



Alaska Regional Response Team

Meeting Summary

Valdez Convention & Civic Center, Valdez, AK

August 31, 2011 (Wed)

Member Attendance: Copy attached.

“Alt.” denotes an alternate member. (“Y*” denotes participation by teleconference.) Review the attached meeting attendance sign-in sheets for a complete list of meeting attendees including contributing agency representatives, such as On Scene Coordinators (OSC), speakers, and members of the public.

Quorum: Yes. Co-Chair Chris Field (USEPA), and acting Co-Chair Commander Mark Everett (USCG) presided.

Other Meeting Attendees: Copy attached.

Agenda: Copy attached.

Co-Chair Opening Remarks

CDR Everett welcomed attendees and reported that he and Mr. Field attended the National Response Team (NRT) meeting in late March, 2011. The meeting focused mainly on the BP Deep Water Horizon incident and the resulting inter-agency Incident Specific Preparedness Review (ISPR).

CDR Everett also reported that USCG has approved the creation of a new civilian position to serve as RRT Co-Chair, for each of the nine USCG Districts. He stated that the new civilian will replace the current uniformed RRT Co-Chair, and that this change should help to add permanence to the USCG’s RRT Co-Chair position.

Other items reported by CDR Everett regarding the NRT meeting include:

- Members of RRT participated in NOAA’s Arctic ERMA program.
- The NRT has increased focus on tribal involvement and consultation for updates to subarea contingency plans.
- Use of subsea dispersants was discussed, and policy formulation is ongoing.
- Arctic Spill Response equipment, and the need for, and ongoing effort through the Arctic Council, an international agreement for the sharing of spill response resources
- The Executive Order 13547 which adopts the recommendations of the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force, to implement and expand the national framework for Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning. All parties should be aware of this initiative. Nine regional planning bodies (RPB’s) are required to create a plan, and help resolve conflicting uses in coastal management. Alaska/Arctic is one of nine regions designated in the EO.
- USCG & DOI BOEMRE conducted review of subarea plans and offshore response plans. The team was looking for gaps in planning. The review focused mainly on the

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). Few findings were delivered for Alaska in the Gap Analysis Report.

Mr. Field reported on EPA radiological monitoring activities following the recent tsunami in Japan. As part of the response, RadNet equipment was deployed. Challenges occurred working with agencies who more familiar with the National Response Framework (NRF) and Stafford Act, as opposed to the mechanisms of the National Contingency Plan (NCP).

Mr. Field introduced Calvin Terada (USEPA) as Co-Chair alternate for EPA, Nick Knowles (USEPA) as the new Alaska Area Planner and RRT Coordinator, and Marcia Combes (USEPA), former Alaska Operations Office (AOO) Director, is now serving as ARRT Liaison and heads the Endangered Species Act (ESA) work group.

Mr. Field apologized for the absence of the EPA Alaska Federal On-Scene Coordinators (FOSC's), as they are on the Alaskan North Slope, participating in a Mutual Aid Drill (MAD).

ESA Workgroup Report

Ms. Combes provided background on the formation of the ESA work group, and reported on current progress. She advised that the participants in the work group are currently herself, CDR Everett, Catherine Berg (USFWS), Brad Smith (NMFS), and Amy Cox (NMFS). The next step in the Section 7 consultation process is to contract for preparation of a Biological Assessment. USCG is currently reviewing proposals to let this contract. The intent is to conduct one consultation for the Unified Plan, not separate consultations for each Subarea Plan.

OSC Report – Western AK Chief of the Port

CAPT Jason Fosdick (USCG) reported on activities within his Port Zone occurring since the prior ARRT meeting.

Jan-July 2011: 70 oil discharge events, 12 Significant Incidents

- Delta Western Tank Farm, near Nushagak River.
- Seward Vessel caught fire, Jan 2011.
- Fishing Vessel Terrigail.
- Fishing Vessel Midnight Sun, ran aground.
- Fishing Vessel Captain Andrews, ran aground. 1,200 gallons removed & vessel salvaged.
- Shemya, AK, 3 drums & 1 steel bucket (5 gal). Drums abandoned in place due to remote location and appearance of stability.
- Motor Vessel Nordic Mistress, vessel sank. Unusual circumstances, as Captain delivered thorough safety brief prior to embarkation. Unknown reason it sank. All passengers well-prepared for emergency.
- Fishing Vessel Nor'quest ran aground, 13K gallons lightered off

- Tug Aries – Required Department of Interior, NMFS consultation. Tug sank. Fur Seals in area, concern of seals swimming through oil slick.
- Fishing Vessel Copasetic. Vessel sank due to rogue wave.
- Tug Seneca & Tank Barge Na-Kao. Tug veered off-course and ran aground.
- BP L1 Drill site, methanol-water mixture released.

