

# Region III Regional Response Team Meeting

USGS Patuxent Research Refuge, Laurel, MD

May 2-4, 2023

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

# General Information to Website

The following items are posted on the RRT3 Website (located in the RRT3 Meetings 2023 webpage in the “Documents” Tab under “05-2023 Meeting”):

1. *Final Agenda*
2. *Detailed Meeting Minutes with Lists of Attendees*
3. *This PowerPoint Summary of the Meetings*
4. *Presentations*
5. *Summary of Agency Report-Outs*

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# General Agenda

Tuesday, 5/2/2023:

- Inland Area Committee Meeting
- Consultation, Natural Resources & Damage Assessment (CNRDA) Workgroup Meeting
- States only session

Wednesday, 5/3/2023 :

- Workgroup Meetings:
  - Training Workgroup
  - Information Management and Outreach
- Presentations (including EPA ERT, Patuxent Research Refuge, USCG outbrief on recent prep exercise, USCG on the Broadkill Beach Oil Spill, BSEE Oil Spill Preparedness Division (OSPD), NOAA National Weather Service Marine Program, and FEMA Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA))
- Executive Committee, RRTIII Co-Chairs meeting

Thursday, 5/4/2023 :

- Standing RRT3 Meeting with Agency and Workgroup Report-Outs
- Select Presentations and Out-Briefs



# Tuesday Presentations and Workgroup Meetings

Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

# Inland Area Committee (IAC)

Chair: Myles Bartos (EPA)

1. Captain Chris Guthberlet (USCG)– U.S. Army 20th CBRNE Command Overview
2. John Wickersham – Colonial Pipeline Tier 3 Prep Exercise Report Out
3. Erik Armistead (EPA) – Sandstone, WV Train Derailment Response Timeline
4. Myles Bartos (EPA) Updates to the Inland Area Committee Plan (IACP)

# Consultation, Natural Resources, & Damage Assessment (CNRDA) Workgroup

Co-Chairs: Frank Csulak (NOAA); John Nelson, Jo Ann Banda (DOI/USFWS)

- ESA Guidance document review
  - For the sectors which haven't seen it yet, expect a full roll out during the next area Sector meeting
  - An inland ESA Guidance Document is in process
- BMP Guidance Document
  - A summary of available Best Management Practices (BMPs) regarding endangered species during an oil spill response
  - Organized by response scenario now for easier use
  - Edits were made during working session and during the most recent Coast Guard exercise



# Wednesday Presentations and Workgroup Meetings

Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

# Training Workgroup

Chair: Sabina Bastias (EPA)

- Discussion of existing and potential new training opportunities:
  - Update on BioWatch
  - District 9 Boundary Issues
  - Homeland security info network
  - Coastal response research center
  - Crisis communication best practices within unified command
  - PA Pipeline Emergency Responder Initiative (PA PERI)
  - Navy Supervisor of Salvage Presentations
  - Salvage Capabilities in Region III
  - Hazmat IQ
  - Mallows Bay
  - RULET Vessels
  - Tri-State Organization Overview
  - Mallows Bay
  - RULET Vessels
  - Oil in the Sea
  - Whistleblower protections
  - Understanding chain of custody and data collection in a response
  - USGS flow modeling (ModFlow) and other flow modeling platforms
  - Challenges with finding and deploying contractors



# Information Management Workgroup

Chair: Brian Moore (PADEP)

- Joe Shaeffer (EPA ERT) led demonstration and discussion of the capabilities of the NRT website template and provided suggestions and guidance for how to improve the existing RRT3 Website.
- The group has a plan for reconvening after the meeting to move forward with the website redesign using the established infrastructure.
- Potential users of the website will be polled to determine what they need from the site and how they currently use it.
  - This will steer the priorities of the website redesign.

# Wednesday Presentations:

- Welcome to the Patuxent Research Refuge – Diana Ogilvie, FWS
- Outbrief of the 2023 VA/NC Coast Guard Prep Exercise – Dave Pugh, Matthew Baer, Sheena Bannon, USCG
- Broadkill Beach Oil Spill Outbrief – Todd Wardwell, Retired USCG FOSCR
- Bureau of Safety & Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) Oil Spill Preparedness Division (OSPD) – John Calvin, BSEE.
- NOAA National Weather Service Marine Program Overview – Wayne Weeks, NOAA
- Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) – Dick Polley, FEMA

Copies of the presentations given will be uploaded to the RRT3 Website.

# Executive Committee Meeting

- Status Update:
  - *The next RRT meeting is scheduled for December 5-7, 2023.*
  - *Will take place at in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.*



# Thursday Presentations and Workgroup Meetings

Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

# RRT III Standing Meeting

- Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction of all Members participating (in person and remotely)
- Coordinators Report by Cindy Santiago, EPA
- Presentations and Outbriefs:
  - Whistleblower Protection Program – Natalie Starks (OSHA)
  - Trinseo Acrylic Polymer Release into Mill Creek – Joshua Miller (USCG)
  - Recent Train Derailments and Social Media Management – Brain Moore (PADEP)
  - Social Media and Responses – Andrew Doyle (FEMA)

# Standing Meeting Continued

- FOSC, State/Commonwealth, and Agency Report-Outs and Presentations are provided in their entirety on RRT3 Meetings 2023 Website ([www.nrt.org/Meetings2023](http://www.nrt.org/Meetings2023)) under the “Documents” Tab for “05-2023 Meeting”
- Workgroup report outs:
  - Information Management and Outreach – Planning strategy for making updates to the RRTIII website
  - Training – Additional ideas for training documents should be reported to Sabina Bastias (EPA)
  - CNRDA – Working to roll out their BMP and ESA guidance documents and increase use by responders

# Closing Remarks

- Great meeting!
- Goodbye and thank you to Dave Ormes.
- If you want to volunteer or know of a speaker for upcoming RRT Meetings, please contact RRT Coordinators:
  - *Cindy Santiago* ([Santiago.Cindy@epa.gov](mailto:Santiago.Cindy@epa.gov))
  - *Sabina Bastias* ([Bastias.Sabina@epa.gov](mailto:Bastias.Sabina@epa.gov))
  - *David Pugh* ([David.E.Pugh1@uscg.mil](mailto:David.E.Pugh1@uscg.mil))
- Next RRT III Meeting:
  - *December 5-7 – Lancaster, Pennsylvania*

# RRT III Resources & Links

- RRTIII Website: [www.nrt.org/RRT3](http://www.nrt.org/RRT3)
- Regional Contingency Plan (RCP) URL: [www.nrt.org/RRT3\\_RCP](http://www.nrt.org/RRT3_RCP)
- “RRT3 Meetings 2023” URL: <https://www.nrt.org/meetings2023>
- “RRT III Workgroup Home Page” URL (login required):  
<https://www.nrt.org/WorkgoupHOME>
- Links to other RRT III webpages:  
[https://nrt.org/site/region\\_list.aspx?region=3](https://nrt.org/site/region_list.aspx?region=3)
- Inland Area Committee – EPA Region 3 OSC Planning Dashboard:  
<https://www.eparm.net/R3IACP/Default.aspx>