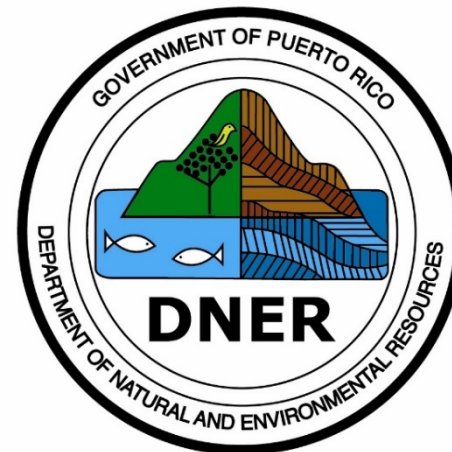




EQB

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD  
COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO



# Environmental Quality Board

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES



# AGENDA

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- *LAW 171*
- *Changes in Enviromental Emergencies*
- *Changes in PRSERC*
- *EPCRA compliance*
- *LEPC update*



# LAW 171

- Known as Reorganization Plan of the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources of 2018 (August 2, 2018).
- Amend Law 416, as amended, known as “Environmental Public Policy Act”, which creates the Environmental Quality Board.
- Transfer the "Environmental Research Laboratory of Puerto Rico" to the DNER
- Assign funds from special accounts of the EQB to the corresponding special accounts that the DNER will create,
- Provide for transfers of employees and goods



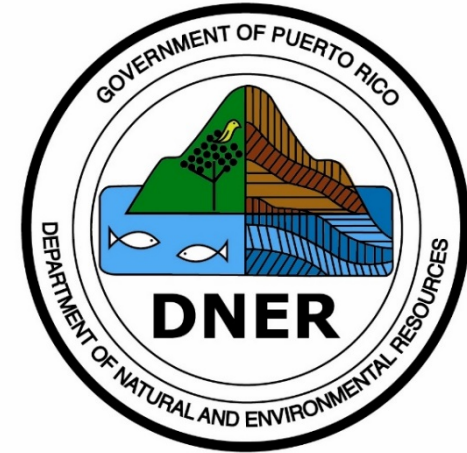
# LAW 171(cont.)

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- Transfers, groups and consolidates in the DNER, faculties, functions, services and structures of the EQB
- The powers and functions previously delegated to the EQB, its President and / or its Governing Board are transferred to the DNER for execution by the Secretary
- DNER will establish a program for the response and adequate management of environmental emergencies and the necessary remedial actions in contaminated places
- DNER will be the leading agency in the responses to this type of emergencies