CAPT Fosdick reported the following upcoming exercises:

- MAD Drill with Conoco Phillips (in progress)
- Tesoro TTX (Oct , 2011),
- Alaska Shield (Feb, 2012)
- Shell exercises in advance of Beaufort and Chukchi Sea ops, 2012

CAPT Fosdick reported on a recent review of oil spill response plans & subarea contingency plans for a gap analysis and ongoing marine exchange tank vessel Alternate Planning Criteria (APC). Section 7 ESA consultations for the APC's are in progress.

CAPT Fosdick reported that his sector has participated in monthly SCP work group meetings, working to develop Geographic Response Strategies (GRS's) and Potential Places of Refuge (PPOR) Workgroup for the Northwest Arctic (NWA) and North Slope (NS) subareas. Sector Anchorage also participated in a joint presentation with EPA & ADEC at the Alaska Forum on the Environment, in February, 2011, and at the Anchorage Preparedness Conference Presentation in April 2011.

ADEC SPAR

Gary Folley (ADEC), reported on the following response activities, occurring between January and July 2011: 70 oil discharge events, 12 Significant Incidents

- British Petroleum Exploration, Alaska (BPXA), L-1 pipeline leak, July 2011. Methanol-water.
- BPXA FS2 flare pipeline release.
- NAPA Store fire & HAZMAT release – 28,000 gal. oily water, 1,200 cubic yards heavily contaminated soil.
- Kuskokwim River spring flooding at Crooked Creek and Red Devil.
- Historical contamination in Whittier from 1964 earthquake destruction of tank farm. Harbor expansion project exposed petroleum contamination.
- Aniak spills to secondary containment (2 spills).
- Emergency Towing System exercise, July 20-22 in Juneau, AK
- Revised Emergency Towing System (ETS) procedures manual. ETS packages located in multiple locations.
- New response equipment in Fairbanks, Mat-Su, Homer and Pilot Point.
- Aleutian Islands Risk Assessment: Phase A complete, summary report being finalized.

- Cook Inlet Oil/Gas Industry Update – Escopeta Oil drilling rig arrived in August, drilling to begin 1st week September.
- Hosted Pacific States-British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force meeting, August 24, 2011.

EPA Inland Zone

Calvin Terada (USEPA) reported on the following EPA response activities:

- North Slope Subarea Plan, update in progress, with final draft including inland GRSs projected for summer, 2012.
- Interior SCP, plan to be presented at Fairbanks RRT meeting fall, 2012.
- Pump Station #1 (PS1) Release: Spill never reached environment. Six EPA OSCs deployed (37% of region 10 OSC assets) deployed to field and Incident Command Post (ICP). EPA Region 10 Regional Administrator deployed to ICP in Fairbanks. Situation Report required by EPA HQ every 12 hours.
Lessons Learned: If spill reached environment, additional EPA staff would be required. Directive from HQ and White House to control the public message – how do we work with Unified Command to deal with media attention. Need to address appropriate inclusion of Regional Administrator in Unified Command.
- Japan Earthquake and Radiation Monitoring: RadNet deployment to Dutch Harbor, Nome, and Juneau. Fixed units in Anchorage, Fairbanks & Juneau. Data available on EPA webpage, Japan 2011 and EnviroFacts websites. FEMA assisted in deploying equipment to Western Alaska.
Lessons Learned: Challenge of managing a ‘non-response’ in a low-key manner. Response outside of normal manner for HAZMAT– National Response Framework was basis. Ninety-day review of the national RadNet program. Industry should expect an “Enforcement Order” to follow.
RRT Activation early on in incident to discuss agency responses/involvement to incident.

Doug Helton (DOC NOAA NMFS) advised the group that information regarding the issue of potentially contaminated marine debris from Japan is available at the NOAA marine debris website.

Mr. Terada continued his report in EPA response activities:

- Post Road Drum Site – 400 drums and containers of paint wastes discovered in industrial area near Port of Anchorage. Drums in poor condition. Good lessons learned regarding cold weather response. EPA issued administrative order to responsible party (RP) for proper disposal of drums.

Mr. Terada opened the floor to questions and comments.

Mr. Folley expressed concern about disruption of the Unified Command stemming the involvement of high level administrators. He stated that he has no problem with their involvement, so long as such involvement conforms to the existing Unified Command structure.

However, this did not pose a problem during the PS1 incident, due to the personality of the EPA Regional Administrator.

