



Natural Resource Damage Assessment for Response Practitioners

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Today's objectives -

- Clarify how NRDA overlaps with Response Operations
- Compare the Response vs. NRDA funding streams
- Look at specific Response influences on NRDA Claims
- Consider how NRDA can influence Response
- Explore opportunities in Planning and Preparedness

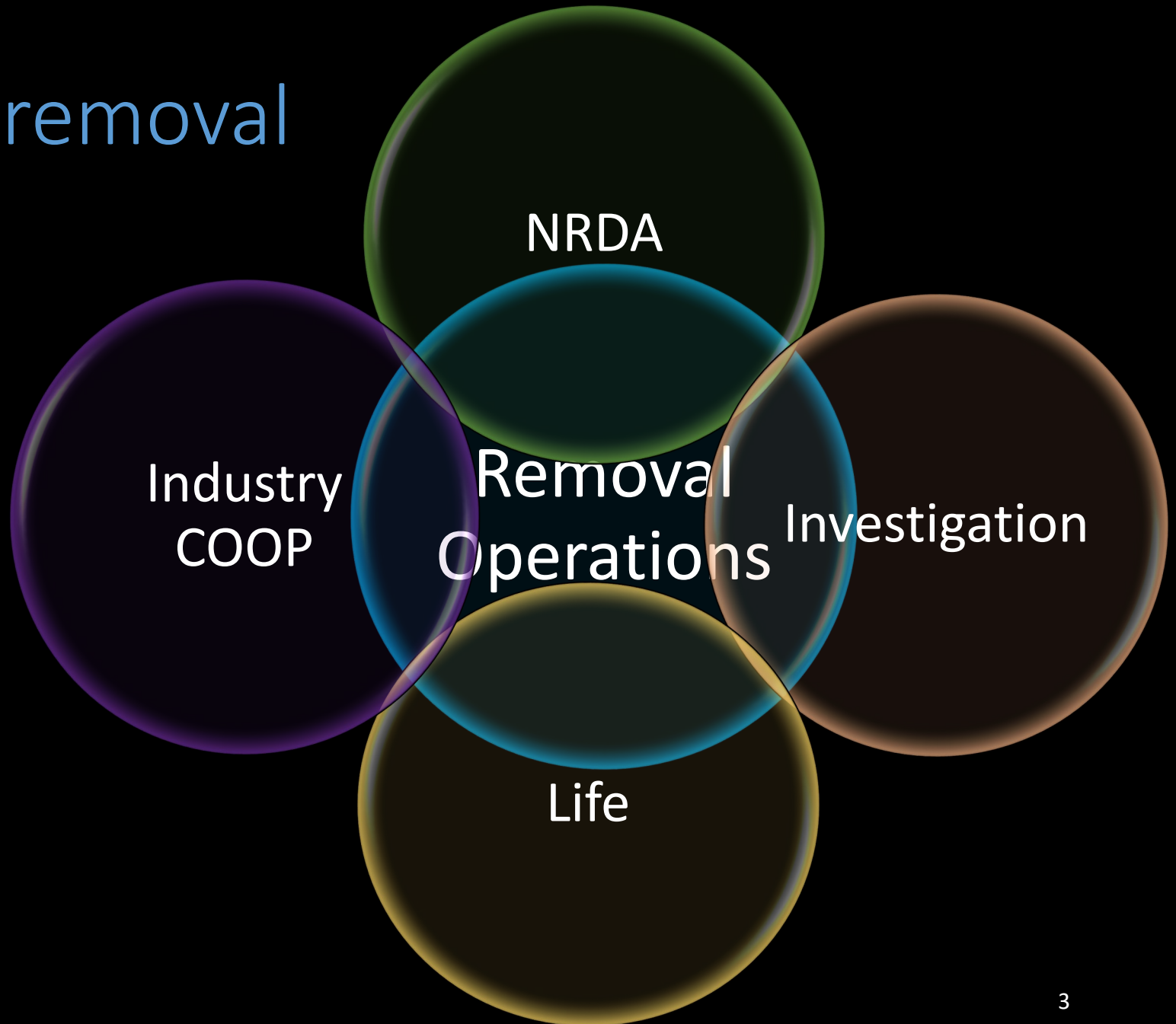


Its not all about removal

The OSC/RPM directs response efforts and coordinates all other efforts at the scene of a discharge or release.

