REGION III REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM MEETING

Charlottesville, VA November 27-29, 2018

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

General Information to Website

The following items are posted on the Region 3 Regional Response Team (RRT3) Website (located in the RRT3 Meetings 2018 webpage in the "Documents" Tab under "11-2018 Meeting"):

- 1. Final Agenda
- 2. List of Attendees
- 3. This PowerPoint Summary of the Meetings
- 4. Presentations
- 5. Workgroup documents in process / Handouts
- 6. Training Opportunities & Presentations List
- 7. Summary of Agency Report-Outs

(https://www.nrt.org/meetings2018)

General Agenda

Tuesday, 11/27/2018:

- Inland Area Committee Meeting
- Presentations and Training Workgroup
- Executive Committee Meeting and United States Coast Guard (USCG) D5 Response Group Session

Wednesday, 11/28/2018:

Standing RRT3 Meeting, Outbriefs, and Report-Outs

Thursday, 11/29/2018:

- Workgroup Working Sessions:
 - Consultation, Natural Resources & Damage Assessment
 - Information Management and Outreach
 - Regional Contingency Plan (RCP) Re-Write
 - Spill Response Countermeasures

New Plans and References Added to RRT3 Website

- Region III Regional Contingency Plan (RCP) (November 2018) is available on the Region III RCP Webpage: https://nrt.org/RRT3_RCP
- The following Region III Inland Area Contingency Plan (IACP) documents will be posted to website https://response.epa.gov/R3IAC for 60-day review and comment period:
 - Volume I Region III IACP
 - Volume IV Northeast PA Sub-Area Contingency Plan (SACP)
 - Volume V Southcentral PA SACP
 - Note: you must be logged in to access plans located under the "*Review" Category
- RRT III 2019 Work Plan is posted on the RRT III PLANS webpage (nrt.org/RRT3 PLANS) "Documents" Tab under "Work Plan"
- Signed RRT III Information Management Plan available on RRT III PLANS webpage: https://www.nrt.org/RRT3_PLANS
- "Region III Regional Response Team Guidance for the Decanting of Contact Water in Inland, Ocean, and Coastal Waters" posted on the RRT III Response Tools-Fact Sheets Website https://nrt.org/ResponseTools-FactSheets
- "Region III Surface Washing Agents Preauthorization Test and Evaluation Protocol" posted on the RRT III Response Tools-Fact Sheets Website https://nrt.org/ResponseTools-FactSheets

New Plans and References Added to RRT3 Website (continued)

- Endangered Species Act (ESA) Matrix for Inland Resources
 - Available on Response Tools-Fact Sheets webpage:
 https://nrt.org/ResponseTools-FactSheets
- State and Federal Agency Fact Sheets
 - Will be available on Response Tools-Fact Sheets webpage once finalized: https://nrt.org/ResponseTools-FactSheets
- The **Events Calendar** is available on the RRT III HOME PAGE (<u>www.nrt.org/RRT3</u>) under the "Events" tab
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
 Marine Debris Guidance Documents:
 https://prt.org/PosponsoTools FactShoots

https://nrt.org/ResponseTools-FactSheets

TUESDAY TOPICS

November 27, 2018

Inland Area Committee (IAC)

Melissa Linden (EPA) for Debbie Lindsey (EPA) – Chair; Robin Dermigny & Debbie Scholz (START Contractors)

AGENDA:

- 1. Inland Area Planning Updates Melissa Linden for Deborah Lindsey, EPA:
 - o Sub-Area Updates from OSCs
 - o IACP Volume I November 2018 Update Review
 - Sub-Area Plan Updates and Update Process
- 2. HOT TOPIC DISCUSSION "Water utilities flushing / discharge issues, firefighting, oil/hazardous substance cleanup, etc." presented by Charlie Fitzsimmons (EPA)
- 3. PRESENTATION "ESA Matrix for Inland Area and Inserting into IACP" presented by Melissa Linden (EPA) & Lindy Nelson (DOI)
- 4. PRESENTATION "ATSDR Support During a Response" presented by Bob Helverson Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) [presentation not to be distributed]
- 5. PRESENTATION "IMACC Presentation on Air Modeling Support for Responses" presented by Andy Grose Interagency Modeling and Atmospheric Center (IMACC)
- Identifying Available Air Monitoring Equipment Resources from federal and state agencies

