

# *Agency Update*

**November 01, 2018**



***US EPA Region 1***



# EPA - Personnel Changes

- HQ
  - Administrator Scott Pruitt has resigned
  - Andrew Wheeler is the Acting Administrator
- Region 1 Senior Management
  - Alexandra Dunn; awaiting confirmation for a HQ position
    - May be leaving as soon as January 2019
  - Deb Szaro
    - Deputy Regional Administrator



# EPA - Personnel Changes

- Region 1 staff level changes
  - James Carew is now an OSC
  - Upcoming Retirements
  - Recent Departures
  
- Succession Planning
  - Potential new staff hires (hopefully)
    - A few OSCs
    - Team Leader ?
    - Contingency Planner ?



# Communications

- State coordinators
  - Focus on communication with state partners
  - Phone calls
  - SERC meetings
  - Visits to state offices
  
- Federal partners
  - Recent meetings with FBI and DHS
  - Emphasis on coordination and communication



# Upcoming Training

Course Title	Start Date	End Date	City, State
Remedial Site Characterization Course	12/3/2018	12/6/2018	Boston, MA – EPA Office
Hazardous Waste Site Operations & Emergency Response (OSHA 40-hr)	6/3/2019	6/7/2019	North Chelmsford, MA
Ground Water High-Resolution Site Characterization	11/13/2019	11/14/2019	Boston, MA - EPA Office
Health and Safety for Site Supervisors	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sampling for Hazardous Materials (Pending Funds)	TBD	TBD	TBD
Advanced Radiations Safety for EPA Emergency Responders	TBD	TBD	TBD

- Trainex: <https://trainex.org/>



# Emergency Responses, Exercises and Other Operations FY18

- 16 Responses
  - 8 Oil; tankwagon accidents (gasoline, fuel oil, milk) facilities to water, one historical #6 oil release from old resort mobilized due to area heating, one locomotive derailment-ruptured fuel tanks
    - Mt Washington Hotel – in-land area response
  - 8 Hazardous substances; ACM, chemical fires, one ammonia, one ricin, typically perform air monitoring

## Other activations

- Hurricanes Irma, Maria, Harvey & CA Wildfires - Next Slide
- 1 Premobilization - Boston Marathon
  - 48 AreaRAEs for air monitoring along Marathon route
  - Activated REOC for support and for training Response Support Corps
- Upcoming Vigilant Guard Exercise– November 2018
  - Data management and air monitoring support to 4 field venues
  - Activated REOC for support and to train Response Support Corps



# Disaster Response 2017-2018

- Hurricanes HARVEY
  - 2 Deployments to Texas to support their IMT
- CA Wildfires
  - 2 Deployments
- Hurricane IRMA/MARIA
  - R1 support to Edison, NJ; Puerto Rico; and the US Virgin Islands
  - 161 total Deployments - inclusive of all of EPA/R1
    - 3320 support days
    - Equivalent to over 12.8 FTE
    - ER Branch committed 6.4 FTE, or about 33% of field staff FY18 effort



# Oil Program FY 18

- 19 Scheduled Inspections of FRP Facilities.
  - Both FRP and SPCC Inspections
  - 5 Year rotating schedule
    - MA – 10, CT – 6, RI – 2, ME – 1
- Attended 3 USCG led GIUEs
- 12 Scheduled SPCC Only Facility Inspections
  - 5 in MA, 3 in VT, 2 in NH, 1 in ME, and 1 in RI
  - 2 Inspections added due to referrals following spills (CT and ME)







# Exercises

- Upcoming Exercises Planned
  - November 5-8 2018: Vigilant Guard
    - REOC, 4 field venues and 1 support venue (MEMA)
  - December 10: Level A Skills Drill
  - TBD summer/Fall 2019: Full scale scenario-based Level A Exercise
  - TBD Summer/Fall 2019: Lake Champlain train derailment joint exercise with R2 in Lake Champlain area
  - TBD Fall 2019/Winter 2020: REOC/IMT functional exercise



# PA/SI & Removals FY 18

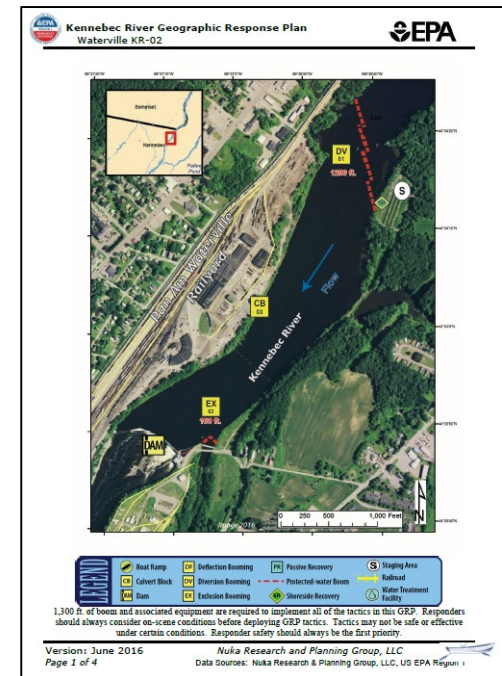
- Completed Preliminary Assessment / Site Investigations:
  - Removal Actions Recommended – 9
  - Removal Actions not recommended – 1
  - Removal Support to Brownfields - 2
  - In Progress - 8
  
- 11 Removal Completions (Target 15):
  - 7 Fund Lead/4 PRP Lead
  - 6 In progress/9 Awaiting start
  - Sites Funding:
    - CERCLA \$7.2M
    - Oil \$250k
  - PA/SI & Technical/program funding
    - \$7.2M





# GRPs

- Geographic Response Plans (GRP)
  - Completed in VT, ME, NH and MA
  - **Underway in Rhode Island**
    - 10 under development on Blackstone and Pawtuxet Rivers
  - **NEW funding for Connecticut**
    - New GRPs for FY19 - planning is underway
    - Site selection meetings for
      - Naugatuck River
      - Housatonic River





# Projects and Initiatives

- EPA/NPFC Workgroup (Bill Lovely)
  - Property owner liability issues
  - Impact to R1 OPA Cleanup Sites
- Use of Bio-availability and other Risk-Based Data for Developing Site Specific Cleanup values
  - Arsenic & Lead work at Ash St Site
- Support to ER's in USCG AOR
  - NECCO Ammonia Release, September 2018 – air monitoring
- EPA-wide realignment of Regions to be more consistent with HQ
  - Some changes in Region 1
- Certs and Quals for ICS Positions
- Drones and UAVs



# Projects and Initiatives

- CWAPWG – planning to have unclassified briefings on NTAs and FGAs for next RRT meeting
  
- EPA purchased new equipment in FY18
  - AreaRAE’s,
  - Dust Traks,
  - Mercury Analyzers,
  - Gamma & Raman Spectrometer
  - Working with ERT, ERTG, CMAD, NHSRC to select CWA monitoring equipment
  
- National Incident Management Assistance Team (N-IMAT)
  - Completed initial 2 year “on call back”
  - Three mobilizations in 2018



# Newburyport, MA Boat Fire





# Newburyport, MA Boat Fire 2





# Newburyport, MA Boat Fire 3







# Newburyport, MA Boat Fire 4





# Newburyport, MA Boat Fire 5





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Questions?