



# ALASKA REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM

## SPILL PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Alaska RRT Co-Chairs

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# What is the Alaska RRT?

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- Background
  - Oil Pollution Act 1990
  - ARRT Membership
  - ARRT Jurisdiction – Inland and Marine
  - ARRT Roles



# Alaska Regional Response Team (ARRT)

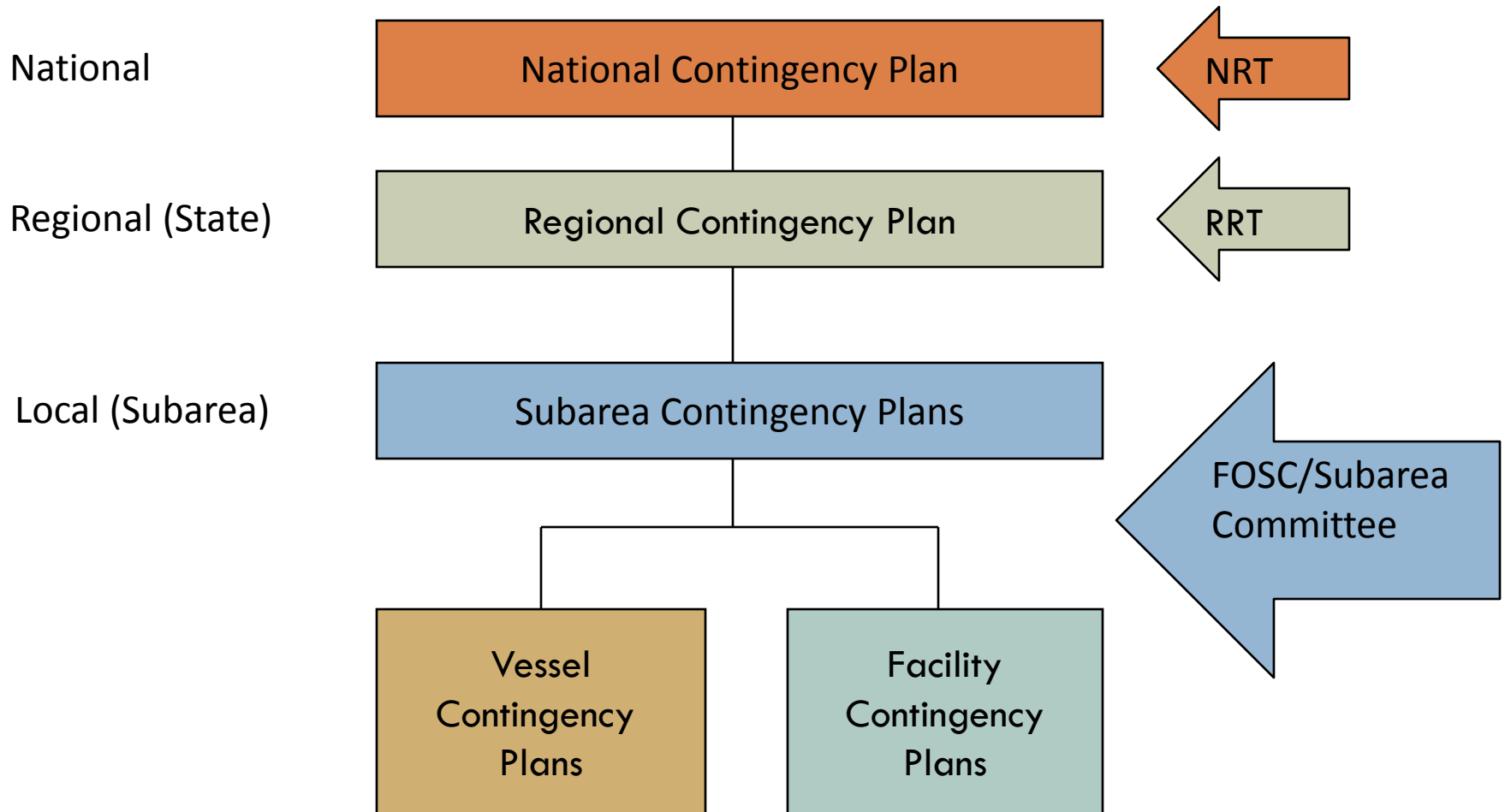
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- Standing vs Incident Specific RRT
- Tribal involvement
- State and local involvement