# MEANING



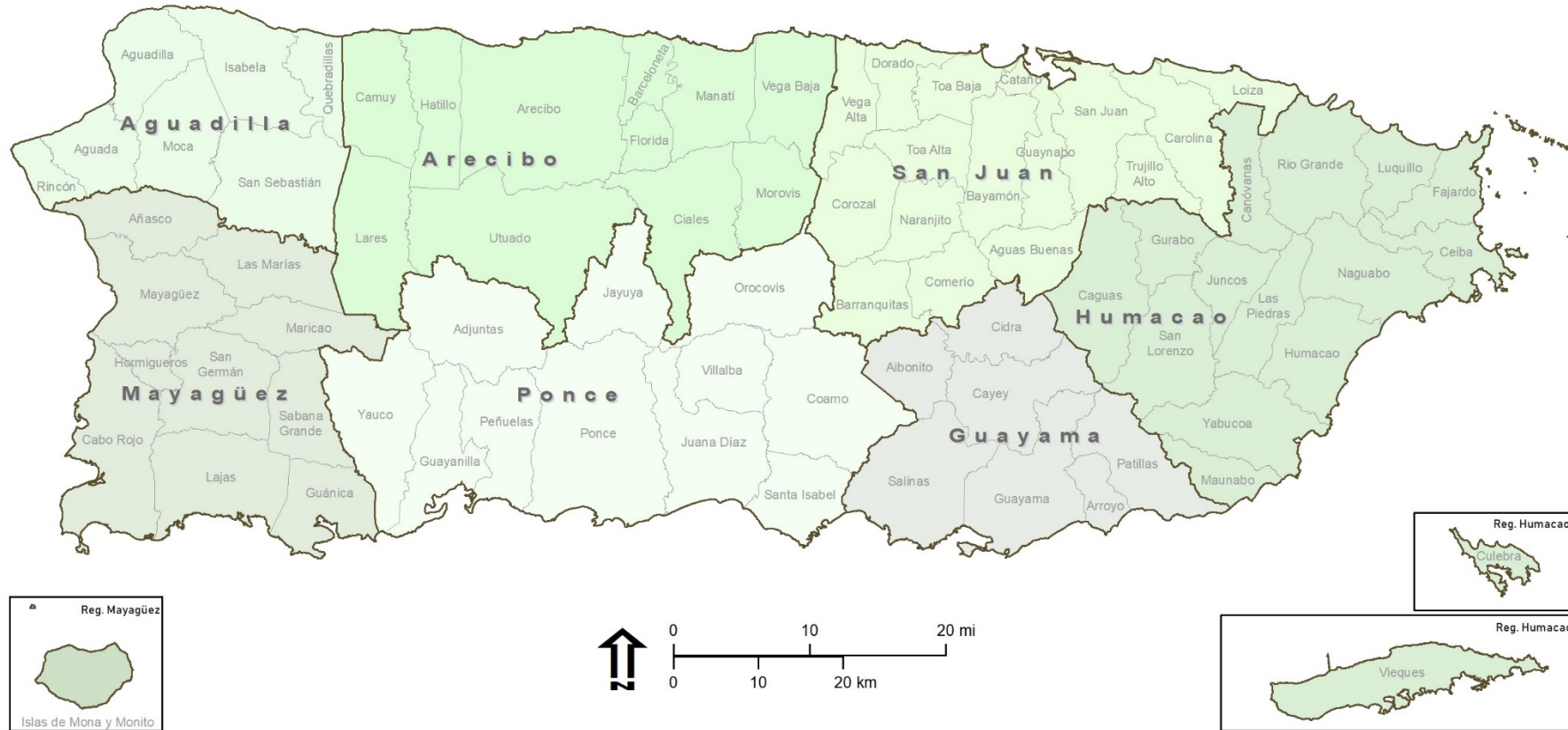


# EQB Regions





# DNER Regions





# Environmental Emergencies

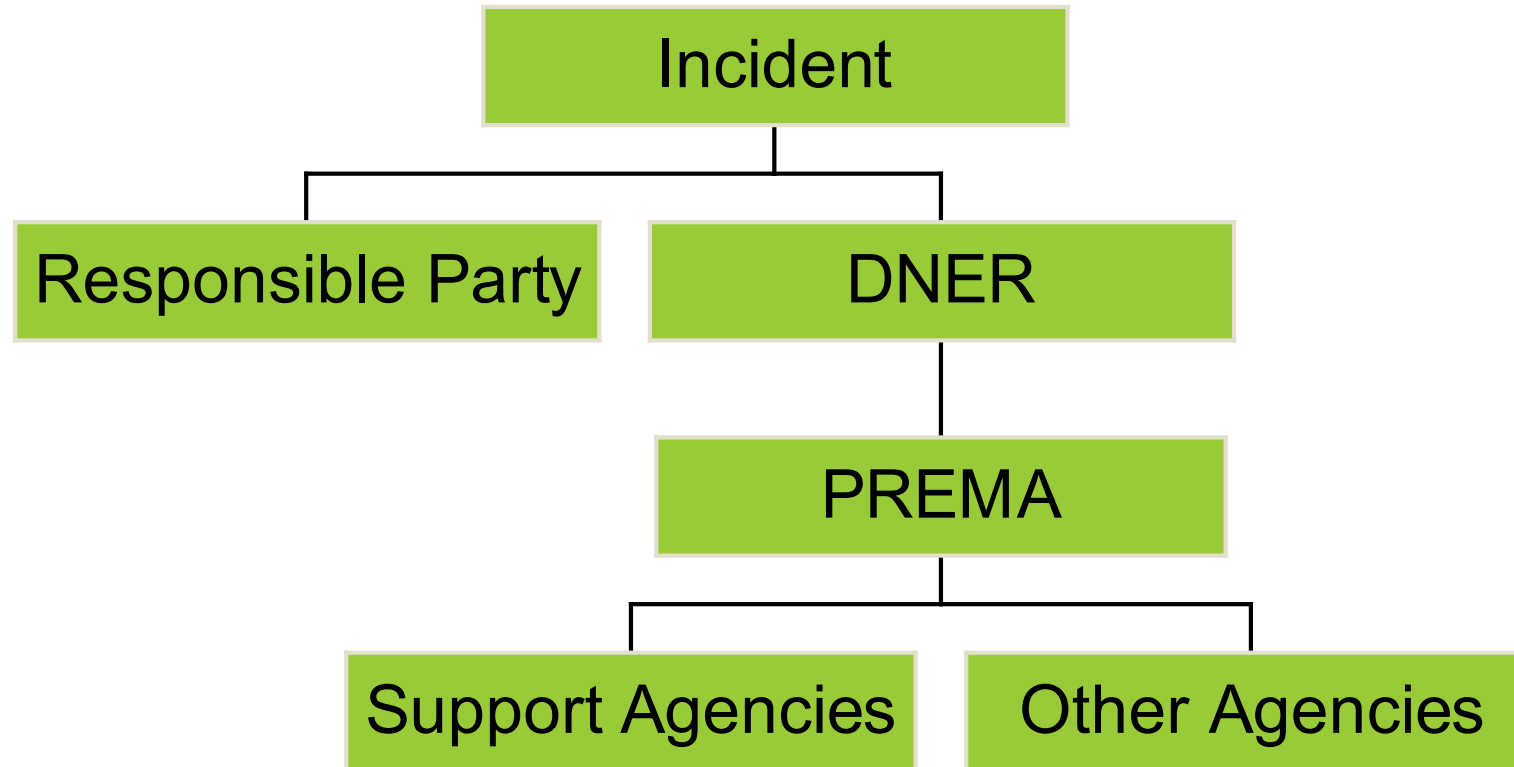
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- Establish that DNER is the leading agency to coordinate and implementing response measures when responding to environmental emergencies incidents.
- All matters concerning environmental emergency response planning shall be responsibility of the Commonwealth Environmental Emergency Response Planning Commission (PRSERC), which is attached to DNER.
- Create the Environmental Emergency Fund.
- Recovery of Expenses – DNER may recover 3 times the total amount incurred to the responsible party.