IAC (continued)

■ Proposed IAC Workgroup Activity Timeline:

IAC REVISED Criticality Focus	Target Timeline
Review and Update RRT3 Guidance for use of products during spills in inland and areas of shared responsibility – Coordinate with Spill Response & Countermeasures (SRC) Workgroup and Information Management & Outreach (IMO) Workgroup	Continuing
Review to ensure Inland Area Contingency Plan (IACP) content consistent with National response Team (NRT) Area Planning Requirements	November 2018 Completed
Coordinate with SRC Workgroup and develop booming strategies in tidal areas, including rail/water and pipeline/water nexus points	Continuing
Review existing guidance on Water Utilities Flushing / Discharge Issues associated with 40 CFR 122.3(d); requesting guidance from States and other agencies on these specific requests	March 2019
Incorporation of the ESA Inland Matrix into IACP [Reference added to IACP Vol I, Section 2.3.7.1.3 – <i>Completed November 2018</i>] and Sub-Area Contingency Planning documents	Pending RRT III adoption of Matrix
Request for information on listing of available air monitoring equipment from federal and state agencies	March 2019; present at May 2019 meeting

Tuesday Presentations

- PRESENTATIONs provided in their entirety on RRT3 Meetings 2018 Website (<u>www.nrt.org/Meetings2018</u>) under the "Documents" Tab under "11-2018 Meeting":
 - PRESENTATION: "Pamunkey Exercise with VDEM" Presented by Christine Wagner, EPA
 - PRESENTATION: "Sector Delaware Bay/Maryland-NCR Joint Offshore Lightering Exercise Brief
 - PRESENTATION: "Marine Debris Presentation" Presented by Jason Rolfe, NOAA
 - PRESENTATION: "Dielectric Fluids" Presented by TJ Mangoni, USCG D9

Tuesday Presentations (cont.)

- ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: "Handling Non-Regulated Chemicals Pollutants vs. Regulated" – Moderator Lindy Nelson, DOI
 - ACTION ITEM: DOI and USFWS will work directly with the State
 OSCs to determine the status of action notifications for nonregulated pollutants

Training Workgroup

Chair: Kaitlin Hess (EPA); Debbie Scholz (START Contractor)

- Workgroup members include all RRT3 voting and participant members
- Updated "Training Opportunities and Presentations" for May 2019 Meeting and in the future were reviewed and posted on the RRT3 Meetings 2018 webpage (www.nrt.org/Meetings2018) "Documents" Tab under "11-2018 Meeting"

ACTION ITEMS (all participant members):

- Review and provide comments on list of Training Opportunities and Presentations
- Provide suggestions and/or contact information for future training/presentation topics to Kaitlin Hess

Executive Committee

Co-Chairs: Kevin Boyd (EPA) & David Ormes (USCG)
Robin Dermigny & Debbie Scholz (START Contractors)

Status Update:

- Workgroup report-outs are summarized on the Wednesday
 Standing Meeting
- Next RRT3 Exercise (Tabletop) will be held in 2019
- ACTION ITEM: EPA Coordinator to send Doodle Poll (https://doodle.com/poll/zmugt86bw7w8sffb) to RRT III Membership on Meeting Agenda Format – Voting due no later than January 9, 2019

Executive Committee (continued)

Decision Making by Executive Committee:

- Executive Committee will review RRT III documents for approval and adoption via email with a 30-day comment period
- RCP Re-Write Workgroup
 - RRT III Co-chairs to sign the Plan
 - RCP to undergo full review/update every 5 years; with updates occurring as needed (when referenced documentation is approved/adopted) or every 2 years as necessary
 - Add section on the use of Surface Washing Agents (SWA) for use during Decontamination Planning to SWA guidance
- RRT III Exercise scheduled for May 2019 RRT III Meeting
- 2019 RRT III Work Plan was approved, signed, and posted to RRT III PLANS website https://www.nrt.org/RRT3_PLANS; the Plan is due to NRT by January 31, 2019

