

## Subarea Contingency Plan Updates

Subarea Contingency Plans (SCP) contain guidance to spill responders specific to their respective planning subarea.

In 2017, the Cook Inlet SCP was updated, and completion of an update to the Northwest Arctic Plan is expected by Spring of 2018.

Following issuance of the Northwest Arctic SCP update, the agencies will suspend SCP update work, in order to focus available resources on drafting and approving a Regional Contingency Plan (RCP) and Area Contingency Plans for Alaska (see page 4).

## IMPORTANT DATES IN 2018

**May 16**

ARRT Meeting

Juneau

**October 18**

Virtual meeting in Anchorage and Utqiagvik. \*

\*To facilitate this meeting, the ARRT Coordinators will establish a video link between community members and stakeholders on the North Slope, and ARRT members and Tri-Chairs in Anchorage.

### ARRT Biennial Work Plan

The ARRT establishes priorities for work in the upcoming two years, and details those in a Biennial Work Plan (BWP). While the BWP covers two years, it is updated annually.

You may view the current BWP at <http://alaskarrt.org/Documents.aspx?f=9>.

<http://alaskarrt.org>



## **Domestic Duties, Internationally Informed**

The Alaska Regional Response Team (ARRT), like the 12 other RRTs covering our nation, fulfills its mandates under the requirements of the Oil Pollution Act of 90 (OPA90), the Clean Water Act, and the National Contingency Plan. While most readers know the focus of the ARRT's efforts is domestic (state and federal territory) preparedness and response in nature, one thing they may not know is that these efforts are sometimes informed by work being done in the international arena. Groups such as the Arctic Council Emergency Prevention, Preparedness, and Response work group, the International Marine Organization, and the Arctic Coast Guard Forum function in ways and complete projects which often parallel or complement domestic preparedness and response coordination. Beyond those tie-ins, many ARRT members, including the State of Alaska, are contributors to or customers of international coordinating initiatives such as the United States' pollution planning and response bilateral agreements between Russia and Canada. Each of these professional collaborations, both within the U.S. and between nations, help to form a strong, resilient preparedness and response network.



Responders employ the Incident Management System (ICS) to support a Unified Command, all working to respond to an emergency.  
Photo: U.S. Forest Service



Responders assess an illegal hazardous waste dump  
Photo: USEPA

## **Small Community Emergency Response Plans**—AK Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Successful management of a disaster begins at the local level. When a community is prepared to deal with a disaster the impact can be minimized and lives may be saved. One key to community preparedness is a community emergency plan that defines how the community will manage disasters. The plan should include local, regional, and state resources that support local response.

The Small Community Emergency Response Plan (SCERP) is a new, exciting approach to emergency management for small communities. SCERP is a customized flip book with essential, community-specific information for responding to a disaster. For additional information or questions please call DHS&EM SCERP Planning Team toll-free at 1-800-478-2337 or 1-907-428-7000.

Learn More at <https://ready.alaska.gov/plans/SCERP>

Or click below to view:

[\(SCERP Factsheet\)](#)

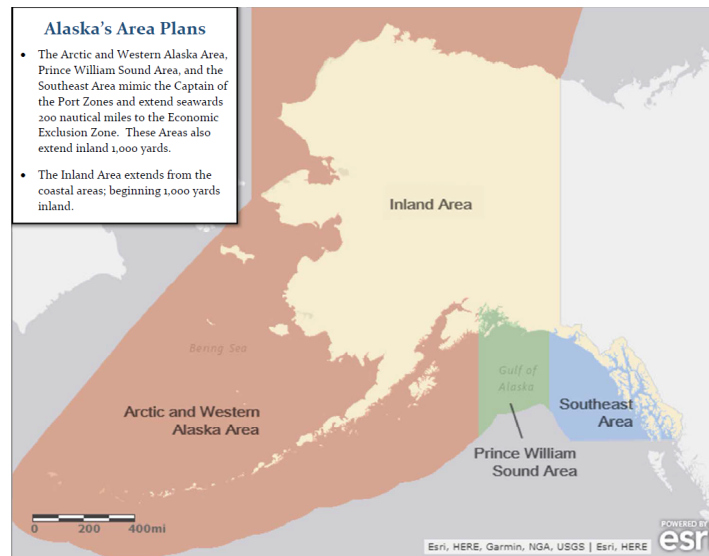
[Communities which have completed a SCERP](#)

Requests for information and questions can also be directed to DHS&EM SCERP Planning Team via e-mail at [General Planning Point of Contact](#).

## Alaska Area Planning Framework Update

In an effort to be better prepared in the event of an oil spill or hazardous materials release, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and United States Coast Guard (USCG) are working to update the framework of Alaska Contingency Response plans from the existing [Unified Plan](#) for oil spill and hazardous materials releases to becoming consistent with the [National Contingency Plan](#) and the [National Response Framework](#).

Below is a diagram of the proposed Alaska Planning Areas. You can learn more about this effort at [http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/PPR/plans/regional\\_plan.htm](http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/PPR/plans/regional_plan.htm).



Under the proposed structure, emergency response planning for each of these areas would be conducted by Area Committees, as defined in the NCP. Each Area Committee would, under OSC leadership, maintain and update an Area Contingency Plan, detailing government actions in the event of a spill.

In the coming months, the action agencies will be conducting outreach to communities and tribes statewide, to provide specific information on how stakeholders can participate directly in the maintenance of these plans.

A Statewide Planning Committee would be established to ensure consistency across plans statewide, and to coordinate planning efforts among the four planning areas and the ARRT. The existing OSC working group, would remain as a forum for OSC's to share lessons learned and to coordinate State and federal planning and preparedness efforts. The relationship between the ARRT, the Planning Committee, The Area Committees and the OSC Working Group, is illustrated below:

