



**Alaska Regional Response Team, Fall Meeting
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020
Virtual meeting format**

Teleconference: 866-299-3188, Passcode: 9072715083,
Web Conference/Adobe Connect:
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AGENDA

Theme: Regional Contingency Plan update

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020			
Time	Topic	Speaker	Notes
8:30 a.m.	Teleconference line and Adobe Connect open		
MODULE 1. ARRT BUSINESS (9:00-10:10)			
9:00	Introductions & Review Actions Since Last Meeting	Tri-Chairs: Beth Sheldrake (EPA), Mark Everett (USCG), and Denise Koch (ADEC)	
9:30	ARRT Committees Reports, by exception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife Protection Committee; • Cultural Resources Committee; • Science and Technology Committee; • Statewide Planning Committee 	Read-Ahead: ARRT Committee reports (attached)
9:45	Area Committee Reports; Requests for Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arctic & Western Alaska • Prince William Sound • Southeast Alaska • Alaska Inland 	
BREAK			
MODULE 2. NCP, RCP, ACP UPDATES (10:20-11:00)			
10:20	Review and Discussion of new National Contingency Plan, Subpart J/ Dispersant Use	Matt Carr, EPA FOSC	
10:50	Status of Regional Contingency Plan and Area Contingency Plans	ARRT Coordinators/ Statewide Planning Committee led by Craig Ziolkowski, ADEC	Draft RCP v2020
BREAK			

MODULE 3. VALIDATING THE RCP (11:15-12:00)

11:15	Ground rules for Tomorrow’s Tabletop Exercise	Mary Goolie, EPA	After meeting, review Player Handbook
11:25	Introduction to updated RCP “Agency Roles and Responsibilities”	Facilitated by Marc Randolph, USCG & Mary Goolie, EPA	Read-Ahead: RCP Part 9 “Roles and Responsibilities”

MEETING CLOSE-OUT

12:30	Public Comment <i>Please Sign Up via “Chat” on Adobe Connect or email: Goolie.mary@epa.gov – by 11:15 (end of break)</i>		
12:45	Review of Parking Lot Issues; Planning for next meeting & Closing Remarks		
1:00	Adjourn		

SEPTEMBER 15 (DAY 2). TABLETOP TUESDAY
ARRT Tabletop Exercise:
A Discharge from Trans Alaska Pipeline System to Yukon River
9:00-12:30

SEPTEMBER 16 (DAY 3). EXERCISE HOTWASH
ARRT Tabletop Exercise: A Discharge from Trans Alaska Pipeline System to Yukon River
1:30-2:30



Alaska Regional Response Team Committee Reports, September 14, 2020

Wildlife Protection Committee

- ARRT co-chairs and the State of Alaska Representative to the ARRT approved a major revision to the *Wildlife Protection Guidelines for Oil Spill Response in Alaska* (WPG) on August 31, 2020 (last updated in 2012)
- Comprehensive, non-regulatory guidance document designed to help oil spill responders and contingency planners minimize the effects of oil spills on fish, wildlife, and their habitats
- Stand-alone document incorporated by reference into Alaska's four ACPs
- Will be posted on ADEC's ACP References and Tools website: <https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/tools/>
- Result of over two years of intensive efforts by the WPC, comprised of representatives from federal and state agencies, Alaska Native organizations, industry, spill response organizations, regional citizens' advisory councils, wildlife response experts, and non-governmental organizations
- Major changes include:
 - Reorganized format to match ACPs
 - New responder-focused forms, tables, and decision-making flowcharts
 - Clarification of procedures for permitting and required consultations
 - Updated reference information based on the latest science
- Improved through:
 - Field tests of draft forms and procedures during several oil spill drills and incidents
 - Extensive formal and informal public input

Cultural Resources Committee

- Alaska State Historic Preservation Office and DOI (committee co-chairs) are working to fill the last few remaining vacancies on the CRC
- CRC chairs plan to convene a virtual meeting in fall 2020, with quarterly meetings to follow in 2021
- Potential tasks will include updating the committee charter and identifying ways to improve the Alaska Implementation Guidelines

Statewide Planning Committee

The Statewide Planning Committee met on 4/28/2020, 7/7/2020 and 7/15/2020. Primary discussion topics included the ARRT and Alaska Area Committees Guidelines for Coordination and Consultation with Federally Recognized Tribes and the schedule and approach for Area Contingency Plan review and revisions.

Plan	Status
Plan Review/Revisions in Process:	
Alaska Regional Contingency Plan	Interim Draft complete (included in meeting materials on Alaskarrt.org under ARRT Meetings). Finalize draft following this meeting. Public Review period planned October 2020. Promulgate November 2020.
Alaska Inland Area Contingency Plan	Public review period complete and comments resolved. Working/waiting to incorporate content from Wildlife Protection Guidelines, RCP, and relevant Southeast Alaska ACP edits.
Arctic and Western Area Contingency Plan	Incorporating into next version: USCG review recommendations, relevant Alaska Inland and Southeast Alaska ACP edits, and information from Wildlife Protection Guidelines and RCP.
Southeast Alaska Area Contingency Plan	Finalizing draft September 2020. Public Review period planned October 2020. Promulgate October 2020.
Upcoming Plan Review/Revisions:	
Prince William Sound Area Contingency Plan	Begin review and revision in Winter 2021.

Science and Technology Committee

No Report Available



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Additional References

Area Committees and Area Contingency Plans

- [Alaska Inland Area Committee](#)
- [Arctic and Western Alaska Area Committee](#)
- [Prince William Sound Area Committee](#)
- [Southeast Alaska Area Committee](#)

ARRT Documents, Plans and Guidance **(New/Updated since last meeting)**

- [Regional Contingency Plan 2020 Interim Draft;](#)
- [Wildlife Protection Committee maintains the Wildlife Protection Guidelines for Oil Spill Response in Alaska \(WPG\)](#)
- [ARRT and Alaska Area Committees Guidelines for Coordination and Consultation with Federally Recognized Tribes;](#) and
- [ARRT Activation and Notification Procedures](#)

Arctic Council EPPR Video: <https://vimeo.com/eppr>