Executive Committee (continued)

- ACTION ITEM: RRT3 Co-Chairs to send letter to all agency and state/commonwealth members reminding them of the importance of participation and attendance at RRT3 meetings
- Future Meeting Locations:
 - 2019 Meeting Dates and Locations (Tentative):
 - May 7-9: Rehoboth Beach, Delaware (date may change; doodle poll sent out by Cindy Santiago for feedback)
 - November 19-21: West Virginia (Martinsburg/pan handle area)

WEDNESDAY RRT III STANDING MEETING

November 28, 2018

RRT III Standing Meeting

Co-Chairs: Kevin Boyd (EPA) & David Ormes (USCG)

- Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction of all Members participating (in person and remotely)
- Welcome to Virginia by Joshua Saks, Virginia Deputy State Natural Resources
- Coordinators Report by Cindy Santiago, EPA
 - PowerPoint Presentation of RRT3 Coordinator's Report is provided on RRT3 Meetings 2018 Website (<u>www.nrt.org/Meetings2018</u>) under the "Documents" Tab under "11-2018 Meeting"
 - Upcoming RRT and Area Committee Meeting dates, times, and locations (as available) were provided
 - RRT III Website Calendar: All Meetings, Exercises, Training
 Opportunities, Conferences are being posted on the RRT III Website
 Calendar (https://nrt.org/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=35) under
 the "Events" tab
 - ACTION: Please provide information on events appropriate for RRT III distribution to <u>dscholz@seaconsulting.com</u> or <u>robin.dermigny@westonsolutions.com</u> for incorporation into the RRT III Calendar

Standing Meeting (continued)

- PRESENTATIONS and FOSC, State/Commonwealth, and Agency Report-Outs are provided in their entirety on RRT3 Meetings 2018 Website (www.nrt.org/Meetings2018) under the "Documents" Tab for "11-2018 Meeting"
 - PRESENTATION: "RRT3 Coordinator's Report" presented by C. Santiago, EPA
 - REPORT-OUTS: 2018-11-28_RRT3_Agency-Report-outs.pdf
 - PRESENTATION: "OUTBRIEF Hurricane Florence Update" presented by CAPT Bion Stewart & CDR Tracy Wirth, Sector North Carolina
 - PRESENTATION: "<u>Update ESA Matrix Developed for Inland Area</u>" presented by Lindy Nelson, DOI

Standing Meeting (continued)

- OUTBRIEF: 2018 NRT-RRT Co-Chairs Meeting presented by Kevin Boyd, EPA RRT
 III Co-Chair and David Ormes, USCG RRT III Co-Chair no presentation provided
 - CAPT Anderson (Sector Delaware Bay) presented on munitions dumping in ocean
 - NOAA satellite imagery presentation (same as done in May)
 - NRT decided that policy on dispersant use will be left up to individual RRTs to develop based on varying Region needs/trustee feedback
 - Data from BP spill are available as reference, but not able to prescribe if use is right/wrong
- PRESENTATION: "FEMA National Level Exercise" presented by Dick Polley, FEMA
- PRESENTATION: "Joint Sector Delaware Bay & Maryland-NCR PREP Exercise Update" presented by LT Nick Barrow, Sector Delaware Bay, CAPT Loring & LT Grant Johnson, Sector MD-NCR, Ben Anderson Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control(DE DNREC), John Giese (VDEQ), & Debbie Scholz (EPA START contractor)

Closing Remarks

- Great working meeting!
- If you want to volunteer or know of a speaker for upcoming RRT Meetings, please contact RRT Coordinators:
 - Cindy Santiago (<u>Santiago.Cindy@epa.gov</u>) or
 - Kaitlin Hess (<u>Hess.Kaitlin@epa.gov</u>) or
 - David Pugh (<u>David.E. Pugh1@uscg.mil</u>)