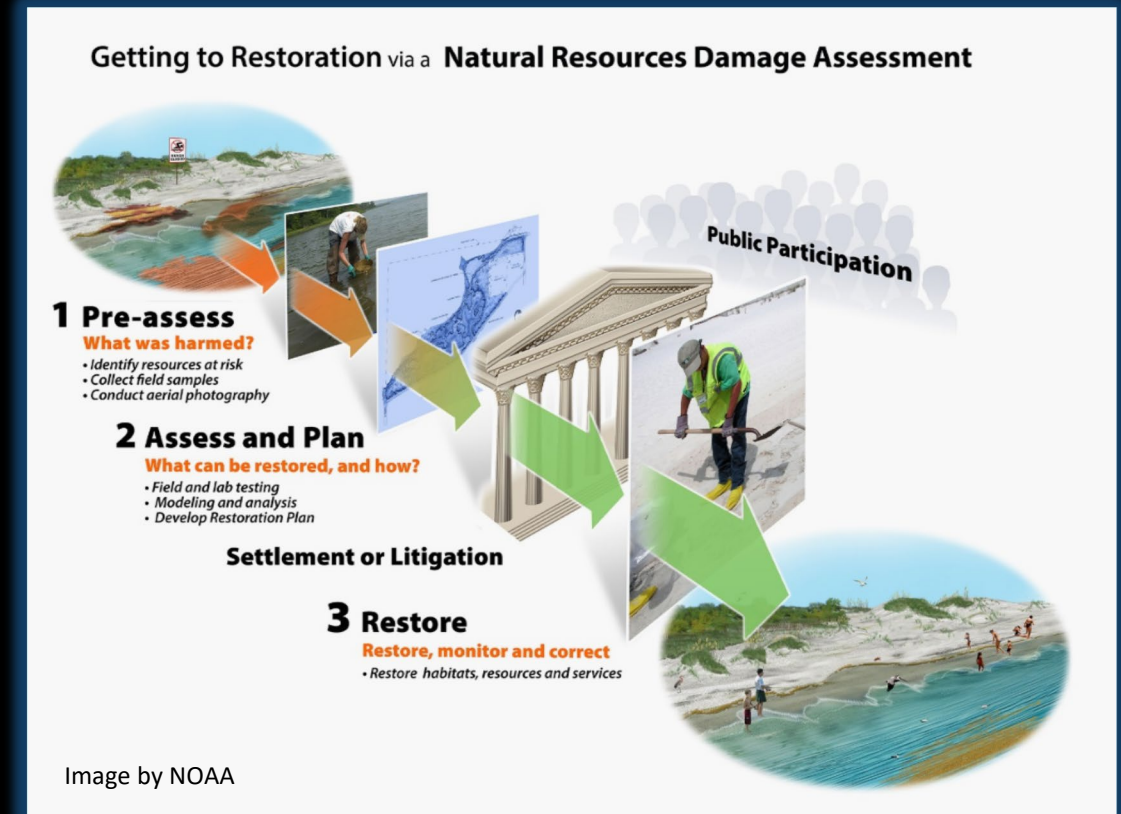
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Trustees are acting under their own OPA authorities 33 U.S.C. 2706 and other authorities related to environmental protection