Mr. Field advised that group that this is part of the new response paradigm for significant incidents. EPA personnel are committed in the Incident Command System (ICS), but cannot control political directives. Mr. Field recommended that rather than adding new positions, response agencies should seek to add principles to the existing ICS structure as deputies. There also appears to be a need to determine what role enforcement is to play folded into the ICS/ Unified Command structure.

Pamela Bergmann (DOI) stated that following the Selendang Ayu incident of 2004, she chaired an interagency committee that was put together to discuss issues regarding law enforcement investigations during or following response activities.

CAPT Fosdick stated that the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has hosted some meetings regarding the involvement of enforcement activities in a Unified Command.

Tom Wilder (DHS FEMA) stated that during the Northern Edge 2007 exercise, planners used a scenario requiring response activities concurrently with enforcement and investigation activities.

USCG Prince William Sound COTP

CDR Benjamin Hawkins (USCG) reported on activities within his Port Zone occurring since the prior ARRT meeting.

- P/V Lu-Lu Belle, ran aground
- F/V Gulkana – swamped due to heavy seas and sunk
- F/V Abby Louise – taking on water, and vessel de-watered and repaired
- F/V Ice Maiden – capsized, sank in shallow water, then separated and sunk in deep water. Highest concern is large amount of net still attached to vessel.
- F/V Lively Jane – struck rocks. Vessel salvaged.
- F/V Arctic Lady – ran aground. Vessel master failed to report to USCG. Under investigation.
- L/C Sound Developer – Sank in August 2009 in slip in Cordova Harbor. Attempts to raise vessel unsuccessful. Continues to sheen. New effort for vessel removal – currently soliciting bids.

Exercises: Upcoming Industry led exercise – T/V Northern Dancer Sept 27-29, 2011 in Valdez, AK. RRT will be involved in exercise. Scenario will be a worst case discharge.

Prince William Sound SCP – Last updated 2005. On Work Group agenda for 2012.

USCG Sector Juneau COTP

CAPT Scott Bournemann (USCG) reported on activities within his Port Zone occurring since the prior ARRT meeting.

Responses:

- F/V Billy & I – vessel sank due to hull damage
- Home Heating Oil spill, Ketchikan. 50 gallons entered water, contaminated soil.
- M/V Seawolf – Vessel sank, 10 gallon discharge.
- Petro Marine spill at Elfin Cove – barge filling tank, fuel leaked from valve. 25 gallons entered water
- F/V Oregon - grounded at low tide. Refloated at next high tide, no release.

Southeast SCP – update in progress.

CANUSDIX exercise Sept 19-23

Area Exercise planned for September 2013, location to be determined

ARRT Cultural Resources Working Group

Ms. Bergmann reported that work on a charter for the Cultural Resources Working Group will commence once work on the Wildlife Protection Working Group charter is completed.

ARRT Wildlife Protection Working Group

Ms. Bergmann reported on the following items:

Workgroup Charter: The draft final charter was provided to the workgroup members in June 2011, with comments received in August 2011. The workgroup will need to meet again, to discuss and review comments received.

Wildlife Protection Guidelines for Alaska: Work on Revision 5 is ongoing. A workgroup meeting will be held once incorporation of changes has been completed. Interested parties, including Federally-recognized tribes and stakeholder representatives will be invited to that meeting to review the proposed changes.

Pribilof Islands Wildlife Protection Activities: Revision 7 of the Wildlife Protection Guidelines for Alaska, Pribilof Islands was completed in June 2011. New guidelines have been posted to the ARRT public website at: www.akrrt.org

Science and Technology Committee

CDR Everett reported on committee activities. The committee has not met since the February 2011 ARRT Meeting. In November of 2010, voting members of the committee met and held a candid discussion regarding what the STC is and how it operates. The dispersants workgroup is currently awaiting clarification from NRT and national policy on dispersants. The committee will work to identify potential stakeholders, such as oil industry representatives, environmental groups, local organizations, and tribes. The committee will continue active participation with NOAA's Environmental Response Management Application (ERMA) design team for an Arctic ERMA application.

Sub-Area Contingency Planning Update

Larry Iwamoto (ADEC) reported on the following issues being worked by the Sub-Area Contingency Plan (SCP) Workgroup.

