



**Region 3 Regional Response Team
Meeting**

Rehoboth Beach Delaware

MAY 3-5, 2016

**Highlights, Action Items, Potential Agenda Topics,
Upcoming Meeting Dates**



General Information:

- The following documents are posted on the RRT3 Website (located in the RRT3 – Documents Tab under “2015-05 RRT3 Mtg”):

https://nrtqa.ert.org/site/region_list.aspx?region=3

- Final Agenda
- This PowerPoint Summary of the Meetings
- Summary of Agency Report-Outs
- Meeting Handouts
- List of Attendees (sign-in sheets)
- Presentations

Inland Area Committee (IAC)

- **IAC MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS REQUESTED:**
 - Provide review and comments on Inland Area Contingency Plan (IACP) Update process and Volume I updates to the new Designated EPA OSC by **20 May 2016**
 - Direct comments on other Volumes to Lead Sub-Area OSCs
- EPA Region 3 OSC Planning Dashboard/Viewer:
 - Conduct Training on Dashboard/Viewer – develop webinar (1-2 hours)
 - Develop “Help” feature on the Dashboard with videos for users
- Invite federally recognized Tribes (Pamunkey) and federally recognized Tribes with an interest in the region to attend IAC Meetings

IAC Action Items, continued

- November 2015 IAC Tabletop Exercise After Action Report and Exercise Situation Manual posted to on the Region 3 OSC Planning Dashboard:

(<https://www.eparm.net/R3IACP/Default.aspx> under “Planning Documents”)

- See Agency Report-Outs for EPA Sub-Area updates

(https://nrtqa.ert.org/site/region_list.aspx?region=3
under RRT3 – Documents Tab under “2015-05 RRT3 Mtg”)

Introduction to Shoreline Countermeasures Assessment Technique (SCAT)

- Presented by Frank Csulak (NOAA) and Jason Maddox and Rob Schrader (Gallagher Marine Systems)
- A 4-hour Introduction to SCAT training was conducted on Tuesday afternoon in lieu of the NRDA Workgroup
 - Included classroom discussion and hands-on demonstration outside on beach
- Upcoming SCAT classes (full 3 day courses) are posted on the RRT3 website under “Notices”

Consultation & Natural Resources Workgroup

- PRESENTATIONS posted to the RRT3 website (https://nrtqa.ert.org/site/region_list.aspx?region=3 under RRT3 – Documents Tab under “2015-05 RRT3 Mtg”) :
 - Status of Tribal Action Letter
 - Adoption of the Region II Section 106 Document
 - Recent Incidents in Virginia (Wildlife Response Actions and Lessons Learned)
 - NOAA’s Bakken Crude Oil and Similar Shale Oil Spills: Responder Guidance (Final) document
 - NOAA’s DRAFT Diluted Bitumen Oil Spills: Responder Guidance document
- **MEMBERSHIP ACTION REQUESTED:**
 - Comments on the Diluted Bitumen (Dilbit) document due to Frank Csulak (Frank.Csulak@noaa.gov) by 3 June 2016.

Training Workgroup

- Draft list of Training Opportunities is posted to the RRT3 website (https://nrtqa.ert.org/site/region_list.aspx?region=3 under RRT3 – Documents Tab under “2015-05 RRT3 Mtg”)
- **MEMBERSHIP ACTION REQUESTED:**
 - Provide review and comment on existing list
 - Provide suggestions for future Training Topics
 - Send to Debbie Scholz (Dscholz@seaconsulting.com)
by 31 July 2016

Spill Response Countermeasures Workgroup

- PRESENTATIONS are posted to the RRT3 website (https://nrtqa.ert.org/site/region_list.aspx?region=3 under RRT3 – Documents Tab under “2015-05 RRT3 Mtg”)
 - Biodegradation of Spilled Oil
 - Bioremediation Questions
- Status update provided by two (OSHA and DHS) of the three RRT3 Tri-chairs for Executive Order 13650 – Improving Facility Safety and Security
- No Action Items for this Workgroup

Information Management & Outreach

Workgroup

- PRESENTATION is posted to the RRT3 website (https://nrtqa.ert.org/site/region_list.aspx?region=3 under RRT3 – Documents Tab under “2015-05 RRT3 Mtg”)
 - Rad Decon Application – a Software Tool for Radiation Response
- No Action Items for this Workgroup

