

Alaska Regional Response Team
September 23, 2021, Business Meeting (Virtual Meeting)
Meeting Summary

Meeting Documentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda• Meeting Presentations• Meeting Attendees (attached)
ARRT Documents, Plans and Guidance (New/Updated since last meeting)
<i>None currently</i>

Introductions

Ms. Mary Goolie, EPA ARRT Coordinator conducted a roll call of the ARRT Members and the On-scene Coordinators. Non-member attendance was from the Zoom sign-in list.

Review of Actions Since Last Meeting & Tri-Chairs Report

Ms. Tiffany Larson, ADEC Tri-Chair, Ms. Beth Sheldrake, EPA Tri-Chair, and Mr. Mark Everett, USCG Tri-Chair offered opening remarks.

Ms. Larson introduced, Ms. Allison Natcher, acting ADEC ARRT Coordinator as well as two new State On-Scene Coordinators, Ms. Anna Carey for the Central Region, and Dr. Kimberley Maher for the Northern Region. Ms. Sheldrake also introduced EPA's new Federal On-Scene Coordinator, Ms. Torri Huelskoetter.

Mr. Everett, USCG Tri-Chair, presented an overview of the actions of the ARRT since the February 2021 meeting. Major events and milestones include the following:

- Continued tracking of agency impacts/adjustments due to COVID-19 – and ensuring the ARRT readiness to respond if necessary.
- Revisions for Version 2 of Regional Contingency Plan continues
- Revision to the USCG-EPA FOSC Jurisdiction MOU
- Clean Pacific Conference (August 17-19, 2021)
- US-Russia Joint Contingency Plan and Joint Planning Group meeting and exercise (2nd of 3 meetings)
- CANUSNorth Annexes updates

Ms. Sheldrake provided a summary of the recent EPA actions regarding Subpart J of the National Contingency Plan. In Spring 2020, EPA began work to develop new monitoring requirements which become effective at the end of January 2022. Details on the new monitoring requirements are summarized on slide 12. Additionally, Final Rules on all new amendments to the listing of

products and authorization for use still in process will be completed, by court order by May 2023. (See Slide 8-13)

ARRT Committee Reports

Dr. Phil Johnson, USDOJ reported on the recent activities of the Wildlife Protection Committee and Cultural Resources Committee, and Ms. Mary Goolie, EPA, reported on the Statewide Planning Committee. Ms. Goolie also provided an update on the activities of the National Response Team, Area Contingency Plan Work Group, and its eight task forces. A summary of their major activities and presentation slides is listed below.

ARRT Committee	Major Activities	Presentation
Cultural Resources Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CRC met initially in April and will meet again in October or November. 	Slide 18
Science and Technology Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update 	
Statewide Planning Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly committee meetings Currently reviewing comments received on the RCP Anticipating upcoming reviews on the PWS and AWA ACP 	Slides 21-27
Wildlife Protection Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPC members will begin working on language regarding UASs for inclusion in Wildlife Protection Guidelines for Oil Spill Response in Alaska, following the work done by USCG and the wildlife agencies in the Protocol for using unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) during an oil spill response or exercise (found on the ADEC References and Tools page). Some WPC members started the planning process for revising the Wildlife Protection Guidelines: Pribilof Islands, which was last updated in 2014 and was part of the Aleutians Subarea Contingency Plan. 	Slide 16

Area Committee Reports

Each of the four Area Committee provided updates on the activities of the Area Committees and recent major events in the areas. Significant work is being made on each of the four Area Contingency Plans. See presentation slides 28-52.

In addition to the overall committee reports, the Arctic and Western Alaska (AWA) Area Committee provided a report on a recent project to convert the geographic response strategies into a digital, geographic information system format.

Area Committee Requests for Support:

The AWA Area Committee submitted the following requests for support

- Significant work with the other area committees and the RRT to update the USCG/EPA FOSC MOU. The AWA AC is glad to support the RRT in this work and will continue to engage as required to finalize this product.
- After a delay due to COVID-19, AWA Area Committee has restarted the Intentional Wellhead Ignition (IWI) workgroup. They request RRT support to identify workgroup members.
- AWA Area Committee requests RRT assistance in developing a statewide risk assessment methodology, a quantitative process to re-evaluate risk across the region to validate our scenario compendium, prioritize future planning efforts, and feed GRS validation work.

