



# Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Area Contingency Plan



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## Preface

The Area Contingency Plan (ACP) was developed to align coordination structures among all levels of government, capabilities, and resources into a unified, all-discipline, and all-hazards approach to incident management. The ACP's development included extensive coordination with federal, state, and local agencies, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and the private sector throughout Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The ACP incorporates best practices from a wide variety of incident management disciplines to include fire, rescue, emergency management, law enforcement, public works, and emergency medical services. The collective input received from public and private-sector partners has, and will be, absolutely critical to the continued refinement of the ACP.

The ACP provides mechanisms for the coordination and implementation of a wide variety of incident management and emergency response activities. Activation of the ACP serves to unify and enhance the incident management capabilities and resources of individual agencies and organizations acting under their own authorities in response to a wide array of potential threats and hazards.

The continued efforts of the Area Committee to foster partnerships and cooperation among all levels of the government, private sector, and NGOs will remain necessary in order to ensure the emergency management community is prepared to respond and the combined public health, environment, and economy remain protected in the region.

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## List of Acronyms

AC	Area Committee
A/C	Aircraft
ACO	Aircraft or Fixed-Wing Coordinator
ACP	Area Contingency Plan
ADCON	Administrative Control
AMIO	Alien Migrant Interdiction Operations
AMSC	Area Maritime Security Committee
AMSP	Area Maritime Security Plan
AOBD	Air Operations Branch Director
AOC	Area Operations Coordinator
AOIC	Assistant Officer-in-Charge
AOR	Area of Responsibility
ARC	American Red Cross
AREP	Agency Representative
ARTES	Alternative Response Technology Evaluation System
ARTT	Alternative Response Tool Team
ATSDR	Agency for Toxic Substance Disease Registry
AST	Atlantic Strike Team (USCG)
ATGS	Air Tactical Group Supervisor
ATP	Authorization to Proceed
BCMG	Base Manager
BOA	Basic Ordering Agreement
BBL	Barrel (42 U. S. gallons)
CAC	Crisis Action Center
CANAPS	Ceiling and Number Assignment Processing System
CBP	Customs and Border Protection
CBRNE	Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Emergency
CCL	Contamination Control Line
CDC	Center for Disease Control
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation & Liabilities Act
CHRIS	Chemical Hazardous Information Response System
CGHQ	Coast Guard Headquarters
CLMS	Claims Specialist
CO	Commanding Officer
COFR	Certificate of Financial Responsibility
COML	Communication Unit Leader
COMMEN	Communications Center
COS	Chief of Staff
COST	Cost Unit Leader
COTP	Captain of the Port (USCG)
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CPN	CERCLA Project Number
CRRT	Caribbean Regional Response Team
CTU	Commander Task Unit
CWA	Clean Water Act



DEA	Drug Enforcement Agency
DEM	Department of Emergency Management
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality
DFM	Diesel Fuel Marine
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DIVS	Division/Group Supervisor
DMOB	Demobilization Unit Leader
DOC	U. S. Department of Commerce
DOCL	Documentation Unit Leader
DOD	U. S. Department of Defense
DOE	U. S. Department of Energy
DOL	U. S. Department of Labor
DOSC	Deputy Operations Section Chief
DOT	U. S. Department of Transportation
DPRO	Display Processor
DRAT	District Response Advisory Team
DRG	District Response Group
EEI	Essential Element of Information
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat
ELT	Emergency Locator Transmitter
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
ENRD	Environmental and Natural Resources Division, DOJ
ENSP	Environmental Specialist
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
EOP	Emergency Operations Plan
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
EPD	Emergency Preparedness Division
ERT	Environmental Response Team (EPA)
ESF	Emergency Support Function
ESI	Environmental Sensitivity Index
EUL	Environmental Unit
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FACL	Facilities Unit Leader
FC	Federal Coordinator
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FCO	Federal Coordinating Officer
FDUL	Food Unit Leader
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FIG	Field Intelligence Group
FIST	Field Intelligence Support Team
FMSC	Federal Maritime Security Coordinator
FO	Facility Owner
FOB	Field Observer
FOSC	Federal On-Scene Coordinator
FINCEN	Coast Guard Finance Center

FRP	Facility Response Plan
FSC	Finance Section Chief
F/V	Fishing Vessel
FWPCA	Federal Water Pollution Control Act 33 USC 1321 - U. S. Code Title 33, Part 1321 (Codified version of the FWPCA)
CG-533	Coast Guard's Office of Incident Management and Preparedness
GAL	Gallon
GIS	Geographic Information System
GIUE	Government-Initiated Unannounced Exercise
GSA	General Services Administration
GSUL	Ground Support Unit Leader
H/C	Historic/Cultural
HAZMAT	Hazardous Material
HAZSUB	Hazardous Substance
HCO	Helicopter Coordinator
HF	High Frequency
HLS	Homeland Security
HLSA	Homeland Security Act
HSAS	Homeland Security Advisory System
HSOC	Homeland Security Operations Center
IAP	Incident Action Plan
IC	Incident Command
ICE	Immigration and Customs Enforcement
ICP	Incident Command Post
ICS	Incident Command Structure
IIMG	Interagency Incident Management Group
IMAT	Incident Management Action Team
IMH	Incident Management Handbook
IMT	Incident Management Team
INS	Incident of National Significance
INTL	Intelligence Officer
IOF	Interim Operating Facility
IR	Infrared
IRT	Initial Response Team
ISB	In-Situ Burn
JFO	Joint Field Office
JIB	Joint Information Bureau
JIC	Joint Information Center
JIS	Joint Information System
JOC	Joint Operations Center
JRCC	Joint (aeronautical and maritime) Rescue Coordination Center
JRSC	Joint Rescue Sub-Center
JTC	Joint Transportation Center
LAT	Lead Administrative Trustee
LE	Law Enforcement

