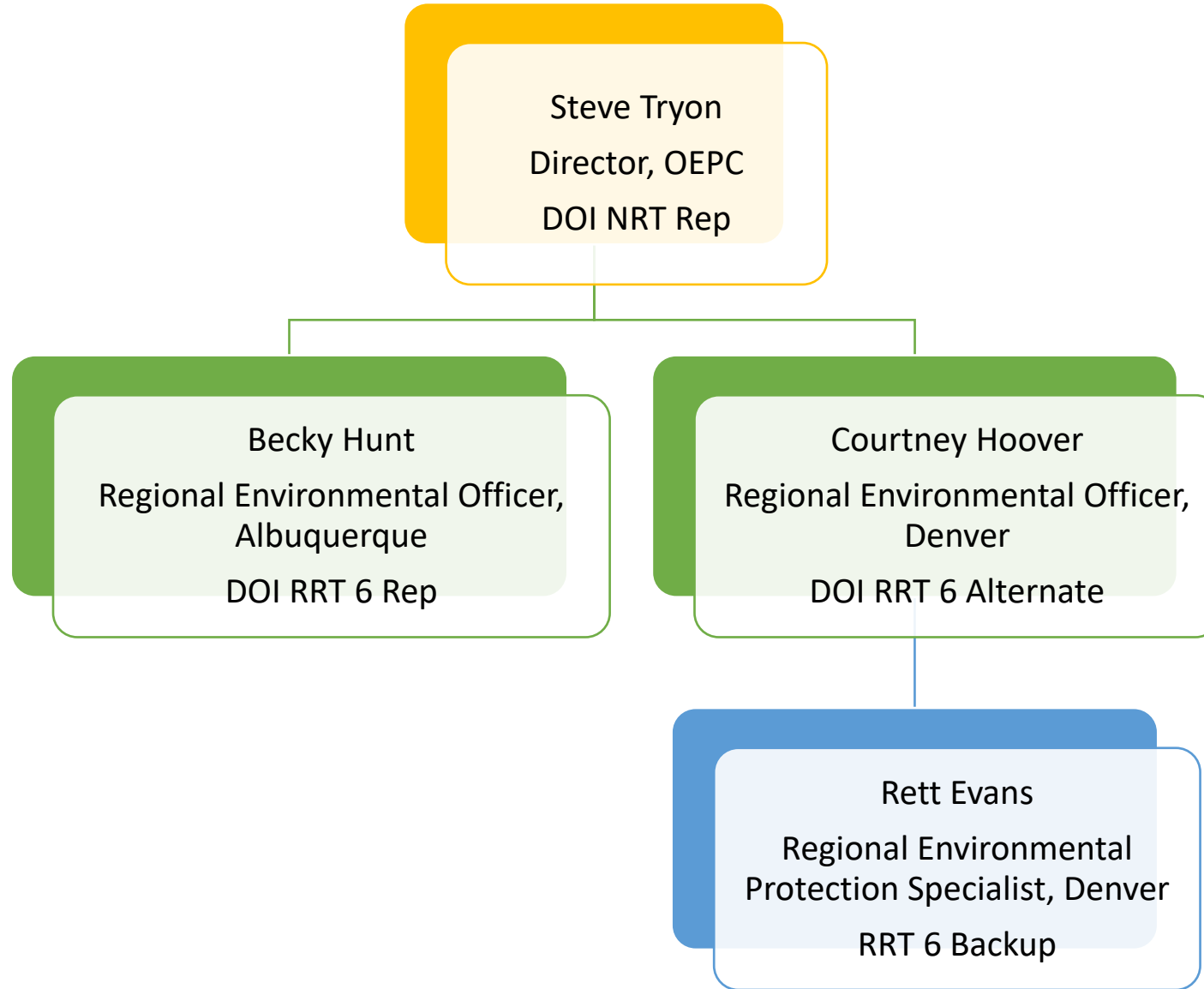


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Agency Organization Chart



Agency Updates



- Energy Community Revitalization Program (ECRP)
 - New DOI office: Orphaned Well Program Office
 - Press Release - <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-haaland-establishes-orphaned-wells-program-office-implement-historic>
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 - DOI orphan wells and abandoned mine program info: <https://www.doi.gov/oepc/legacy-pollution-remediation-and-reclamation>
 - FWS Orphan Well Press Releases and Articles:
 - <https://www.fws.gov/story/2022-11/making-wild-neighborhood-safer-orphaned-wells>
 - <https://twitter.com/USFWSNews/status/1626314471013597185>
 - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-solutions/2023/04/11/plugging-abandoned-oil-wells/>

Agency Accomplishments

Since last RRT meeting
2-3 Nov 2022

Federal, state, and local Planning and Coordination Efforts		
Description	Location	Dates
Clean Gulf Conference	New Orleans, LA	November 8-10, 2022
Historic Preservation Specialist Workshops	Lakewood, CO and Carlsbad, CA	Feb 2023 and March 2023
DOI Inland Oil Spill Response Course	Shepherdstown, WV (NCTC)	March 6-10, 2023
Clean Waterways Conference	Denver, CO	April 11-13, 2023
National NRDAR Workshop	New Orleans, LA	April 18-20, 2023
Siouxland Oil Spill Exercise	Yankton, SD	April 24-28, 2023
DOI Inland Oil Spill Response Course	Burbank, WV	May 8-12, 2023

