

USCG NCP/ACP Program

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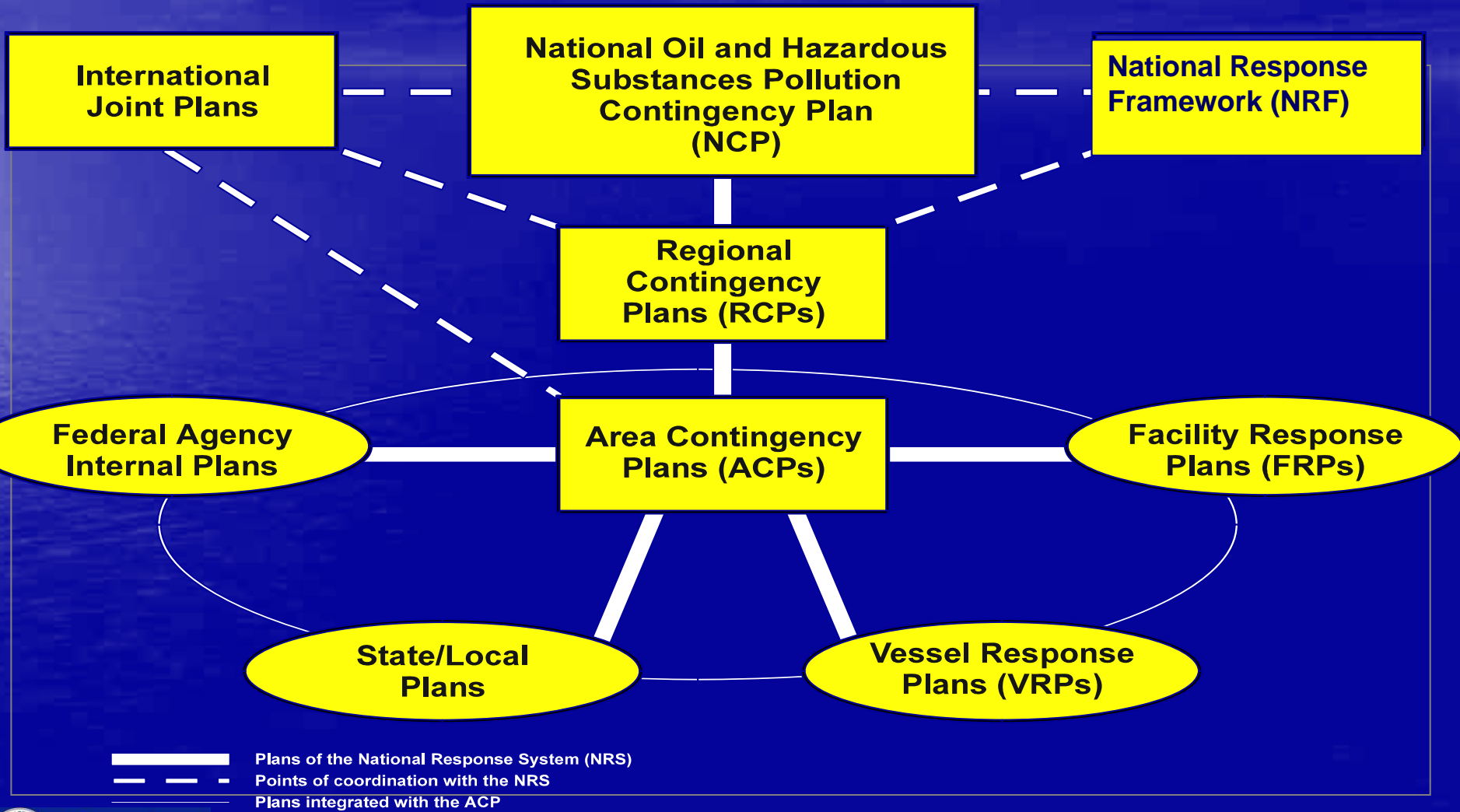
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Area Contingency Plans General Observations

- Planning Tool v. Response Tool
- Environmentally Sensitive Area portions praised as most valuable
- Three-year NPREP exercise and ACP review/revision cycle now standardized
- Excellent participation in Area Planning Committee process
- Cumbersome documents in paper form

Relationship of Plans



Area Committee Process



Regional Response Teams

- “What is the role of the RRT in a COSCO BUSAN -type incident?”
 - CAPT James. J. O'Connor to RRT IV, 14FEB2008

Regional Response Teams

- 40CFR300.115(f) – ... provide OSCs/RPMs with assistance from their respective federal agencies commensurate with agency responsibilities, resources and capabilities within the region... make available the resources of their agencies to the OSC/RPM as specified in the RCP and ACP.

Regional Response Teams

- 40CFR300.115(g) – ... work with OSCs in developing and maintaining ACPs
- 40CFR300.115(i) – ... revise the RCP as needed, evaluate the preparedness of the participating agencies and the effectiveness of the ACPs for the federal response to discharges and releases...
- 40CFR300.115(i)(4) – Review OSC actions to ensure that RCPs and ACPs are effective.

Vessel Response Plan Consistency

- 33CFR155.10330(h)(1)-(2): VRPs must be consistent with NCP and ACP.
- COMDTINST 16471.3(4)(a)(6): ACPs must describe in detail how the plan is integrated w/other ACPs and vessel, off-shore facility and onshore facility response plans.
- 33CFR155.1035, 155.1050: Identification of response resources. Salvage, firefighting and emergency lightering most important resources that need to be listed. This is to close the current gap in USCG oversight. NSFCC evaluates OSROs, but salvors, emergency lighterers and marine firefighters are not vetted by the USCG.
- Recently published Salvage and Marine Firefighting Rule and upcoming Dispersants Capacities Rule.

Future ACP Guidance

- COMDTINST 16471.3 (series) to be revised / re-issued concurrent with stand-up of OPCOM and FORCECOM (June 2009).
- OPCOM to assume oversight of field plans.
- CG-5332 to retain oversight of RRT/RCP/ACP policy and PREP programs.
- Possible return to 5-year cycle to mesh with Area Maritime Security (AMS) program
- Further recommendations being compiled by LANTAREA (OPCOM) for presentation to CG-533.

Questions

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