- Northwest Arctic SCP – A revision is underway. Public outreach for comment on the draft plan was conducted in Sept 2010. The internal review and agency consultation process was conducted from April-June 2011. The latest draft is currently out for public review through Oct 7. The final plan should be promulgated in November, 2011.
- North Slope SCP – Internal review and tribal consultation were conducted October 1 to December 1, 2011. The public review period will be from January 15 to February 28, 2012. The workgroup anticipates promulgating the final plan by March 2012.
- Spill Tactics for Alaska Responders (STAR) – The workgroup is working on an update of the existing STAR Manual, incorporating DWH lessons learned.
- Potential Places Of Refuge (PPOR) – New PPOR's for NW Arctic & North Slope sub-areas have been completed and included in those SCPs.
- Geographic Response Strategies (GRS) – North Slope GRS's were completed by Alaska Clean Seas. NW Arctic GRS are currently being drafted. A total of 63 GRS's are planned.
- Southeast SCP – This plan is currently undergoing review with public review scheduled to take place in the fall and/or winter of 2011. The plan is expected to be finalized and promulgated in February or March of 2012.
- Bristol Bay and Western AK: The workgroup plans to produce GRS & PPORs which will be finalized by June of 2012.

Mr. Iwamoto opened the floor to questions or comments.

Mr. Field reminded the group that the RRT, particularly Larry Dietrick (ADEC), had previously discussed creating GRS strategies that could double as "out of the box" Incident Action Plans (IAP) in the event of a spill. He asked whether we are close to this, with the GRS's currently underway and recently completed {check wording.

Mr. Iwamoto responded, stating that there is a need for contractor support to have this built this into the existing software.

Dr. Whitney asked about the status of a GRS for the northernmost side of the Seward Peninsula (Kotzebue Sound)?

Mr. Iwamoto stated that he believes that they have been developed.

RISC Meeting Update

Tom Wilder (DHS FEMA) delivered a presentation on the differences between the RRT and the RISC.

Valdez Fire Department Hazardous Response Overview

Chief George Keeney (VFD) gave an overview of the department's capabilities, recent responses, and other issues.

EPA Emergency Response Team and EPA Special Teams

Rebecca Connell (USEPA) of the Emergency Response Team, Las Vegas, NV, provided an overview of EPA special teams.

UAF International Arctic Research Center

Prof. Larry Hinzman, Director of The University of Alaska at Fairbanks International Arctic Research Center presented information regarding the Center's proposal to the National Science Foundation to create a Science and Technology Center for Oil Spill Prevention and Preparedness in the Arctic.

Mr. Folley asked how the Center will relate to the existing Oil Spill Response Institute (in Cordova).

Prof. Hinzman answered that the two will be partner organizations, not in competition with one another, and that the new Center is not intended to replace the OSRI. OSRI personnel have assisted with the draft proposal to NSF.

Shell Oil's 2012 Contingency Plans and Dispersant Research

Dr. Victoria Broje (Shell Oil) presented an overview of arctic oil spill response research, plans and other measures.

Member Agency Round Table

Mr. Field reported that EPA is engaged in trying to assure that the role of the RRT is reported to the White House and other forums.

CDR Everett noted that Alaska and the Arctic region are currently at the forefront of national news and national dialogue. Visibility of agency and RRT activities in preparedness and response is only expected to increase. We must look for opportunities for greater collaboration and communication.

Joe Sarcone (DHHS ATSDR) reminded the group that DHHS's local office plays a significant role working with Alaskan villages and tribes. He noted the importance of subsistence activities stating that they are related to more than just nutritional value, and are more deeply connected to the natives' culture and life way. He also reminded the OSCs that the Agency for Toxic

Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) stands ready as an available resource in the event of any hazardous chemical or biological exposure incidents.

Ms. Bergmann stressed the need, when coordinating with agencies' leadership personnel, to emphasize that Alaska is a large area, but a small community. We must focus on communication and stakeholder relations. We should consider many options, even in the face of limited resources.

Mr. Helton reported that NOAA Fisheries is continuing to work on the issue of chemical dispersants. NOAA is also working to address the issue of derelict vessels in the Aleutian Islands and nationwide.

Dr. Whitney reiterated that much is unknown, but research is ongoing regarding the Arctic and production of hydrocarbons.

David Suomi (DOT FAA), Acting Regional Administrator, stated that another DOT agency may better serve the RRT, possibly the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), but he has found the meeting to be very informative and beneficial.

Public Comments

John Engles (ADEC), SOSC, stated regarding the FAA, clarification is needed regarding regulation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles in spill response and surveillance operations. Standard regulations for manned aircraft are currently being applied.

Dr. John French of the Prince William Sound Regional Citizen's Advisory Council (PWSRCAC) spoke in favor of the formation of an APC. The inclusivity of an APC would provide a venue to other stakeholder's concerns and interests. He feels that one Area Committee, representing the entire state, would be impractical and that perhaps there should be ten, so as to mirror the sub-areas.

Closing Remarks

Mr. Field advised the group that Mr. Knowles will work to develop a draft ARRT outreach strategy.