Agency Outlook

Until Next RRT meeting
Nov 2023

Federal, state, and local Planning and Coordination Efforts		
Description	Location	Dates
DOI Inland Oil Spill Response Training	Proposed: NCTC, OK and Puerto Rico	2024 - TBD
Historic Preservation Specialist Workshop	RRT 5 – TBD	2024 – TBD
Table Top Exercise – Deep Fork NWR	Okmulgee, OK	TBD

Bureau Updates - BSEE



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- Positions
 - New BSEE-OSPD Rep, Cullen Jones, Senior Preparedness Analyst
 - New BSEE-GOMR SCSC, James Fletcher

Bureau Updates - BSEE



- BSEE Decommissioning of Orphaned Wells project - 2023
 - Abandonment of Orphaned wells on the OCS
 - Separate Project Management Services/Support RFP to assist BSEE with mgmt. and oversight of decom activities
- BSEE Offshore ACP Development Project
 - Final Draft TD 5 (ESI Atlas) and TD 6 (Resources at Risk maps) submitted for final review
 - All completed deliverables are posted on the BSEE website
 - IAA with NOAA to upload GOM ESI data on ERMA

BSEE Hurricane Preparedness

Preseason



- BSEE's Hurricane Response Team readies for 2023 Hurricane Season
 - Operators must report impacts to production. BSEE verifies and publishes the information daily.
 - Specific reporting requirements are found in [Notice to Lessees 2015-G02](#).
 - Reporting and monitoring continues during storms and until operations return to normal following the severe weather.
 - Through an interagency collaboration, USCG personnel are embedded within BSEE's HRT to better coordinate response activities.

BSEE Accomplishments



Since last RRT meeting
2-3 Nov 2022

Federal, state, and local Planning and Coordination Efforts		
Description	Location	Dates
BSEE/LOSCO MOU	www.bsee.gov/interagency-agreements-mous-moas/2022-bsee-losco-mou	September 2022
BSEE/BOEM/USCG MOA Response and Decom for MC 20, MC 21 and SP 73	www.bsee.gov/sites/default/files/2023-02/mc-20-cg-bsee-boem-moa.pdf	December 2022
Joint BSEE/PHMSA GIUE	Houma, LA	December 2022
BSEE GIUE Deployment of Oil Spill Response Equipment	Aransas Pass,TX Galveston,TX Port Canaveral, FL	January 2023
Capping Stack Deployment Drill	GOM	May 7-11
22 Operator-led FE/FSE Audits; 28 Equipment Preparedness Verifications (depots)	GOM	FY 23

Bureau Updates - FWS



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Bureau Updates - FWS



ESA Updates – Region 2 & 4 (Southwest & Southeast Regions)

Species	Geographic Area	Under Review	Comment Period	Federal Register Link
Louisiana pigtoe	River drainages in AR, LA, MS, OK & east TX	Proposed Listing as Threatened	3/20/23 – 5/19/23 (60 day)	FR 88(53) 03/20/23
Texas heelsplitter	Streams & rivers of east TX	Proposed Listing as Endangered	3/20/23 – 5/19/23 (60 day)	FR 88(53) 03/20/23
Tricolored bat	AR, LA, NM, OK, TX	Proposed Listing as Endangered	9/14/22- 11/14/22	FR 87(177) 09/14/22

Bureau Updates - FWS



ESA Updates – Region 2 & 4 (Southwest & Southeast Regions)

Species	Geographic Area	Decision	Effective Date	Federal Register Link
South Llano Springs moss	TX (South Llano River)	Final Listing – Endangered	5/30/23	FR 88(81) 04/27/23
Wright’s marsh thistle	NM	Final Listing – Threatened with Critical Habitat in Chaves, Eddy, Guadalupe, Otero & Socorro Co.	5/25/23	FR 88(79) 04/25/23
Bracted twistflower	TX	Final Listing – Threatened with Critical Habitat in Uvalde, Medina, Bexar & Travis Counties	5/11/23	FR 88(69) 04/11/23
Northern long-eared bat	AR, LA, OK	Delay of Effective Date of the Final Listing as Endangered	3/31/23	FR 88(17) 01/26/23

Bureau Updates - FWS



ESA Updates – Region 2 & 4 (Southwest & Southeast Regions)

Species	Geographic Area	Decision	Effective Date	Federal Register Link
Prostrate milkweed	TX	Final Listing – Endangered with Critical Habitat in Starr & Zapata Counties	3/30/23	FR 88(39) 02/28/23
Sacramento Mountains checkerspot butterfly	NM	Final Listing - Endangered	3/22/23	FR 88(20) 01/31/23
Lesser prairie chicken	NM, OK, TX	Final Listing – Threatened Northern Population & Endangered Southern Population	1/24/23	FR 87(226) 11/25/22
Bone Cave harvestman	TX	Not Warranted for Delisting as Endangered	12/29/22	FR 87(249) 12/29/22

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Action Items

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Closing Remarks

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Michael Sams, USCG

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