# Contingency Plan Responsibilities

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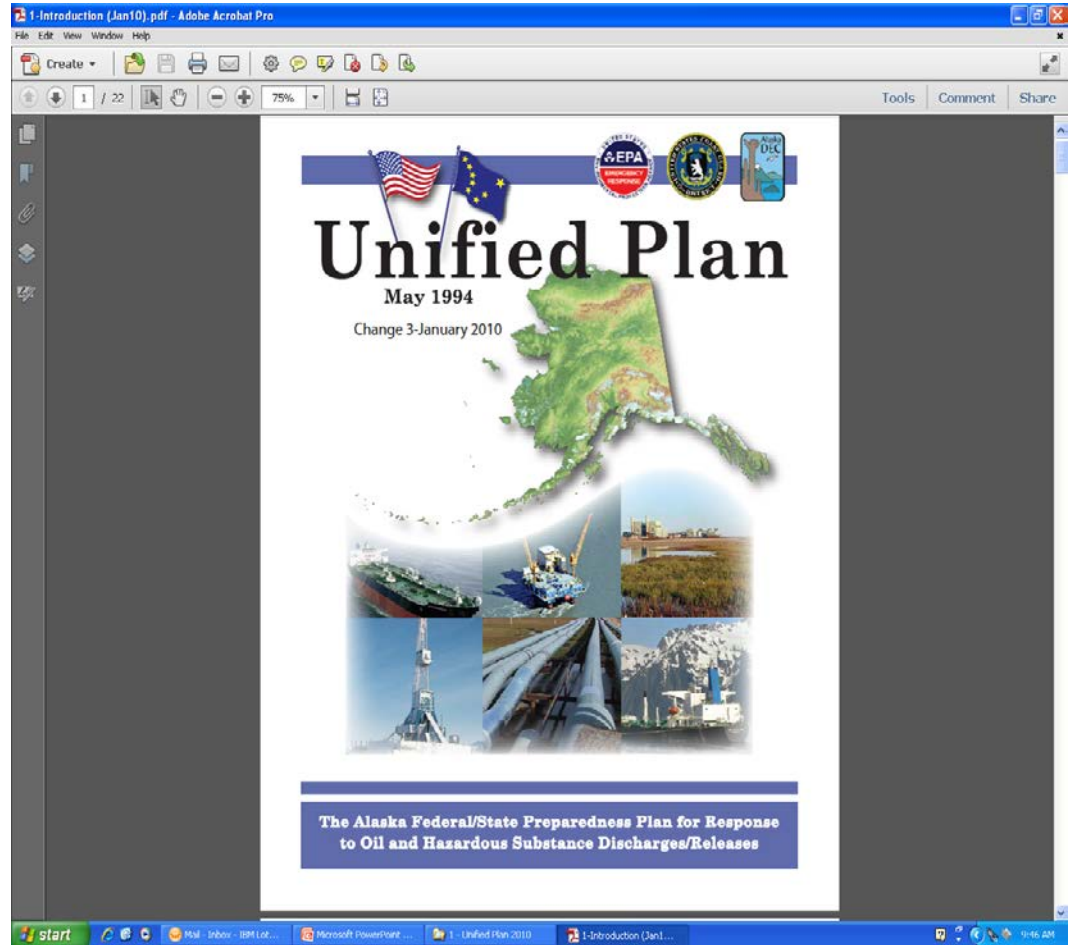


# Alaska Unified Plan

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What is it?  
Whose is it?  
Where do I find it?  
What is in it?  
When is it updated?

