



Region 6 RRT Fall Meeting

November 17-19, 2014

Addison, TX

Day 1: November 17, 2014: Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee meeting was conducted on November 17. In attendance: Mike Sams (USCG D8), Ronnie Crossland (EPA), Bryan Dailey (USCG D8), Jim Staves (ILC), John Temperilli (ILC), Karolien Debusschere (LOSCO), Monica Smith (EPA), Charlie Henry (NOAA), Steve Buschang (TGLO), Todd Peterson (USCG D8), Steve Mason (EPA), Paige Doelling (NOAA). Via Phone – Adam Tyndale (USCG D8). Minutes by Hilary Gafford (Weston Solutions).

Topics discussed included:

- Standing Committee Updates
 - Preparedness Committee, Karolien Debusschere (LOSCO)
 - ✓ Mike Sams and Forrest Willis will update the RRT6 Executive Committee on informal consultation practice, and Karolien Debusschere will update the group on any RRT4 documents that Matt Huyser shares with her.
 - ✓ Continue to discuss and share information with RRT4 to increase opportunity for continuity and consistency throughout Gulf of Mexico (aerial, surface, and subsea dispersant).
 - ✓ RRT6 will continue to practice informal consultation with the stakeholder Services whenever the RRT is enacted to give the Services an opportunity to present current issues affecting the response.
 - Science and Technology Committee, Steve Buschang (TGLO)
 - ✓ The Waste Disposal Plan Guidelines document for Region 6 is nearly complete. Comments from the five states have been incorporated. Comments received during general meeting will be incorporated into final document and posted to webpage, as well as distributed to all members.
 - ✓ Two new priorities proposed and accepted by Executive Committee to be added to Region 6 RRT Priorities List, both assigned to Science and Technology Committee:
 - 1) Decanting plan for Region 6, using plans developed by other regions as a template
 - 2) Plan for operations near protected coral areas at the Flower Gardens in the Gulf of Mexico.
 - Industry Liaison Committee, Jim Staves and John Temperilli
 - ✓ Current draft of the dispersant use guidance document being updated to include lessons learned from the past BP drill. Proposed date for final draft is January, 2015.
 - ✓ Current draft of AST Recommended Best Practices Fact Sheet has incorporated lessons learned from previous events. Proposed date for final draft is Spring, 2015.
 - Response Committee, Adam Tyndale (USCG-D8)
 - ✓ Final draft of the Oil Spills Playbook for Region 6 is completed; excellent resource for individuals not familiar with emergency response or Subpart J.
 - ✓ Comments received during general meeting will be incorporated into final document and posted to webpage, as well as distributed to all members.
- Reviewed/revised 2015 Priority List
 - No priorities taken off list at this time; two new priorities (mentioned above) added to list.
 - Priority List attached to this document
- Discussed BP Exercise, including RRT role, which included:
 - Observations and Suggestions:
 - ✓ Dispersant contractor manufacturing capabilities.
 - ✓ Suggest including agency headquarter personnel in future exercises.
 - ✓ Suggest need to highlight alternate technologies and special considerations for the Flower Garden Banks.

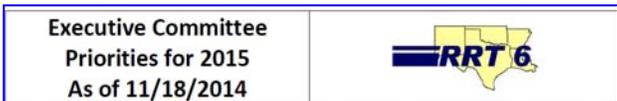
- Reviewed General Meeting Agenda for this meeting.
- Discussed Logistics for General Meeting for this meeting
- Established dates & locations for 2015 upcoming meetings
 - Proposed dates for next meeting: 12-14 May, and 3-5 November, 2015, EPA Training Center, Addison, TX
- END EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Day 2: November 18, 2014: General Meeting

- Meeting was opened and introductions given by EPA Co-Chair Ronnie Crossland, and by USCG Co-Chair Michael Sams. Minutes from the May, 2014 meeting, and the agenda for this meeting, were reviewed and approved.
- Introduction of Monica Smith, EPA R6, as acting EPA Alternate Co-Chair
- Introduction of Capt. Bryan Dailey, USCG D8, as new USCG Alternate Co-Chair
- Kyle Jellison is stepping down from RRT6; Paige Doelling will be serving as the alternate DOC representative and the S&T Committee chair.
- Introductions / roll call of RRT6 membership and guests present.

Review / Update of R6 RRT 2015 Priorities

- Presentation provided by Mike Sams, USCG, reviewing the priorities of the RRT, which included two new priorities approved by the Executive Committee.
- Presentation posted to <http://rrt6.org/Meetings/PastMeetingPresentations.aspx>
- The RRT will be revisiting priorities and revising the list of priorities as elements are completed or determined no longer to be a priority. The updated priorities are listed below.



