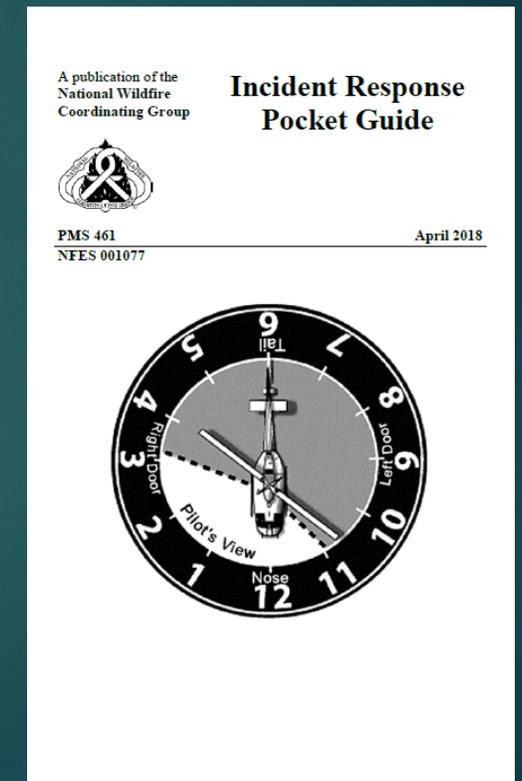
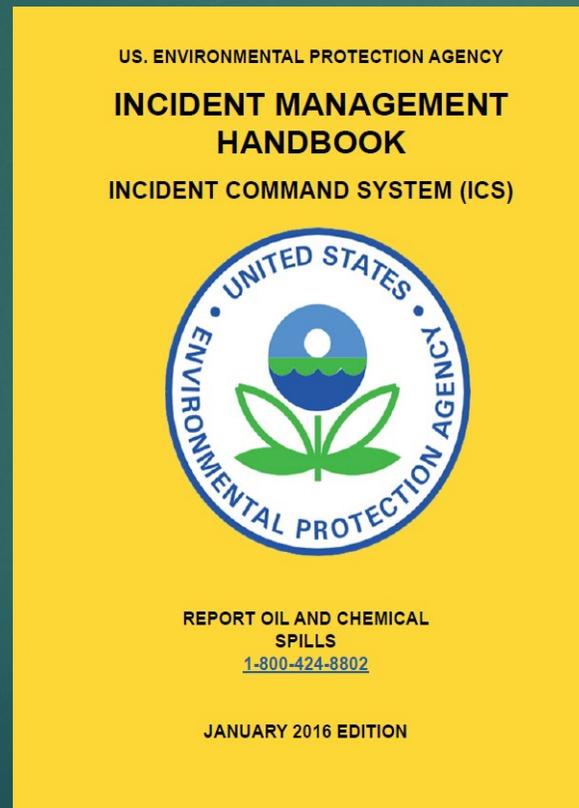
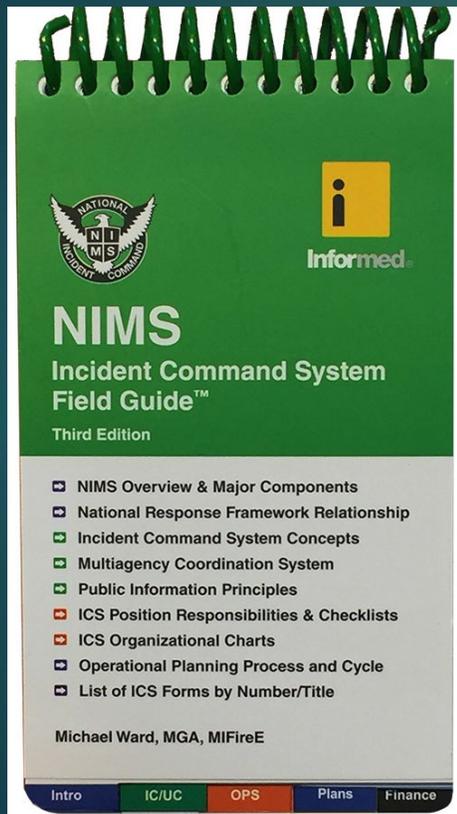




Difference Between Spill ICS, FEMA and Fire ICS

Who's on first, What's on second, I Don't Know is on third...

No Matter What They Say, Everyone Has Their Own Book



And Not All of Them Are The Same

The Environmental Unit which is found in the Planning Section only exists in two of the four ICS manuals.

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Environmental Unit Overview

- Environmental Unit
- Initial EU Response
 - *Oil fate and behavior, transport and environmental conditions*
 - *Resources at Risk, Priorities, and Protection (BMPs)*
 - *Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique (SCAT) Surveys – Clean up Recommendations*
 - *Waste Management and Disposal*
- Plans, Permits, and Authorizations
 - *Dispersant Authorization*
 - *Controlled In-Situ Burning*
 - *Decanting*
 - *Shoreline Cleaning Agents*
 - *ESA consultation (Section 7)*
 - *SHPO (Section 106)*
 - *Corps of Engineer Permits*



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WILDLIFE BRANCH DIRECTOR (WLBD)

The Wildlife Branch Director (WLBD) is responsible for minimizing wildlife injuries during an oil spill response. The Wildlife Branch Director oversees four functional groups: Wildlife Recovery and Transportation Group, Wildlife Reconnaissance Group, Wildlife Hazing Group, Wildlife Care Processing Group.



