



Region 6 RRT Winter Meeting

December 4-5, 2012

Addison, TX

The Region 6 RRT Executive Committee meeting was conducted on December 4, 2012. Attendees: Captain Edward Cubanski, Commander Mike McKean, Mike Sams, Todd Peterson, Ragan Broyles, Wes McQuiddy, Steve Mason, and Greg Pollock. Mr. Forest Willis, RRT-4 Coast Guard co-chair, was invited to attend in support of ongoing collaboration efforts between Regions 4 and 6.

- Topics discussed included:
 - Status of committee chairs / vacancies
 - Review of agenda for general meeting
 - Potential meeting with FEMA on ESF-10 issues (modeled after ESF-3 annual meeting with FEMA)
 - Status of Regional Contingency Plan
 - Status of Coastal Area Contingency Plans
 - Dispersant issues (workgroups established)
 - RRT annual report to NRT - potential changes
 - Changes to R6 RRT website
 - Priorities for 2013 for R6 RRT
 - Committee retention / restructuring

The Executive Committee decided to keep the present committee structures, find replacements for chair vacancies, and emphasize the need for RRT members and others to volunteer for specific committee work.

The Executive Committee established the priorities for the RRT for 2013, which include:

1	Realign the Near Shore & Offshore USCG Sector Boundaries (Technical Amendment and MOA)	<i>USCG D8 District</i>
2	Review/Update the RRT6 By-Laws	<i>Executive Committee</i>
3	Update Regional Contingency Plan (RCP)	<i>Response Committee</i>
4	Establish the RRT 6 Web Page	<i>RRT Coordinators</i>
5	Develop Surface Washing Agent (SWA) Checklist/ SOP	<i>Alternative Technologies Workgroup</i>
6	Leverage Virtual Meeting Technology for future RRT Meetings / Conference Calls	<i>Science and Technology Committee</i>
7	Elect New Subcommittee Chairs	<i>All Members</i>
8	Review Coastal (USCG) / Inland (USEPA) Boundaries and update as needed	<i>Executive Committee</i>
9	Develop Endangered Species Act (ESA) Checklists/ Biological Assessments / Consultation	<i>Alternative Technologies Workgroup ESA Ad Hoc Workgroup</i>
10	Conduct Incident Specific Conference Calls, including Exercises and Document Results.	<i>RRT Function by Incident Specific Chair)</i>

Day 1: December 4, 2012

- Meeting was opened and introductions given by Ragan Broyles, EPA, and by Captain Edward Cubanski, USCG. Minutes from the November, 2011 meeting, and the agenda for this meeting, was reviewed and approved. (The July, 2012 minutes were from the joint Region 4/Region 6 meeting in Atlanta, and have not been issued yet).

RRT 101 - Roles and Responsibilities



- Presentation provided by Steve Mason, EPA
- Presentation posted to www.epaosc.org/rtrpresentations under the Documents tab
- The RRT is revisiting priorities of the organization and increase group participation in the face of increasing travel budget cuts.

Discussion of RRT 6 Committee Structure & Responsibilities

- Discussion led by Captain Cubanski, USCG
- The RRT decided not to change the structure of the committees at the present time. However, the RRT By-Laws will be going through revision, in which we will revise the responsibilities of the committee chairs to lessen the burden placed on the chairs.
- Jessica White, NOAA; Steve Spencer, DOI; and Michael Sams, USCG will lead ad-hoc workgroup to determine need for Region 6 to conduct biological assessment and consultation (formal, informal, emergency) for various oil spill technologies (solidifier, bioremediation, dispersant, in-situ burn, etc.)
- The Co-Chairs have requested nominations to fill the vacancies of the Science & Technology and the Response Committees. Any RRT member can nominate a member for a committee chair. The Executive Committee will make the final selection of replacement chairs, based on the nominations.
- Ragan Broyles, EPA, nominated Eric Delgado, EPA, to chair the Science & Technology Committee.

NCP Subpart J Status Chemical Countermeasures for Spills

- Presentation provided by Craig Matthiessen, EPA HQ
- Presentation posted to www.epaosc.org/rtrpresentations under the Documents tab



API Subsea Dispersant Use Planning Activities

- Presentation provided by Jim Staves, HDR
- Presentation posted to www.epaosc.org/rtrpresentations under the Documents tab

<p><u>Hurricane Isaac ESF-10 Activities & Funding Concerns</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation provided by Captain Cubanski, USCG • Presentation posted to www.epaosc.org/rtrpresentations under the Documents tab 	
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Day 2: December 5, 2012

<p><u>Discussion of Revised Regional Contingency Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation provided by Steve Mason, EPA • Presentation posted to www.epaosc.org/rtrpresentations under the Documents tab 	
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	<p><u>Discussion of Inland Area Contingency Plan Status</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation provided by Gary Moore, EPA • Presentation posted to www.epaosc.org/rtrpresentations under the Documents tab
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<p><u>Discussion of Coastal Area Contingency Plan Status</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal brief provided by Michael Sams, USCG