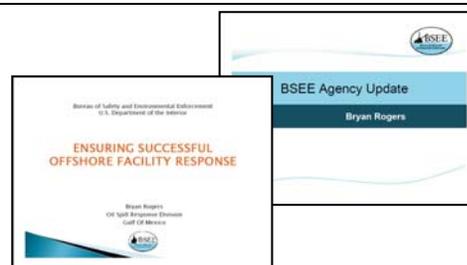
In Progress or Continuing		
1	Review Coastal (USCG) / Inland (USEPA) Boundaries and update as needed	Executive Committee
2	Develop Surface Washing Agent (SWA) Checklist / SOP	Executive Committee
3	Revise / Expand R6 RRT AST Fact Sheet (collaborate with R4 as appropriate)	Industry Liaison Committee
4	Coordinate with Region 4 RRT to maximize consistency between dispersant pre-authorization and dispersant use plan (forms, procedures); revise as appropriate	Preparedness, Response, and Science & Technology Committee
5	Create draft guidance for industry to facilitate RRT6 dialogue on the issue of subsurface dispersant application	Industry Liaison Committee
6	Monthly Executive Committee Teleconferences	Executive Committee
7	Conduct Incident Specific Conference Calls, including Exercises and Document Results	RRT Function
8	Develop Region 6 RRT Countermeasures for Oil Spills Playbook	Response Committee
9	Develop Regional template for Waste Management Plan, including State inputs	Science & Technology Committee
10	Revise Inland Area Contingency Plan as part of Compendium of RRT Plans	Executive Committee
11	Create Lower Mississippi River Sub-Area Plan	Executive Committee
12	Develop Region 6 Decanting Plan	Science & Technology Committee
13	Develop Flower Garden Banks Plan	Science & Technology Committee

State Agency Reports

- State agency updates on preparedness / response activities
 - Dean Vanderhoff, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)
 - Aimee Beveridge, Texas Railroad Commission (TRRC), Greg Pollock/Steve Buschang, Texas General Land Office (TGLO), and Anthony Buck, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
 - Monty Elder, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ)
 - Karolein Debusschere, Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office (LOSCO), and Chad Scroggs, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ)
 - Henry Jolly, New Mexico Emergency Management
- Louisiana: Recent SCAT classes held in Louisiana.
- Oklahoma: Mercury spill in Bartlesville, OK, as well as a mercury collection event. Ricin incident in OK County, worked with EPA OSC Martin. Also conducted six well-attended LEPC workshops in the state.
- New Mexico: New Mexico SERC and Safety Board is up and running for first time since 2007. Have been responding to flooding throughout the state.
- Arkansas: Mayflower oil spill is reaching final stages of restoration. Tornado in Mayflower/Vilonia remedial action is still ongoing. Tornado caused mineral oil spill in a wetland that sunk; response still ongoing. ADEQ emergency management section is growing -- increasing personnel and equipment.
- Texas: TRRC -- Oil and gas well actions: Making efforts to increase transparency in response to the current oil and gas boom, and making more information more readily available to the public via the organizations' website. Budget is increasing for abandoned oil and gas facility cleanups. Passing additional rules to address chemical disclosure and recycling rules related to fracking fluids. "Frac Focus" is a website feature that makes fracking fluid contents available to the public. Updating casing and cementing rules to improve safety and environmental protection, and implementing rules to address problems with over-pressuring in disposal wells (especially in east Texas). TGLO – New Oil Spill Tool Kit will be released at the Clean Gulf Conference, completely re-formatted. Annual report recently completed; reflects positive improvements in spill response and abandoned vessel removal. Geographic Response Plans have been moved into a database; new tools will improve creating plans. Continue follow up on Texas City Y Spill. Offering SCAT classes in spring 2015. TCEQ – Recent responses: ammonium nitrate fire Athens, Texas on 29 May 2014, Pecos River Floods 2014 September 2014, and Ebola response 30 September – present. Natural Disaster Operations Workgroup (NDOW) training held in regional offices in five cities in the state from April-September 2014; upcoming NDOW trainings in DFW, Beaumont. Investigations: 205 on-site Emergency Response Investigations, 378 Spill Record Review / Oversight Investigations.
- Presentations posted to <http://rrt6.org/Meetings/PastMeetingPresentations.aspx>

BSEE Support to OSCs / Spill Source Control Coordinator

- Presented by Bryan Rogers, BSEE Oil Spill Preparedness Division and Michael Prendergrast, BSEE, Gulf of Mexico Regional Office
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RRT Support to State Health Departments

- Presented by Patrick Young, ATSDR
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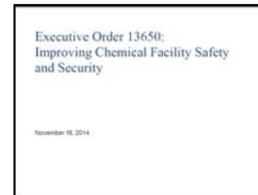
Sub-Sea Dispersant Use Guidance for Industry / NRT Guidelines for Atypical Dispersant Applications / BP Exercise Update

- Presented by Jim Staves, Industry Liaison Committee
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Chemical Safety & Security Update Executive Order 13650

- Presented by Steve Mason, EPA Region 6
- Presentation posted to <http://rrt6.org/Meetings/PastMeetingPresentations.aspx>



Federal Reports:

- **DOC / NOAA:** Charlie Henry and Paige Doelling
- **USACE:** Ed Mason
- **DOI:** Steve Spencer
- **DHHS / ATSDR:** Patrick Young, ATSDR
- **BSEE:** Bryan Rogers
- **DOT / PHMSA:** Tay Rucker
- **DOL / OSHA:** Doug Huddleston
- **DHS / FEMA:** Lonnie Ward and Cole Bricker
- **DOE:** Steve Johnson