# Organizational Concept for an Emergency





# PRIMARY AGENCIES

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## Support Agencies during an Environmental Emergency Response:

- ✓ Emergency Management Bureau – was PREMA \*
- ✓ Municipalities
- ✓ Puerto Rico Fire Bureau- was Fire Department \*
- ✓ Puerto Rico Police Bureau \*
- ✓ Health Department
- ✓ Puerto Rico Emergency Medical Bureau \*
- ✓ Transportation and Other Public Services Bureau- was Public Service Commission
- ✓ National Guard- 22<sup>nd</sup> WMD Civil Support Team

\* Under the new Department of Public Safety



# PRSERC



- ❖ Designated by law 171 to DNER
- ❖ Constituted by twenty two (22) members:
  - Ten (10) government agencies Chair
  - Seven (7) LEPC's Presidents
  - Five (5) Public Interest Representatives
- ❖ Preside by DNER Chair



# Government Representatives

## Law 416





# Government Representatives

## Law 171







# LEPC's UPDATE

## Compliance Section 312

Reporting Year	No. of Facilities
2013	946
2014	920
2015	370
2016	1037
2017	990



# LEPC's UPDATE (cont.)

## Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration Grant of DOT

### Planning

Emergency Plan Update of the LEPC's

### Training

First responders

HAZWOPER

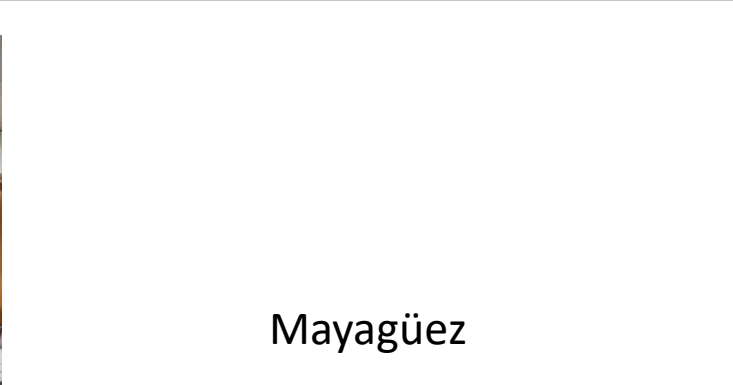
LEPC	Date
Mayagüez	December 3-7, 2018
Arecibo	December 10-14, 2018
San Juan	February 11-15, 2019
Guayama	April 1-5, 2019
Ponce	May 20-24, 2019
Carolina	June 10-14, 2019
Humacao	June 17-21, 2019



# QUESTIONS?



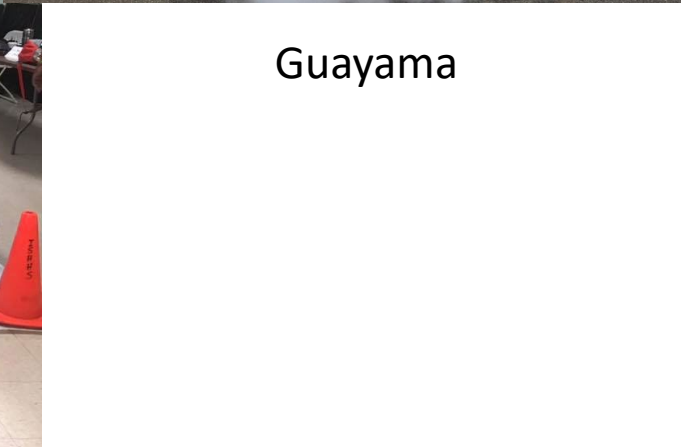
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