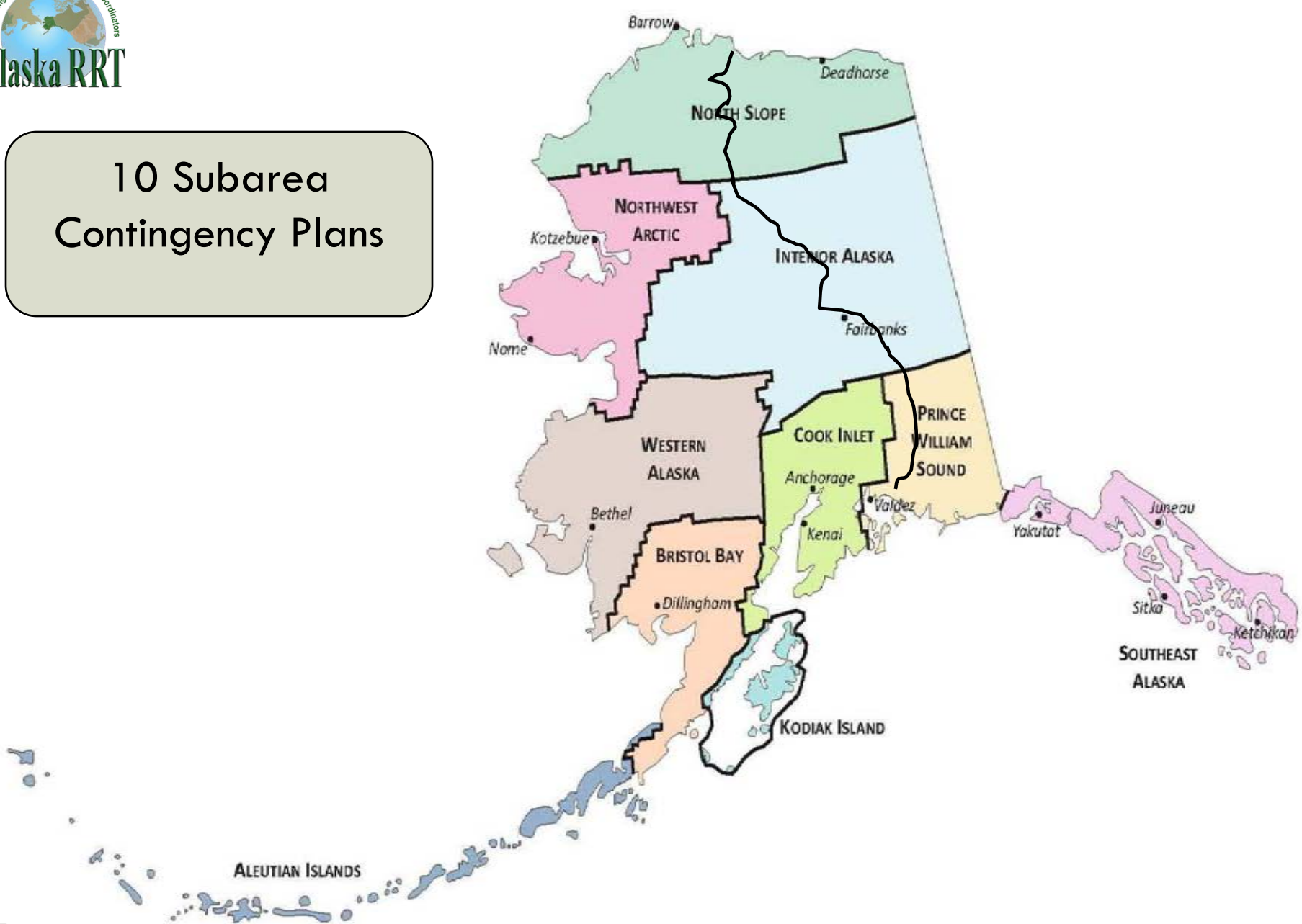
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# Contents of the Unified Plan

