

**Oceania Regional Response Team
Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2007 Standing Meeting
Hilton Hotel
Tumon Bay, Guam**

Introduction from Co-Coordinator:

Lance Richman, U.S. EPA

Welcoming Comments:

Colonel Dennis Santos Tomas
Advisor, Office of Homeland Security
Guam National Guard

Updates from Co-Chair: **Capt. Fred Tucher**

- Introduction of LCDR Joseph Zwack
- No releases have occurred since last meeting
- USCG is developing guidelines for areas considered places of refuge.

Updates from Co-Chair: **Steve Calanog**

- Continues to revise the Oceania Regional Contingency Plan.
- Is looking for proposals for meeting dates for the following year.

STATE AND LOCAL AGENCY UPDATES

Guam EPA: **Mike Gawel** (PowerPoint® presentation)

- New Guam EPA Administrator: Ms. Lorilee T. Cristomo.
- Planning for anticipated military expansion through Guam's Civilian/Military Task Force.
- Approximately 50 releases have occurred in Guam.
- Developed the Habitat Equivalency Assessment (HEA) for measuring environmental damage and defining mitigation for coral reefs.
- New protocol on oil pollution, preparedness, response, and cooperation in the Pacific Region.
- Guam EPA Administrator to chair SPREP Officials Meeting in Samoa.
- Guam EPA participated in USCG Crusade oil spill exercise, in tsunami awareness planning, in emergency planning & prevention compliance workshop, planning participation in TOPOFF 4.

- Future issues: berthing of nuclear aircraft carrier, relocation of U.S. Marines from Okinawa to Guam, ammunition wharf expansion by U.S. Navy, and cumulative impacts of widespread military expansion and increased activities.

CNMI DEQ – David Chargualaf

- Recent oil spill in sewer lines. No responsible party yet. U.S. EPA OSC Rogow assisted in planning, sampling, and coordinating laboratory analysis. Sixty eight drums of waste/water collected.
- ICS 300-400 training was conducted the week of July 31 with the USCG.
- Need to determine further training needs..
- Will be conducting a table top exercise for earthquakes.

CNMI EMO – Mark Pangilinan

- In the process of constructing an EOC in compliance with NIMS. Will complete by next year then train and exercise.
- Participated in a 1st responder awareness course and the ICS 300 and 400 training conducted by USCG.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Impact of Military Buildup on Guam: Capt. Robert Lee (PowerPoint® presentation)

- Guam is being selected for military buildup based on its strategic proximity in the Pacific.
- Under the Alliance Transformation and Realignment Agreement, the footprint of the U.S. – Japan alliance will encompass Guam.
- USMC relocation from Okinawa to Guam. Additional 8,000 marines and 9,000 dependents.
- Units in Japan will consolidate to Okinawa.
- Guam Program Milestones and timeline through 2014.
- Programmatic relationships.
- Notional projected Guam construction activity.
- Special purpose entity concepts including housing and utilities.
- Joint military master plan.
- GovGuam master plan.
- Cost sharing with Japan.
- US funding.
- Contact information.

Forecast of 2007 Typhoon Season in the Pacific, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration-Guam: Chip Guard (PowerPoint® presentation)

- Tropical cyclone stages of development.
- Types, effects, and other facts about tropical cyclones

- Necessary ingredients for a tropical cyclone.
- Different shapes and sizes.
- Structure of a typhoon.
- Tropical cyclone winds and terrain influences.
- Storm surge.
- Reef influences on storm surge.
- Impacts and examples of storm surge/typhoon.
- Infrared satellite imagery.
- Water vapor satellite imagery.
- Visible satellite imagery.
- Microwave imagery/rainfall rate.
- Infrared satellite picture.
- QuikScat picture.
- JTWC warnings – guidance.
- Computer model predictions.
- HURREVAC.
- The monsoon trough – a tropical cyclone generator.
- Southwest monsoon surge
- Monsoon depression.
- Mean position of monsoon trough by month.
- Number of typhoons within 180, 120, and 60 nautical miles of Tinian by month.
- Normal conditions across the equatorial pacific.
- El Nino conditions in the equatorial pacific.
- Tropical cyclone forecasts for 2007.

Recent EPA response activity Hawaii and Pacific Territories: **Chris Weden**

- Will initiate a removal on Guam in October to coincide with TOPOFF 4.
- Wastewater sampling in Saipan.

After Action Report out of CNMI NPREP exercise: **Hassan Rossell** (PowerPoint® presentation)

- Operation Preba Hao
- Key Aspects: industry led and focus was to test Incident Action Plan.
- Scenario overview: a transfer line ruptures causing an estimated 1,000 gallon automotive diesel oil spill on the pier and into the Tanapag Harbor.
- Participants.
- Objectives.
- Exercise highlights.
- MIACP development.

U.S. Coast Guard activities in Guam/CNMI: Lt. Comdr. Winters

- Prevention includes vessel inspection, facility container, marine casualty investigation, license/documented mariner administration/suspension and revocation, regional exam center, and waterway management.
- Investigative division include pollution response capabilities.
- Challenges include vessel response plan contractors, marine fire fighting and salvage requirements, getting pollution response equipment to CNMI, training, and military buildup.
- Statistics for Sector Guam include: 43 harbor patrols, responded to 23 pollution cases, issued 1 Letter of Warning and \$2,250.00 in fines. Cases are down from FY06.

TOPOFF Presentations

- DHS: Nathan Rodgers (PowerPoint[®] presentation) discussed overview of upcoming TOPOFF 4 exercise.
- Guam Fire Department's HAZMAT Team: Angel Llargas discussed local capabilities for exercise.
- Department of Defense (DOD) Support to Civilian Authorities: Roy Tsutsui (PowerPoint[®] presentation) discussed procedures for DOD to assist during civilian led responses.

Federal Agency Program Updates

- FEMA: Matthew Bradley discusses reorganization components of FEMA; the capabilities division is distributing \$1.7 million in grants to states, TOPOFF 4 is being led by Fred Wherenburg, Exercise Program Manager, it is the last quarter to submit NIMS reports, and the NRP is being upgraded. Ongoing FEMA projects include catastrophic planning and an online national preparedness system.

CLOSING REMARKS

- Capt. Tucher thanks everyone for attending.

Attendance List for ORRT Meeting August 8, 2007

(attendance by location; in alphabetical order)

American Samoa:

Brenda Epati-Tawoi	American Red Cross
Fesoliai Silia Time	ASEPA
Pola Horn	American Red Cross

CNMI:

David Chargualaf	CNMI-DEQ
Mark Pangilinan	CNMI-EMO

Guam:

Angel B. Llargas	Guam Fire Deaprtment
Chip Guard	NOAA
Dennis Santos Tomas	Guam Homeland Security
Hassan Rossell	USCG
Joseph Zwack	USCG
Kristin Gray	USCG
Matthew Bradley	FEMA
Michelle Rogow	US EPA
Mike Gawel	Guam EPA
Nathan Rodgers	DHS
Paul Kemp	GWA
Capt. Robert Lee	JGPO
Roy Tsutsui	DOD
Victor Torres	Guam Bureau of Stats and Plans
William Marhoffer	USCG

Hawaii:

Chris Daskam	JTF-HD
Capt. Fred Tucher	USCG/Prevention Division
E.B. Lawson – C4IT	USCG/Technical Advisor
Karen Rosa	DOI/USFWS
Rock Ahulau	Red Cross
Theran Belcher	JTF-HD

San Francisco:

John Kennedy	U.S. EPA
Patricia S. Port	U.S. DOI/OEPC
Steve Calanog	U.S. EPA
Chris Weden	U.S. EPA