CDR Everett offered thanks to the OSCs for participating, as well as to the presenters, and other attendees. He thanked Amy Schwalber (DOD ALCOM) for her service to the RRT, and wished her well as she departs for other endeavors. CDR Everett thanked Mr. McNutt for organizing the meeting. He also bid welcome to new RRT members and participants.

ARRT MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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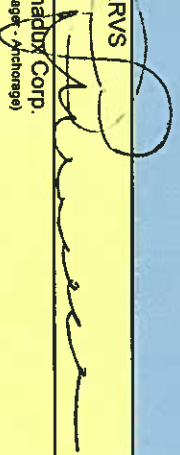












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USCG	CDR Mark Everett (Pri) Co-Chair	Y	
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FEMA	Tom Wilder (Alt)	Y	
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DHHS	Capt Richard Kauffman (Alt)	N	
DOC	Doug Helton (Pri)	Y	
DOC	Dr. John Whitney (Alt)	Y	
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Time	Topic	Coordinator/Speaker
08:00 - 08:30	Arrival / Sign-In	
10-min	Welcome / Introductions / Safety Brief	ARRT Coordinators
15-20 min	Review of actions since last mtg/approval of summary	Co-Chairs
10-min	ESA Work Group report out	Marcia Combes EPA Region 10
	OSC Reports: (Overview of Response Activities, Exercises, Planning Initiatives, Training Programs, and Lessons Learned)	
10-min	Western AK COTP Zone	CAPT Jason Fosdick (USCG) Sector Anchorage
10 Min	ADEC Division of Spill Prevention and Response overview	Mr. Gary Folley (ADEC) Program Manager, PERP
09:30 - 09:45	Break	
15 min	EPA Inland Zone – (Pump One Response Lessons Learned)	Mr. Calvin Terada Emergency Response Manager, EPA
10-min	Prince William Sound COTP Zone	CDR, Benjamin ,Hawkins, (USCG), COTP, MSU Valdez
10-min	Southeast AK COTP Zone	CAPT Scott Bornemann (USCG) Sector Juneau
10-min	ARRT Cultural Resources Working Group ARRT Wildlife Protection Working Group	Ms. Pamela Bergmann (DOI)
15 min	Science & Technology Committee Update	Mr. Gary Folley (ADEC) Program Manager, PERP
10 min	RISC Mtg Update	Mr. Tom Wilder, FEMA Region X Alaska Operations
10-20-min	Subarea Contingency Plans – Update Process/Status	Mr. Larry Iwamoto (ADEC)
11:00 - 12:30	Lunch (not provided)	
30-min	Valdez Fire Dept Hazardous Response Overview	Chief George Keeney, Valdez Fire Dept.
30 min	Shell 2012 Contingency plans and dispersant research	Dr. Victoria Broje, Shell, Houston
30-min	UAF International Arctic Research Center	Prof.: Larry Hinzman, Dir International Arctic Research Center, UAF
14:00 - 14:15	Break	
30-min	NOAA Arctic ERMA	Dr. Amy Merten, Chief, Spatial Data Branch, NOAA
30-min	EPA ERT and Special Teams	Ms. Rebecca Connell, EPA, Las Vegas
10-15 min	Member Agencies - Informal Roundtable	Co-Chairs
15-20min	Public Comments	Attendees
5-min	Closing Remarks	Co-Chairs
OOA 16:30	Adjournment	
Note: Time allocations are guidelines and may vary +/- 5 minutes.		



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Dear CDR Everett and Mr. Field:

This letter is in response to Mr. Nick Knowles' November 25, 2011, email in which he provided to Alaska Regional Response Team (ARRT) members for their review, the draft meeting summary for the August 30, 2011, ARRT work session and the August 31, 2011, ARRT meeting. Please note that without a copy of the meeting transcripts, it is not possible to provide comments on statements in the summaries attributed to ARRT members or other presenters. Therefore, my comments are limited to factual corrections for information regarding the ARRT's Cultural Resources Working Group and Wildlife Protection Working Group.

August 30, 2011, Draft Summary

Issue 5: Coastal Resources Work Group, page 2: The title of this topic needs to be corrected to read: "[Issue 5: Cultural Resources Work Group](#)."

August 31, 2011, Draft Summary

ARRT Cultural Resources Workgroup, p. 6: The information in this section needs to be corrected to read: "[ARRT Wildlife Protection Working Group](#). Ms. Bergmann reported that work on a charter for the Cultural Resources Working Group will commence once work on the Wildlife Protection Working Group charter is completed." The majority of Cultural Resource Working Group and Wildlife Protection Working Group members are different individuals.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on these draft summaries. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Nick Knowles, USEPA