



THE NATIONAL RESPONSE TEAM

Working together to protect Americans from threats to our land, air, and water.

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Subject: Corporation of National and Community Service Memorandum of Understanding

We are pleased to attach a copy of a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). CNCS is a federal agency that supports service and volunteering at the national, state, and local levels, and is a support agency to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the National Response Framework (NRF) Volunteer and Donations Management Support Annex.

CNCS has expertise in managing unaffiliated volunteers (i.e., volunteers who are not associated or pre-registered with a response or relief organization), and through this MOU, has agreed to provide assistance, when requested, to EPA and USCG OSCs in managing unaffiliated volunteers for responses conducted under the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP). CNCS can also assist Area Committees in planning for volunteer use.

Additionally, depending upon the availability of travel funding, CNCS may be able to provide a presentation on the MOU and their capabilities at RRT meetings. They recently made such a presentation to RRT 3.

Below are points of contact for CNCS for requests for presentations, planning, or response assistance. Please note also that the CNCS "Point of Contact" information in Section 6.0 of the MOU is out of date because CNCS reorganized after signing it. Please substitute the name of Kelly DeGraff as the MOU Section 6.0 point of contact for CNCS.

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Thank you,

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