Next RRT3 Meeting

- May 7-9, 2019 (Tentative) Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
- RRTIII Website: www.nrt.org/RRT3
- Regional Contingency Plan (RCP)" URL: www.nrt.org/RRT3_RCP
- "RRT3 Meetings 2018" URL: https://www.nrt.org/meetings2018
- "RRT III Workgroup Home Page" URL (login required): https://www.nrt.org/WorkgoupHOME
- Links to other RRT3 webpages: https://nrt.org/site/region_list.aspx?region=3

Area Contingency Planning Websites

- Inland Area Committee EPA Region 3 OSC Planning Dashboard: https://www.eparm.net/R3IACP/Default.aspx
- Sector Maryland National Capitol Region website and ACP: https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/maryland-ncr
- Sector Delaware Bay website and ACP: https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/delaware-bay
- Sector Hampton Roads website and ACP:
 https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/hampton-roads
- Sector North Carolina website and ACP: <u>https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/north-carolina</u>
- Sector Buffalo website and ACP:
 https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/buffalo-(buffalo-and-cleveland)
- MSU Huntington website and ACP: [no homeport website available] https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/ohio-valley
- MSU Pittsburgh website and ACP: https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/pittsburgh

THURSDAY WORKING MEETINGS

November 29, 2018

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

Co-Chairs: Lindy Nelson (DOI) for Frank Csulak (NOAA) & Susan Lingenfelser (USFWS); Debbie Scholz (START Contractor)

- Finalized and delivered Endangered Species Act (ESA) Matrix for National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) trust resources to Sectors for incorporation into their Area Contingency Plans (ACPs)
- Re-establishment of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Joint Assessment Team (JAT) for the Mid-Atlantic – proposed by Simeon Hahn (NOAA)
- Consultation requirements for the RRT III Regional Contingency Plan (RCP) for Preauthorizations; discussion of the path forward and the development of the Biological Evaluation submission to the USFWS and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)

CNRDA) Workgroup (continued)

CNRDA WORKGROUP ACTION ITEMS:

- Presentation/adoption and distribution of final Draft ESA Matrix for USFWS trust resources for inland and coastal zone areas of Region III - Completed; posted to RRT3 Response Tools-Fact Sheets Website https://www.nrt.org/ResponseTools-FactSheets
- Reduce the Coastal ESA Matrix for NMFS & USFWS resources to show only the strategies for ease of comprehension; detailed matrix to remain as reference
- Development of ESA Matrix Fact Sheet; coordinate with Information Management & Outreach (IMO) Workgroup
- Development of Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC)/ Environmental Conservation Online System (ECOS) process Fact Sheets; coordinate with IMO Workgroup
- Development of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for response Fact Sheet – from USFWS New Jersey Field Office efforts; coordinate with IMO Workgroup

CNRDA) Workgroup (continued)

CNRDA WORKGROUP ACTION ITEMS:

- NRDA JAT to be led by Simeon Hahn, NOAA:
 - Identify federal and state agency and industry partners to join NRDA JAT
 - Send out invitation Letter to JAT
 - Host Webinar
 - Determine the need for Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the member agencies and organizations
- Consultation of RRT III Planning Documents:
 - Coordination with USFWS & NMFS on Biological Evaluation (BE) template for concurrence and approval going forward
 - BE to be developed in January April 2019

CNRDA Workgroup (continued)

ON-GOING ACTION ITEMS:

- Development of draft Notification Letters for ESA / Critical
 Habitat Consultation Informal and Formal Consultations
- New NOAA NRDA Guidelines available for assessing exposure and impacts of oil spills on the following:
 - Marine Mammals
 - Sea Turtles (ready soon)
- Recommend forming a new assessment team within CNRDA Workgroup to evaluate resources and tools for the RRT:
 - Members should include Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs),
 RRT members, Industry, contractors

CNRDA Workgroup (continued)

■ Proposed CNRDA Workgroup Activity Timeline:

CNRDA Workgroup REVISED Criticality Focus	Target Timeline
Develop Draft USFWS Endangered Species Consultation Matrix for Coastal and Inland Zones	August 2018 Completed
Develop Draft Letters to USFWS and NOAA for Informal and Formal Consultations for an incident response	May 2019 Continuing
Review/Update Dispersant Preauthorization document; address updates to ESA/Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Consultation requirements	May 2019 Continuing
Initiate the NRDA JAT Workgroup for the Mid-Atlantic; review Pacific JAT resources and documents for incorporation into the Region III Planning	May 2019 Continuing
Develop Biological Evaluation (BE) for Federal Waters for pre-authorized response strategies (dispersants, In Situ Burning [ISB], and Solidifiers)	November 2019 Continuing
Conduct Tribal Consultations with Federally Recognized Tribes and Tribes with Interests in the Region	On hold
Review/Update In Situ Burning Preauthorization (on-water)	TBD
Address updates to ESA/EFH Consultation Requirements	TBD
Review Wildlife Annex for Response Operations versus NRDA actions – funding	TBD

Information Management & Outreach (IMO) Workgroup

Co-Chairs: Brian Moore (PADEP) & Maryann Toniazzo (GSA); Robin Dermigny (START Contractor)

- Reviewed IMO Plan and made revisions during workgroup meeting:
 - Was presented, approved, and signed at the Executive Committee by the RRT III Co-Chairs; IMO plan to be reviewed and updated every 5 years
 - Discussed "living documents" and provided a description in the IMP Plan; most RRT3 documents that are frequently updated will be considered "living documents"
- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests for RRT III documents:
 - Who owns the documents? The Region III RRT owns the documents
 - Who would need to approve the document? The RRT III Co-Chairs
- Member Feedback to the Social Media Questionnaire;
 - START Contractor will reorganize the feedback to allow evaluation by each question to improve analysis of the feedback:
 - Will consolidate different agency protocols; workgroup members will provide Best Practices in an Appendix to the IMO Plan
- START has distributed State Agency Fact Sheet for review by state prior to May 2018 RRT3 Meeting

IMO Workgroup (continued)

ACTION ITEMS:

- START to post signed IMO Plan to RRT III PLANS website <u>https://www.nrt.org/RRT3_PLANS</u>
- START to post Agency Fact Sheets to RRT III Response Tools-Fact Sheets webpage: nrt.org/ResponseTools-FactSheets
- START to email list of guidance documents to IMO workgroup members including who owns the document, when it was created, updated, etc.
- START to reorganize Social Media Questionnaire response and email to IMO Workgroup; schedule webinar to discuss with IMO Workgroup members
- Request RRT3 Co-Chairs to continue to query NRT:
 - If a document retention schedule is required; should there be a file plan (included in the IMO Plan) or does NRT have one?
 - Would RRT3 workgroup products be subject to For Official Use Only (FOUO) handling? All should be public under FOIA, minus contact information

IMO Workgroup (continued)

Proposed IMO Workgroup Activity Timeline:

IMO Workgroup REVISED Criticality Focus	Target Timeline
Develop Information Management Plan	Completed
 Revise RRT3 new website: Update information Consistent format / look for all products by workgroups / committees 	Continuing
Update fact sheets and information	November 2018 Completed
Determine what information is missing from website to make it available	Underway/Continuing
Develop dissemination and education materials for stakeholders on RRT3 and planning/response communities, etc.	On Hold

Regional Contingency Plan (RCP) Re-Write Workgroup

Chair – Dave Ormes (USCG D5); Robin Dermigny (START Contractor)

- RCP Re-Write Workgroup reviewed Final version of the RCP:
 - RCP Approved and Signed by Executive Committee Co-Chairs
 - RCP is a "Living Document" that will change as RRT3 guidance documents, MOUs, and MOAs are finalized or revised
 - Signed version of RCP uploaded to the RRT3 Regional Contingency Plan (RCP) website https://www.nrt.org/RRT3_RCP

RCP Re-Write Workgroup (continued)

■ RCP Re-write Workgroup ACTION ITEMS:

- START to incorporate TJ Mangoni's (USCG D9) comments for the RCP regarding Joint, bi-national response between Regions 3 and 5 including coordination between regions.
- Biological Evaluation for preauthorized response strategies initial draft due May 1, 2019; will then be forwarded to the USFWS and NMFS for review and comment
- [Reserved Sections of RCP] to be addressed includes:
 - Updates to the Chemical Countermeasures MOU and includes Removal of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) from the RCP but retain as reference on RRT III Website https://www.nrt.org/RRT3_RCP
 - Natural Resource Trustees
 - Low American Petroleum Institute (API) Oil Responses
 - Vessel Decon Plan Renee to review; look to ACPs for their plans