	<p><u>Corpus Christi Exercise -- Natural Disaster Operational Planning Workgroup</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation provided by Nick Brescia, EPA • Presentation posted to www.epaosc.org/rtrpresentations under the Documents tab
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<p><u>USCG Captain of the Port Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations by Sector New Orleans, Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Morgan City, Sector Corpus Christi, MSU Port Arthur, Sector Houston/Galveston • Presentations posted to www.epaosc.org/rtrpresentations under the Documents tab

RRT Website Revisions & RRT Annual Report to NRT

- Presentation provided by Steve Mason, EPA



A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to a Sinkhole

- Presentation provided by Greg Fife, EPA
- Presentation posted to www.epaosc.org/rrtpresentations under the Documents tab

State / Federal Agency Reports

- Reports on what each State / Federal agency can provide as support to the OSC through the RRT during a response.
- Presentations by TGLO, TCEQ, TRRC, LOSCO and ODEQ for the States.
- Presentations by DOD/USACE, DOI, BSEE, DOD/DCE, DHHS (ATSDR), GSA, and DOC/NOAA for the federal agencies.
- Presentations by the various agencies posted to www.epaosc.org/rrtpresentations under the Documents tab

Closing Remarks were provided by Ragan Broyles, EPA, and Michael Sams, USCG. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1500 on Wednesday, December 5.

The next meeting (Summer, 2013) is tentatively scheduled for the week of May 27, 2013 (Tuesday-Wednesday, May 29-30), at the EPA facility, 16650 Westgrove Dr., Addison, Texas 75001.

Action Items:

1. If an RRT member would like to nominate a chair for the Science & Technology Committee, or the Response Committee, please provide your nomination to Steve Mason.
2. Volunteers are needed for the *ad hoc* Emergency Consultation Workgroup. Contact Jessica White (NOAA), Michael Sams (USCG 8th District) or Stephen Spencer (DOI) if you are interested in participating.
3. A data management workgroup will be established to help integrate data management issues between agencies during large responses. Contact Eric Delgado, EPA, if you are interested in participating.

Attendees who signed in (RRT Members are shaded)

1.	Ragan Broyles (EPA R6)	27.	Greg Lonley (TPWD)
2.	Capt. Ed Cubanski (USCG D8)	28.	Ron Hydro (DCE R6)
3.	Wes McQuiddy (EPA R6)	29.	Blake Welborn (USCG MSU Morgan City)
4.	Steven Buschang (TGLO)	30.	John Calvin (BSEE)
5.	Steve Mason (EPA R6)	31.	Keith Naker (USCG MSU Texas City)
6.	Mike Sams (USCG D8)	32.	Kathryn Bowman (LOSCO)
7.	Todd Peterson (USCG D8)	33.	Jeff Meyers (LOSCO)
8.	Greg Pollock (TGLO)	34.	Andy Turpak (TPWD)
9.	Dan Crawford (GSA)	35.	Mike Niles (OMI)
10.	Bryan Rogers (BSEE)	36.	Roger Scheuerman (Helix Well Containment Group)
11.	Jessica White (NOAA)	37.	Barbara Parker (Shell)
12.	Patrick Young (DHHS)	38.	Claude Klein (Global Bioremediation)
13.	Aimee Beveridge (TRRC)	39.	Ralph Mitchell (BP)
14.	Monty Elder(ODEQ)	40.	James Hernandez (CGA)
15.	J.T.Ewing (TGLO)	41.	Alan Butler (TPWD)
16.	Anthony Buck (TCEQ)	42.	Jim Staves (HDR)
17.	Roger Bennett (TCEQ)	43.	Warren Zehner (EPA R6)
18.	Gus Marinos (USACE)	44.	Mike McKean (USCG D8)
19.	Steve Spencer (DOI)	45.	James Robertson (USCG MSU Texas City)
20.	Richard McDaniel (ODEQ)	46.	Frank Hawthorne (USCG Sector Houston-Galveston)
21.	James Hanzalik (CGA)	47.	Richard Howes (USCG Sector Houston-Galveston)
22.	Gary Moore (EPA R6)	48.	Stephen Depew (USCG MSU Port Arthur)
23.	Susan Webster (EPA R6)	49.	Arex Avanni (USCG GST)
24.	Paige Delgado (EPA R6)	50.	Craig Gorman (USCG Sector Corpus Christi)
25.	Eric Delgado (EPA R6)	51.	Patrick Marshall (USCG Sector Corpus Christi)
26.	Forest Willis (USCG D7; RRT-4)	52.	Gary Bowman (USCG Sector New Orleans)
27.	Donald Porter (USCG Sector New Orleans)	53.	Randal Ogrydziak (USCG Sector Corpus Christi)
28.	Hilary Gafford (Weston Solutions)	54.	Richard Arnhart (TGLO)
29.	Jimmy Martinez	55.	