



Memorandum of Understanding Between EPA Region IV and USCG Districts 5, 7, and 8

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MOU – What is the intent?

- Delineate the Inland and Coastal Zone **geographical boundaries** establishing responsibility for the **pre-designation of On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs)** for pollution response pursuant to the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan (NCP)





MOU – Defining the Zone

Inland Zone – EPA predesignated OSC

- All areas or pollution incidents that are not specifically addressed by the coastal zone boundary designation descriptions, or the general response provisions within the MOU





MOU – Defining the Zone (cont'd)

Coastal Zone – USCG predesignated OSC

- Boundary line defines coastal zone
- When a roadway is used to delineate a boundary, that boundary shall be to, but not include, the roadway
- The term “waterfront facility” is used in accordance with the definitions found in 33 CFR 125-127, 148 and 154





MOU in Region IV

- **Spans six EPA Region IV States**

North Carolina

South Carolina

Georgia

Florida

Alabama

Mississippi

- **Spans three USCG Districts**

Fifth

Eighth

Seventh

- **Spans seven USCG Sectors**

Sector North Carolina

Sector Charleston

Sector Jacksonville

Sector Miami

Sector St. Petersburg

Sector Mobile

Sector Key West



MOU – Existing Document is Out of Date

- Last revision to **LINE** believed to be in 1992
 - References in boundary line are out-of-date
 - Lacks definition for some routes with multiple/alternate road names
- Last revision to the **MOU TEXT** in 1999
 - Requires reference to National Response Plan (NRP), now known as the Natn'l Response Framework (NRF)
 - Lacks clarification during Incident of National Significance (INS) or National Security Event (NSE)



Boundary Line Revision Goals

- Use larger and busier roads that will not change name or location
- Simplify the line with fewer turns
- Follow only roadways and identify water bodies separately





MOU – Revision Milestones

- Sectors, Districts, and State Agencies participating
- Interagency negotiations regarding the line:
 - 1) Sector North Carolina – conference call, draft
 - 2) Sector Charleston – conference call, draft
 - 3) Sector Jacksonville – 2 conference calls, draft
 - 4) Sector Miami – 2 conference calls, draft
 - 5) Sector Key West – 2 conference calls (w/ Miami), draft
 - 6) Sector St. Petersburg – 2 conference calls, draft
 - 7) Sector Mobile – conference call, proposal



MOU – Target Milestones

- Incorporate NRP/NRF, INS, NSE, and other contingency planning provisions into the MOU
- Complete final draft of boundary line and distribute electronic maps to Sectors
- Establish a final draft for management and District review
- Submit for signature



Breakout session to follow

- Starts 15 minutes from completion of today's meeting
- Topics to address:
 - 1) Digital formats for maps
 - 2) Final solution to Everglades territory
 - 3) Determine accurate Key West boundaries
 - 4) Discuss proposed revisions to Mobile line
 - 5) Other topics