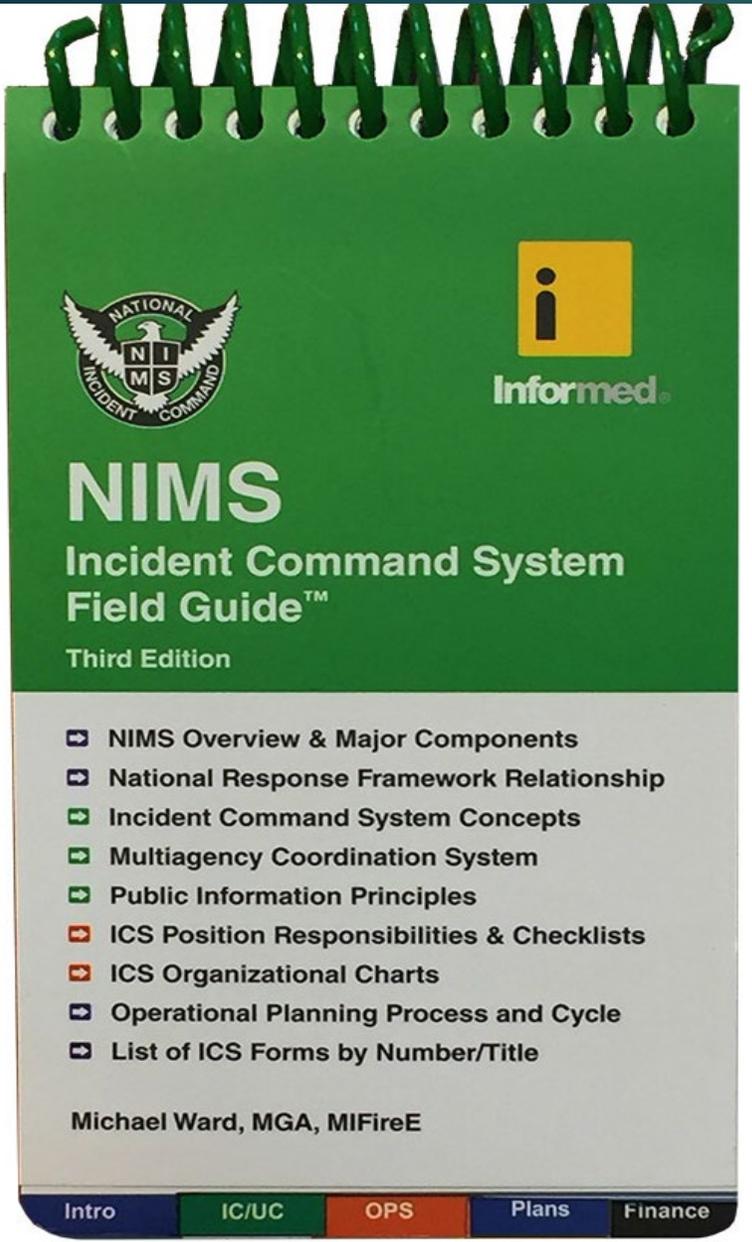
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No mention of wildlife or natural resources. DOI and USFWS not even in acronym list.

Nada, zilch, big O, zero, nothing, does not exist.

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Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics

The intent of minimum impact suppression tactics (MIST) is to manage a wildland fire with the least impact to natural and cultural resources.

Some agencies (wonder who) also require reporting for wildland fire chemicals applied in the habitats of specific threatened and endangered species (TES) by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

(Maybe the Endangered Species Act has something to do with it.....)



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Emergency Operations Center (EOC) representatives from the department that deals with natural resources may be responsible, according to their normal authorities, for historic preservation, air and water quality, parks and recreation, game and wildlife, and wildfire suppression.

This is the only mention of wildlife in the entire book.

Gee wonder who that would be, DOI maybe with EPA for air and water and USDA for wildfires.

FEMA assumes that someone will be in the EOC to work these things out, DOI management knows, but has the message gotten down to the individual Project Leaders, Refuge Managers, Park Superintendents, etc. ??

For Oil and Hazmat Spills

Planning Section, through the Environmental Unit, provides BMPs, protection and clean up strategies, in situ burn and dispersant use plans also come out of the Planning Section to Operations. Operations then implements these.

Planning Section through SCAT teams in the EU determines extent of oiling, clean up priorities, clean up strategies, how clean is clean criteria, and feeds this to Operations. Planning Section through SCAT teams determines when an area is “clean” and when Operations can demob from that area.

This is very different from the life and death situations of wildfires, flood events and other incidents, where Operations has to move quickly to prevent human injury and loss of property.

So Now You Know

Unless you are familiar with the way things work in the world of oil and hazmat spills, you will not understand the ICS structure that is set up or why in these particular cases, Planning Section, the Environmental Unit and the Wildlife Branch are integral units in the Spill Command Structure.