

PROPOSAL FOR ALASKA RRT TRIBAL GUIDANCE REVIEW & UPDATE

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Background. Since 2014, the Alaska Regional Response Team (ARRT) has maintained inter-agency guidance describing preferred practices for the ARRT engagement with federally recognized tribes. The guidance was revised in 2020 to, among other things, include area committees. It is now called *ARRT and Alaska Area Committee Guidelines for Coordination and Consultation with Federally Recognized Tribes*. Recent developments now require another review/revision. This is a proposal to conduct that review and consider further revisions.

Proposed Task Force. The ARRT Charter (Article VIII) describes Working Groups as either standing Committees or temporary Task Forces. It also calls for the designation of a chairperson to lead the group and report on progress. Following task force membership is proposed:

Co-Chairs – EPA & USCG Alternate Co-Chairs

Members – DOI: one rep

FEMA: one rep

State of Alaska: one rep

Proposed Tasking. By the Winter/Spring 2024 ARRT meeting:

1. Review Article VIII of ARRT Charter.
2. Review Presidential Memoranda of January 26, 2021 and November 30, 2022.
3. Review current guidance and other relevant law, regs, policies and documentation.
4. Make recommendations re:
 - a. Edits to current guidance
 - b. Inclusion of DOI guidance re. ANCSA Corporations
 - c. Adopting new approaches & technologies for better outcomes
 - d. Establishing a permanent ARRT Tribal Affairs committee and identifying committee goals
5. Produce/present report to ARRT full membership.