- Response System Org
- Incident Command System
- Federal Funding Procedures
- Process for Updating
- Response Equipment
- **Alternative Countermeasures**
- Wildlife Protection Guidelines
- Health, Safety, & Training
- Public Affairs
- Radiological Response
- MOU/MOAs
- HazMat
- Historic Properties Protection
- Shoreline Assessment & Cleanup
- Places of Refuge (POR)
- Marine FF & Salvage
- Volunteers

10 Subarea  
Contingency Plans



# Subarea Contingency Plans

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- ❑ Where to find them?
- ❑ Key components and goals
- ❑ Area Committees
- ❑ Federal On-Scene Coordinator
- ❑ Geographic Response Strategies
- ❑ How can Tribes get involved?

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# Alaska Regional Response Team



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Join Email List

Welcome to the Alaska Regional Response Team Website.



**As an advisory board to the Federal On Scene Coordinator (FOSC), the Alaska Regional Response Team provides federal, state, and local governmental agencies with means to participate in response to pollution incidents.**



## What's New?

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the ARRT will be held in Anchorage, AK, at the Federal building annex, 222 W. 8th Ave., on January 29th, in conjunction with a meeting of the Aleutian Islands Subarea Committee, to be held on January 28th, at the same location. A draft Agenda will be made available prior to the meeting. Please notify [Nick Knowles](#) if you plan to attend.

### New Documents:

- For items regarding ARRT outreach to federally recognized tribes and Regional Native Corporations, please visit our [Tribal Outreach Page](#).
- "ARRT Oil Dispersant Guidelines" Appendix I to Annex F to the Unified Plan is currently under development. Click [here](#) to view the current draft appendix. All Stakeholders

Many documents on this site are in Adobe Acrobat PDF format and require the Adobe Reader, available at the link below.



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**National Response Team**  
1-800-424-8802

Contact the ARRT Coordinators:

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# Role of ARRT vs Subarea Committees

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## □ RRT

- Co-Chaired by EPA and USCG
- Support to FOSCs
- Incident Activations
- Adherence to NCP
- Spill Response Policy
- Strategic Direction
- Drills and Exercises

## □ Subarea Committee

- Chaired by FOSCs and SOSCs
- Development and maintenance of effective Subarea Plans
- Plan revisions and consistency [VCPs, FCPs, OSRPs]
- Assimilation of Outreach to public and State, Tribe and Local responders/stakeholders
- Exercises
- FOSC Guidance
- Leadership over workgroups and taskforces

# When an Oil Spill Enters the Environment

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- **Critical Decisions on Environmental Trade-off**
  - ▣ Unified Command
  - ▣ Environmental Unit
  - ▣ Tribes and Trustees
- **Sensitive Areas**
  - ▣ Near shore vs deep water
  - ▣ Surface vs subsurface risks and sensitivities
  - ▣ Keeping oil off the shoreline

# Oil Spill Response Options

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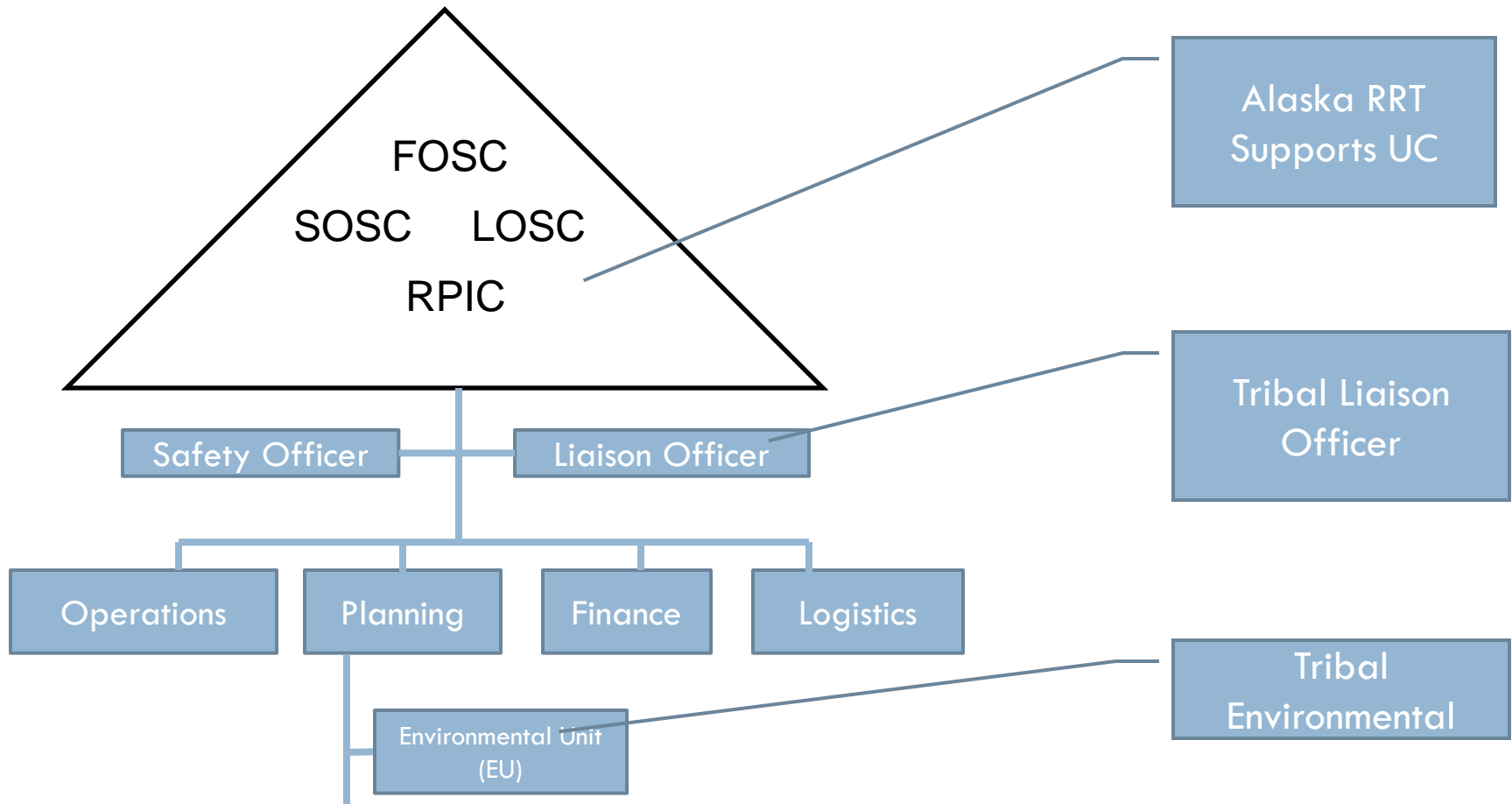
- National Contingency Plan, subpart J
  - ▣ Removing oil from the environment by mechanical recovery is the preferred cleanup option, however due to limitations, all oil spill cleanup tools must be available.
    - Mechanical oil recovery
    - *In Situ* Burn
    - Dispersants
    - Bioremediation

# Goal to Enhance Tribal Involvement

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- Tribal involvement is important in every facet of emergency planning and response
  - Planning
    - Join Subarea Committees
    - Comment on Plans
    - Identify sensitive areas and habitat
  - Emergency Response
    - Engage on Alaska RRT
    - Get trained in the Incident Command System
    - Identify Liaison Officer

# Unified Command Diagram



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# Questions...?

## Alaska Regional Response Team

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