



Regional Response Team, Region 9

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1) Establishment

- a. Name
 - i. Hereafter the Regional Response Team 9 will be referred to as the RRT or RRT9.
- b. Authority
 - i. RRT9 is established under the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 300.
- c. Jurisdiction
 - i. The geographic boundaries of RRT9 include the U.S. states of Arizona, Nevada and California, out to 200 NM from the coastal baseline.
 - ii. An Oceania Regional Response Team is also established under the NCP and managed by U.S. EPA Region 9 and USCG District 14.

2) Purpose

- a. NCP Connectivity
 - i. The RRT9 provides preparedness, planning and response support to state, tribal, and federal responders, coordinates assistance and provides advice to the On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) during response and provides guidance to area committees to ensure consistency throughout the region.
- b. National Response Framework (NRF) Connectivity
 - i. In parallel to the NCP, the NRF provides structures and mechanisms for responding to threats and hazards ranging from accidents to technological hazards, natural disasters, and human-caused incidents. The Federal Government and many state governments organize their response resources and capabilities under the [NRF Emergency Support Function \(ESF\) construct](#). The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) maintains strong partnerships through its Regional Interagency Steering Committee Quarterly (RISC) meetings.

3) Responsibilities

- a. In accordance with the NCP (40 CFR 300.115 [NCP](#)) the RRT9 shall:
 - i. Under guidance and support from the National Response Team (NRT) coordinate preparedness and response activities.
 - ii. Maintain a standing RRT consisting of designated representatives from each participating federal agency, tribal governments, state governments, and local governments (as agreed upon by the states).
 - 1. Maintain a Regional Contingency Plan (RCP) to provide consistency for Area Committees and coastal Area Contingency Plans (ACP) and inland Geographic Response Plans (GRPs).
 - iii. Activate an incident specific RRT when/as requested by the OSC or with the concurrence of the Executive Steering Committee (ESC).
 - iv. Nominate appropriately qualified member agency representatives to work with the OSC in developing and maintaining ACPs and GRPs, conduct training and ensure compliance.

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4) Organization

- a. RRT Membership and Standing RRT
 - i. The RRT agency membership parallels that of the NRT, as described in § 300.110, but also includes state, Tribal and local representation. ([15 Agencies of the NRT](#))
 - ii. The RRT will be Chaired by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the US Coast Guard (USCG).
 - iii. The EPA and the USCG will provide RRT Coordinators.
- b. Executive Steering Committee
 - i. Federal Representation – Co-Chairs, Coordinators, [DOC](#), [DOI](#), and [USDA](#)
 - ii. State Representation – Arizona, California, and Nevada
 - iii. Tribal Nation Representation
- c. Standing Sub-Committees
 - i. Response Technology
 - ii. Training & Exercise
 - iii. Cultural/Historic Resources and Tribal Engagement
 - iv. Abandoned and Derelict Vessels
- d. Ad-hoc Committees and Work Groups
 - i. Will be developed as needed (e.g. Lithium-Ion Battery, etc.)
- e. Incident Specific RRT - The chair of the incident specific RRT will be the RRT9 representative for the agency requesting OSC support and membership will be determined upon the technical nature of an incident and its geographic location.

5) Meetings

- a. RRT9 shall meet at least twice per year; once in the coastal zone and once in the inland zone, rotating meeting locations in Arizona, Nevada and Northern and Southern California.

6) RRT Reports

- a. Annual RRT Reports to the NRT.
- b. OSC Reports as requested.
- c. Incident Specific RRT Reports

7) Annual Workplan

- a. The ESC will develop an annual workplan prior to Calendar Year end (i.e. December 31st) and distribute to the RRT membership during the winter RRT9 in person meeting. The purpose of the workplan is to establish goals for the Standing Subcommittees, and new Ad hoc committees and/or new direction from the NRT.
- b. The ESC and RRT9 will review the workplan and progress at each RRT semi-annual meeting.
- c. The workplan will drive charter or plan updates as well.

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