USCG FOSC Reports

- Presentations by:
 - Drew Casey and Steve Nutting, Sector New Orleans
 - Thomas Mason, Sector Lower Mississippi River
 - Patrick Marshall, Sector Corpus Christi
 - Adolfo Viezca, MSU Port Arthur
 - Brent Yezefski and Ricardo Alonso, Sector Houston-Galveston
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EPA OSC Reports

- Presentations by:
 - Steve Mason, EPA 6-month Spill Reports
 - Bill Rhotenberry, Mid-Valley Pipeline Spill, Louisiana
 - Paige Delgado, Explo Systems, Louisiana
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Delta Wildlife Refuge In-Situ Burn Case Study

- Presented by Drew Casey, USCG Sector New Orleans and Kyle Jellison, NOAA SSC
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Closing Comments from Ronnie Crossland (EPA Region 6) / Michael Sams (USCG D8), RRT Co-Chairs

- Proposed dates for next meeting: 12-14 May, and 3-5 November, 2015, EPA Training Center, Addison, TX

Adjourn RRT-only meeting

Attendees who signed in (RRT Members are shaded)

1.	Aaron Jozsef (USCG, Gulf Strike Team)
2.	Adam Whisenant (TPWD)
3.	Adolfo Viezca (USCG, MSU Port Arthur)
4.	Aimee Beveridge (TRRC)
5.	Althea Foster (USEPA-R6)
6.	Anthony Buck (TCEQ)
7.	Barry Forsyth (USFWS)
8.	Bill Rhotenberry (USEPA-R6)
9.	Brandi Todd (USEPA-R6)
10.	Brent Yezefski (USCG, Sector Houston-Galveston)
11.	Bryan Dailey (USCG-D8)
12.	Brian Wynne (LOSCO)
13.	Bryan Rogers (BSEE)
14.	Bryant Smalley (USEPA-R6)
15.	Cassandra Tidden (USCG)
16.	Chad Scroggs (LDEQ)
17.	Charlie Henry (NOAA)
18.	Cole Bricker (FEMA R6)
19.	Dean Vanderhoff (ADEQ)
20.	Denys Rivas (USCG, Sector Houston-Galveston)
21.	Doug Huddleston (OSHA)
22.	Ed Mason (USACE)
23.	Eileen Angelico (BSEE)
24.	Eric Delgado (USEPA-R6)
25.	Greg Conley (TPWD)
26.	Greg Pollock (TGLO)
27.	Heather Clark (USCG, Gulf Strike Team)
28.	Henry Jolly (NMEM)
29.	James Hanzalik (CGA)
30.	Jeff Lewellin (CTEH)
31.	Jim Staves (HDR)
32.	John Martin (USEPA-R6)
33.	John Temperilli (PetroFac)
34.	Jon Wickersham (Transcanada)
35.	Joshua Valdivia (USCG, MSU Port Arthur)
36.	Karolein Debusschere (LOSCO)
37.	Kathryn Bowman (LOSCO)
38.	Ken Kusano (USCG)
39.	Kevin Palm (NRC)
40.	Kyle Jellison (NOAA)

41.	Larry Straatmann (TRG)
42.	Lonnie Ward (FEMA R6)
43.	Loree Boyerton (ODEQ)
44.	Mike Carter (Sunoco Logistics)
45.	Mike Drieu (Anadarko)
46.	Mike Niles (OMI)
47.	Mike Noel (HWCG)
48.	Mike Prendergast (BSEE)
49.	Mike Sams (USCG-D8)
50.	Monty Elder (ODEQ)
51.	Nicholas Brescia (USEPA-R6)
52.	Nicole Rodriguez (USCG, MSU Baton Rouge)
53.	Orion Bloom (USCG, MSU Lake Charles)
54.	Paige Delgado (USEPA-R6)
55.	Paige Doelling (NOAA)
56.	Patrick Marshall (USCG, Sector Corpus Christi)
57.	Patrick Young (ATSDR)
58.	Ragan Broyles (citizen)
59.	Ralph Mitchell (BP)
60.	Randal Ogrzydziak (USCG, MSU Port Arthur)
61.	Rhonda Murgatroyd (Wildlife Response)
62.	Ricardo Alonso (USCG, MSU Texas City)
63.	Richard McDaniel (ODEQ)
64.	Robert Simmons (ES2)
65.	Roger Scheuerman (HWCG)
66.	Ronnie Crossland (USEPA-R6)
67.	Russell Howarton (Sunoco Logistics)
68.	Stephen Nutting (USCG, Sector New Orleans)
69.	Steve Brashier (Kosmos Energy)
70.	Steve Buschang (TGLO)
71.	Steve Johnson (US DOE)
72.	Steve Mason (USEPA-R6)
73.	Steve Spencer (DOI)
74.	Tay Rucker (U.S. DOT/PHMSA)
75.	Thomas Mason (USCG, Sector LMR)
76.	Todd Peterson (USCG D8)
77.	Waylon Denny (BIA)