Other PRESENTATIONS

- PRESENTATIONS are posted to the RRT3 website (https://nrtqa.ert.org/site/region_list.aspx?region=3 under RRT3 – Documents Tab under “2015-05 RRT3 Mtg”)
 - RULET Database Updates – Proposed Expansion of the USS Monitor Sanctuary and the Proposed Designation of Mallows Bay Ghost Fleet as a NOAA Sanctuary
 - Boom Vane Fast Water Demonstration:
 - (On water deployment cancelled due to weather)
 - Video of BoomVane Deploy (demo) can be viewed at this website: <http://www.elastec.com/oilspill/containmentboom/boomvane/media/index.php>

Executive Committee Meeting

- Decision-making:
 - The Bakken Responder's Guide to be a RRT3 Policy Guidance document
 - The Dilbit Responder's Guide will also be an RRT3 Policy Guidance document once finalized. Comments due to Frank Csulak by **3 June 2016**
 - Combining two workgroups into one; new workgroup title is Information Management and Outreach Workgroup

Executive Committee Meeting, continued

- Decision-making, continued:
 - **ACTION REQUIRED:** Co-Chairs to review/revise letter drafted by DOI (by 17 June 2016) and send to the Pamunkey Tribe and Federally-Recognized Tribal entities that have an interest or resources of concern within Region 3 inviting them to membership and participation with RRT3
 - Requesting feedback for Tribal coordination for Outreach, Planning, and Response
 - Adopt RRT1 and RRT2 Section 106 Annex, with appropriate RRT3 revisions and updates, for addition to the RRT3 Regional Contingency Plan

Executive Committee Meeting, continued

- Decision-making, continued:
 - Drafting Consultation template documents from Region 10 for incorporation into the RRT3 Regional Contingency Plan
 - Timeline – November 2016 RRT3 meeting
 - RRT3 requested to participate in the Biological Assessment for Dispersant Pre-authorization with Region 1 and 2
 - Information already available on affected resources and likely impacts from operational use from past evaluations
 - Region 4 Biological Assessment
 - Region 3 started biological assessment for response options on federal waters several years ago
 - NMFS developed ESA/MMPA tool for resources and BMPs several years ago
 - **ACTION REQUIRED:** Co-Chairs to sign OSE II Letter and send to vendor

Executive Committee Meeting, continued

- Decision-making, continued:
 - NRT changed annual reporting requirement from RRTs from one to two times per year – this has lead to new standardized report-out requests:
 - Activities will be requested from USCG Sector and EPA OSCs and state and federal agencies for inclusion in Agency Report-Outs prior to RRT meetings
 - Report-Outs delivered to NRT by end of January and July each year
 - **MEMBERSHIP ACTION REQUESTED:**
 - Updates to report-outs, for 1 Jan – 30 June, to be provided to RRT3 Coordinators by 8 July 2016

Executive Committee Meeting, continued

- Decision-making, continued:
 - RRT3 Interim Conference Calls for March and August are cancelled until further notice
 - Will be set aside as times for Workgroups to conduct business and develop/update existing and new products
 - Workgroup Assigned Membership to be reviewed and revised
 - Workgroups to:
 - Review existing products and determine priorities for review/update
 - Identify new products/guidance

Executive Committee Meeting, continued

- Decision-making, continued:
 - **MEMBERSHIP ACTION REQUESTED:**
 - Ballot for 2017 meeting locations to be voted on at Standing Meeting
 - Valley Forge, PA
 - Ocean City, MD
 - Lancaster, PA
 - Request suggestions for future RRT3 meetings at federal/state/local facility locations
 - RRT3 Events Calendar to be posted to website and emailed contemporaneously
 - Attempting to establish an on-line calendar function on the new website

Executive Committee Meeting, continued

- Decision-making, continued:
 - Feature Agency Focus (15 minutes) for every Standing Meeting
 - Regional Contingency Plan will be undergoing Review and Update
 - **MEMBERSHIP ACTION REQUESTED:**
 - Provide any contact information changes to the RRT3 Co-chairs
 - Draft 2017 RRT3 Work Plan being revised by Workgroup chairs; to be finalized at November 2016 RRT3 meeting