Area Committee	Next Meeting	Status of ACP	Major Upcoming Exercises/ Trainings
Alaska Inland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD, February 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V2020.1, signed in March 2021 • Annual review 2022 • On-going work to ISB Decision-making Checklist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ConocoPhillips Exercise, October 4, 2021 • Exxon Mobile Alaska IMT Exercise, October 13-14, 2021
Arctic and Western Alaska	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 7, 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V2020.0 Signed December 2020 • V2020.1 modifications in process, completion by end of year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UAS GRS validation exercise 2021 - Kodiak, AK
Prince William Sound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 29, 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V2020.1 revision planned for this year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PWS Shipper Exercise (Marathon/Andeavor): October 13-14, 2021(Valdez and Virtual) • PWS Tanker Exercise (Crowley): May 2022 (Valdez)
Southeast Alaska	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD, January 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V2020.1, signed in March 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CANUSDIX Exercise Seminars/TTX, September 28-29, 2021 • Centerline Logistics Barge Company, IMT exercise and training, October 20-21, 2021

AWA Area Committee Report: Geographic Response Strategies, Mapping Application

CDR Jereme Altendorf, USCG Sector Anchorage, made a presentation on the recent work of AWA Area Committee, including USCG Sector Anchorage, ADEC, and the Alaska Division of Community and

Regional Affairs, to develop a geographic information system (GIS) application for the use and modification of existing geographic response strategies (GRSs). The final product will be uploaded to Arctic Emergency Response Management Application (ERMA) and GRS GIS data will be available for download into ArcGIS Collector for use and edits in the field, while the original PDF maps will also remain available through this application. (Slides 59-66).

ARRT and Agency Roles, Authorities and Jurisdictions

Role of the ARRT in international pollution preparedness and response

Mr. Everett presented on the Role of the ARRT in International Pollution Preparedness and Response. He offered an overview of the bilateral and multinational agreements covering Alaska, including the Arctic Council agreements, Canada-US Joint Contingency Plan, and the Russia-US Joint Contingency Plan. He also discussed how requests for assistance are handled under these agreements. (Slides 67-75).

USCG, EPA and ADEC Response Authorities and Jurisdictions

ADEC, EPA and USCG provided a joint presentation on their agency's authorities and jurisdictions for emergency response preparedness, planning and prevention. Ms. Anna Carey (ADEC) reviewed the authorities and responsibilities of the ADEC Spill Prevention and Response, Prevention, Preparedness & Response program as well as an overview of the applicable State statutes and regulations. Ms. Sheldrake reviewed the federal laws and regulations that direct EPA and USCG oil and hazardous substance responses, planning and prevention. Ms. Kris Leefer, EPA General Counsel provided an overview of recent changes to the Waters of the U.S. Ms. Torri Huelskoetter presented some specific details on EPA jurisdiction and authorities, with a focus on Alaska capabilities. Mr. Everett presented on the broader scope of USCG authorities and jurisdictions, including areas outside of oil and hazardous substance emergency response and preparedness. (Slides 76-116).

Meeting Close-out

Public Comment

Ms. Linda Swiss offered comments on the behalf of the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Committee. She introduced Danielle Verna, a new staff scientist with the PWSRCAC. She also referred to the RCP public comments, and asked for consistency between the 4 ACPs, stating that all plans should align with each other. She also requested clarification on the review process. [ARRT reps later followed-up with Ms. Swiss.]

Ms. Angela Matz, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, offered thanks to USCG for working with Russia and Canada on international plans.

Parking Lot Issues:

A presentation on the plan review process is needed (proposed for the next ARRT meeting).

Closing Remarks:

The tri-chairs offered closing remarks and thanked all presenters and attendees for their participation.

Upcoming Dates

- ARRT Meeting: February 15-17, 2022

Participant Summary:

75 individuals attended the meeting, representing 10 member agencies and 55 other tribal governments, federal, state, and local and foreign government agencies, industry, and other non-governmental organizations.

Member Agencies in Attendance		
Member Agency	Present	Not Present
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation	●	
Department of Agriculture	●	
Department of Commerce	●	
Department of Defense		●
Department of Energy		●
Department of Health and Human Services	●	
Department of the Interior	●	
Department of Justice		●
Department of Labor		●
Department of State		●
Department of Transportation		●
Environmental Protection Agency	●	
Federal Emergency Management Agency		●
General Services Agency	●	
U.S. Coast Guard	●	

Non-member Organizations in Attendance
Federal Agencies
U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement
U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish & Wildlife Service
U.S. Department of Commerce, NOAA Fisheries
State Agencies
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Federally Recognized Tribes
<i>none</i>
Local Governments/Agencies
Ketchikan City Fire
Industry
Alyeska Pipeline Service Corp.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.
Crowley Alaska Tankers
Crowley Fuels LLC
ExxonMobile
Response and Environmental Services
152 Degrees West Environmental Services
1-Call Alaska/ Resolve Marine
Alaska Clean Seas
Cook Inlet Spill Prevention & Response, Inc (CISPRI)
Nuka Research and Planning, Ltd.
Pearson Consulting
EBSC
SLR International
Non-Governmental Organizations
Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council
International Bird Rescue
Ocean Conservancy
Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council
Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association