LEL	Lower Explosive Unit
LEU	Law Enforcement Unit
LNO	Liaison Officer
LSC	Logistics Section Chief
MACC	Multi-Agency Command Center
MACS	Multi-Agency Coordination System
MDE	Maryland Department of the Environment
MIPR	Military Interdepartment Purchase Request
MIRT	Maritime Incident Response Team
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet
MSM	Marine Safety Manual (USCG)
MSST	Marine Safety and Security Team
MTR	Marine Transportation Related
MTS	Marine Transportation System
MUL	Medical Unit Leader
NCP	National Oil and Hazardous Substance Contingency Plan
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
NIC	National Incident Commander
NICa	National Incident Commander, Alternate
NIMS	National Incident Management System
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
NITF	National Incident Task Force
NOAA	National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration
NOFA	Notice of Federal Assumption
NPFC	National Pollution Fund Center
NRC	National Response Center
NRS	National Response System
NRSPEP	National Response System Pollution Exercise Program
NRT	National Response Team
NSF	National Strike Force
NSFCC	National Strike Force Coordination Center (USCG)
NSSE	National Special Security Event
OGA	Other Government Agency
OIC	Officer-in-Charge
OPA90	Oil Pollution Act of 1990
OSC	On-Scene Coordinator (USCG) or Operations Section Chief
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OSLFT	Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund
OSRO	Oil Spill Removal Organization
OSRV	Oil Spill Response Vessels
PA	Programmatic Agreement
PAO	Public Affairs Officer
PFO	Principle Federal Official

PIAT Public Information Assist Team (USCG)  
PIDRRS Pollution Incident Daily Resource Reporting System  
PIO Public Information Officer  
POC Point-of-Contact  
POLREP Pollution Report in Message Format  
POR Place of Refuge  
PPE Personal Protective Equipment  
PREMA Puerto Rico Emergency Management Agency  
PREP Preparedness for Response Exercise Program  
PRFA Pollution Removal Funding Authorization  
PRP Potentially Affected Party (CERCLA)  
PSC Planning Section Chief  
PWS Proposal Worksheet

QI Qualified Individual

RAP Radiological Assistance Program (DOE)  
RAR Resources at Risk  
RCP Regional Contingency Plan  
RCRA Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976  
RP Responsible Party  
RPM Remedial Project Manager  
RRC Regional Response Center  
RRI Response Resource Inventory  
RRT Regional Response Team  
RESL Resource Unit Leader

SAR Search and Rescue  
SATCOM Satellite Communications  
SCAT Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Team  
SCKN Status/Check-in Recorder  
SFO Senior Federal Official  
SHPO State Historic Preservation Officer  
SILC Shoreline Infrastructure Logistics Center  
SITL Situation Unit Leader  
SMART Special Medical Augmentation Response Team  
SMT Spill Management Team  
SOFR Safety Officer  
SOLAS Safety of Life at Sea  
SONS Spill of National Significance  
SOSC State On-Scene Coordinator  
SRRI Spill Response Resource Inventory  
SSC Scientific Support Coordinator (NOAA)  
SSHP Site Safety and Health Plan  
SSI Sensitive Security Information  
STAM Staging Manager  
STVE Strike Team Leader, Vessel  
SUL Situation Unit Leader  
SUPSALV Supervisor of Salvage (USN)  
S/V Sailing Vessel

TACON	Tactical Control
TFLD	Task Force Leader
THSP	Technical Specialist
TIME	Time Unit Leader
TOI	Target of Interest
TOPS	Technical Operating Procedures
TRACEM	Thermal, Radioactive, Asphyxiation, Chemical, Etiological, and Mechanical
TSA	Transportation Security Administration
TSI	Transportation Security Incident
T/V	Tank Vessel
UAC	Unified Area Command
UC	Unified Command
UCS	Unified Command System
UHF	Ultra-High Frequency
UMIB	Urgent Marine Information Broadcast
USC	U. S. Code
USACE	U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
USAF	U.S. Air Force
USFWS	U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
USCG	U. S. Coast Guard
USGS	U. S. Geological Survey
USN	U. S. Navy
UEL	Upper Explosive Limit
UTL	Utility Boat
VERTREP	Vertical Replenishment
VESS	Vessel Support Unit Leader
VHF	Very High Frequency
VITEMA	Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency
VLCC	Very Large Crude Carrier
VRP	Vessel Response Plan
VO	Vessel Owner
VOO	Vessel of Opportunity
VOSS	Vessel of Opportunity Skimming System
WMD	Weapon of Mass Destruction
WTD	Water Tight Door

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