Standing Meeting

- PRESENTATIONS are posted to the RRT3 website (https://nrtqa.ert.org/site/region_list.aspx?region=3 under RRT3 – Documents Tab under “2015-05 RRT3 Mtg”)
 - National Strike Force Updates (Jim Snyder, NSFCC)
 - Featured Agency Presentation: US Dept of Health & Human Services/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) (Bob Helverson, ATSDR, Region 3)
 - Potomac River Mineral Oil Spill (CDR Michael Keane, Sector Maryland-National Capital Region)

Standing Meeting, continued

- A Summary of Agency Report-Outs is provided separately on the RRT3 website (https://nrtqa.ert.org/site/region_list.aspx?region=3 under RRT3 – Documents Tab under “2015-05 RRT3 Mtg”)
 - FOSC Reports (USCG Sectors and EPA Region III Sub-Areas)
 - State Agencies
 - Federal Agencies

Standing Meeting – Retiring RRT3

Member

- Thank you for your service to RRT3:
 - Rich Fetzer (EPA) is Retiring June 2nd; Best of Luck in your Future
 - Debbie Lindsey (EPA) is taking over his role as the EPA Designated OSC and Chair of the Inland Area Committee



Standing Meeting, continued

- **MEMBERSHIP ACTION REQUESTED:**
 - Looking for volunteer to take over as Chairperson for the Training Workgroup
 - If you are interested, contact RRT3 Coordinators Cindy Santiago (santiago.cindy@epa.gov) or David Pugh (David.E.Pugh1@uscg.mil)

Upcoming RRT3 Meeting Dates / Locations:

- Fall 2016

- Valley Forge, Pennsylvania –
Location TBD
- Tentative Dates: 8-10 November

- Spring 2017

- Ocean City, Maryland
- Tentative Dates: 16-18 May

- Fall 2017

- Lancaster, Pennsylvania
- Tentative Dates: 14-16 November

Other Regional Response Team Meetings

- **Region 1:** TBD
- **Region 2:** 12-13 October 2016 in Edison, NJ
- **CRRT:** 14-16 June 2016 in St. Thomas, USVI
- **Region 3:** 8-10 November 2016 in Valley Forge, PA
- **Region 4:** 30 August – 1 September 2016 in Savannah, GA
- **Region 5:** 11-12 May 2016 in Madison, WI
- **Region 6:** 17-19 May 2016 in Addison, TX

Area Committee Meetings

- **Upper Chesapeake Bay and Estuary Area Committee:** 24 May 2016
- **Philadelphia Area Committee:** 20 July 2016
- **Virginia Area Committee:** 17 May 2016
- **Coastal North Carolina Area Committee:** August 2016 (Tentative)
- **Lake Erie Area Committee:** TBD
- **MSU Huntington Tri-state Spill Response Workgroup:** TBD
- **MSU Pittsburgh Three Rivers Pollution Response Council:** TBD

Referenced / Useful Websites

- The RRT and Region III website's web address is migrating to a new location: https://nrtqa.ert.org/site/region_list.aspx?region=3. The Regional Contingency Plan (RCP) Homepage website address is located at: <https://rrt3-RCP.nrt.org>, but will also be migrated to the new website.
 - Inland Area Committee Website:
https://www.epaosc.org/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=2037
 - EPA Region 3 OSC Planning Dashboard:
<https://www.eparm.net/R3IACP/Default.aspx>

Referenced / Useful Websites

- Sector Maryland and National Capitol Region website and ACP:
<https://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/portDirectory.do?tabId=1&cotpld=1>
- Sector Delaware Bay website and ACP:
<https://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/portDirectory.do?tabId=1&cotpld=40>
- Sector Hampton Roads website and ACP:
<https://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/portDirectory.do?tabId=1&cotpld=26>
- Sector North Carolina website and ACP:
<https://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/portDirectory.do?tabId=1&cotpld=53>
- Sector Buffalo website and ACP:
<https://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/portDirectory.do?tabId=1&cotpld=18>
- MSU Huntington website and ACP:
- MSU Pittsburgh website and ACP:
<https://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/portDirectory.do?tabId=1&cotpld=1000003>

Referenced / Useful Websites

- NOAA Incident News: <http://incidentnews.noaa.gov>
- NOAA ResponseLink (for government Responders):
<https://responselink.orr.noaa.gov/login>
- Environmental Response Management Application (ERMA):
<http://response.restoration.noaa.gov/maps-and-spatial-data/environmental-response-management-application-erma>
- Selection Guide for Oil Spill Response Countermeasures:
<http://nrt-sg.sraprod.com/build/#>