RCP Re-Write Workgroup (continued)

RCP Re-Write Workgroup REVISED Criticality Focus	Target Timeline
Finalize RCP to present for approval by RRT3 Executive Committee (will remain a "living document")	November 2018 Completed
Develop Wildlife Response Guidelines – First Draft	After Completion of RCP Draft
Implementation of the "Best Practices for Migratory Bird Care During Oil Spill Response"	After Completion of RCP Draft
Develop Monitoring Requirements for response options (Dispersants, ISB, etc.) using SMART and API Joint Industry Task Force (JITF) recommendations	November 2018 Continuing

Spill Response Countermeasures (SRC) Workgroup

Co-Chairs - Billy Martin (EPA) & Dave Pugh (USCG); Debbie Scholz (START Contractor)

- Finalized the "Region III Regional Response Team Guidance for the Decanting of Contact Water in Inland, Ocean, and Coastal Waters" submitted to Executive Committee for signature and posting to the RRT III Response Tools-Fact Sheets Website
- Finalized the "Region III Surface Washing Agents
 Preauthorization Test and Evaluation Protocol" submitted to
 Executive Committee for signature and posting to the RRT III
 Response Tools-Fact Sheets Website
- Continued working on the Region III "1997 MOU for Chemical Countermeasures"

SRC Workgroup (continued)

■ SRC Workgroup ACTION ITEMS:

- The Chemical Countermeasures MOU update will be revised and will focus on Chemical Countermeasures as a whole for incorporation into the Region III RCP
 - The MOU will be signed by the RRT III Co-Chairs and state agency representatives
 - Individual appendices for Preauthorizations for dispersants, on water ISB, and Solidifiers will be attached to the MOU but will be independently signed by RRT III Co-Chairs and representatives
 - Individual appendices for chemical countermeasure guidance documents will be attached to the MOU; signatures not required
 - Region III Chemical Countermeasure Preauthorizations Consultation
 (Biological Evaluation) is underway and is scheduled for submission to USFWS
 & NMFS for Opinion in May 2019
 - MOU will reference the ESA Matrices and tools by name and reference
 - START to conduct document review and finalization recommendations
- Develop information briefs/presentations on RRT III actions regarding the
 1997 MOU Requesting comments from the State Members
 - Present status update to State Natural Resource Decision Makers State OSCs, Sector OSC, D5 personnel, NOAA/DOI personnel

SRC Workgroup (continued)

■ Proposed SRC Workgroup Activity Timeline:

SRC Workgroup REVISED Criticality Focus	Target Timeline
Finalize "Region III Regional Response Team Guidance for the Decanting of Contact Water in Inland, Ocean, and Coastal Waters" guidance	November 2018 Completed
Finalize the "RRT3 Surface Washing Agents Preauthorization Test and Evaluation Protocol" document	November 2018 Completed
Finalize the Update to the "Region III 1997 MOU for Chemical Countermeasures along with associated appendices for preauthorizations and guidance documents	November 2019 Underway
Develop State Trustee Notification Briefing Materials regarding updated and existing "1997 MOU for Chemical Countermeasures – Dispersants"	2019 - <i>Underway</i> ; present to State Trustees before September 2019, PREP TTX
Participate with CNRDA Workgroup for the development and finalization of the Joint RRT I, II, and III "Biological Assessment and Essential Fish Habitat Evaluation Use of Oil Spill Dispersants and In Situ Burning as Part of Response Actions Considered"	On Hold

SRC Workgroup (continued)

- Critical topics remaining in queue:
 - 1. RRT3 In Situ Burning Preauthorization and Guidelines (inland, wetlands, and on water)
 - 2. RRT3 Bioremediation Guidelines
 - Booming strategies for tidal and inland areas with rail/water and pipeline/water nexus points – underway by Inland Area Committee (IAC) Workgroup – to review concept documents