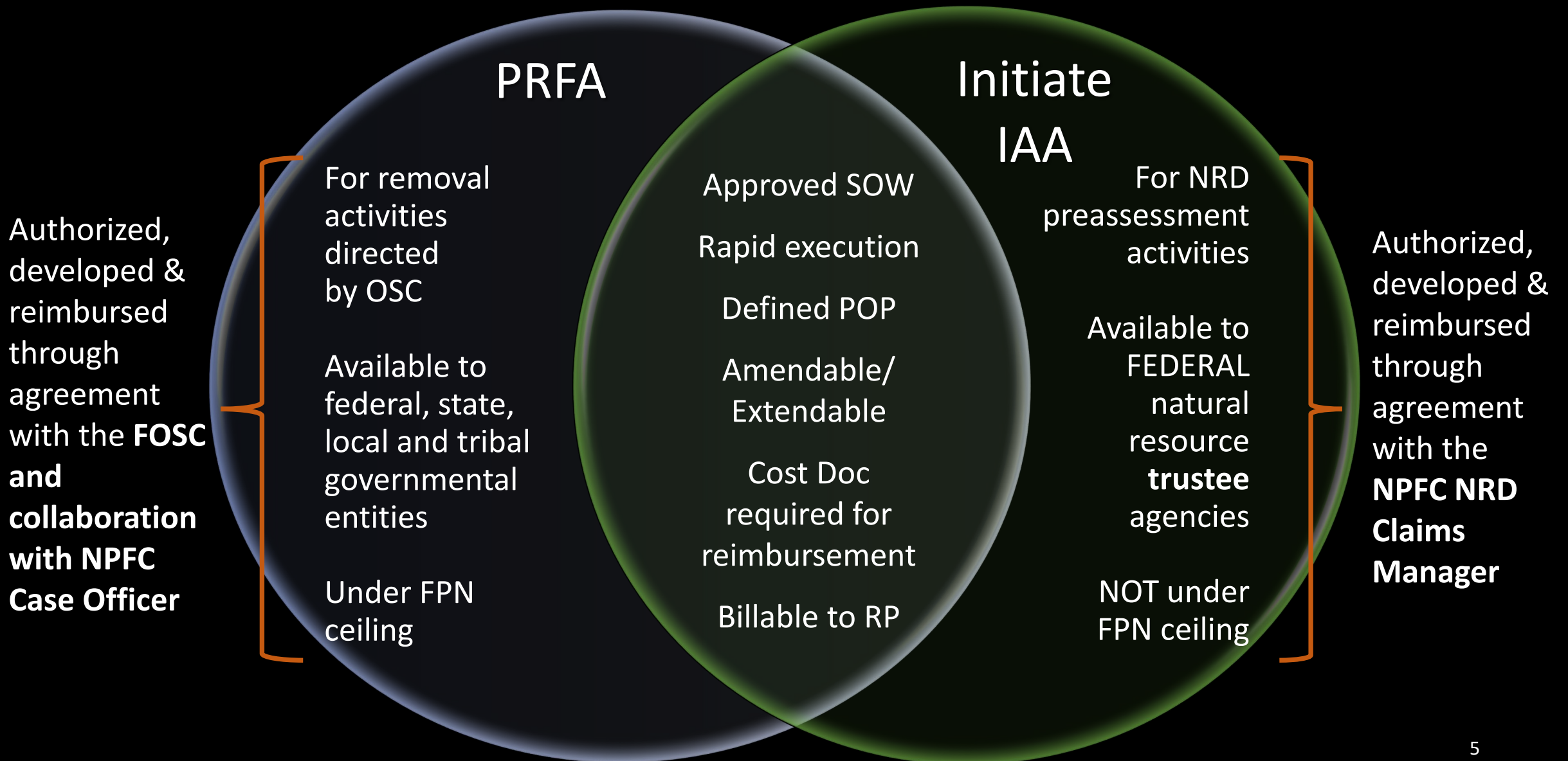


NRDA Considerations for Responders

- Injuries from the oil and the response actions may be subject to NRDA
 - *This includes response actions for “substantial threat” incidents*
- Baseline conditions and ephemeral data often collected during response operations
- NRD claims can be costly, complex, and can take years/decades to reach settlement



The Color of Trustee Money



'Not typically thought of' Response Influences on a NRDA Claim -

DOCUMENTATION

- **WHAT** actions you are taking,
- **WHY** you are taking them, and
- **UNDER WHAT AUTHORITY**

Timing of IC engagement with NRDA Team

Early Engagement -

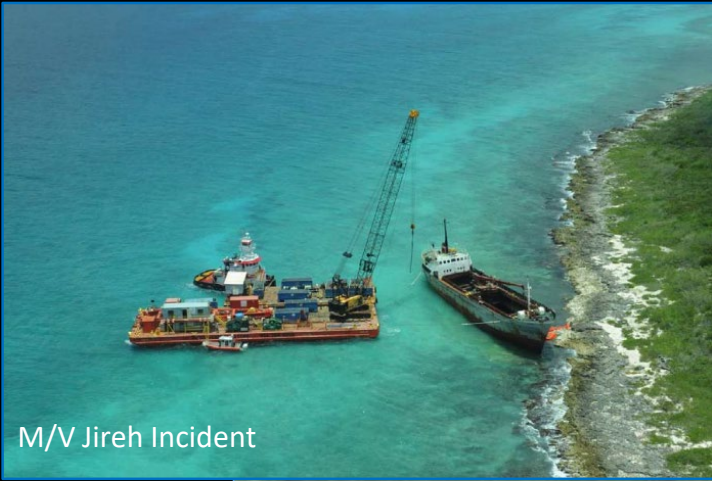
- Improves coordination
- Establishes a mutually beneficial feedback loop (linkages with Ops and Planning)
- Maximizes opportunity for ephemeral data collection and development of data collection/data sharing agreements



NRDA Influence on Response –

- *setting response objectives to minimize claims*

- Know how to find the SMEs you need (when you need) to plan, respond, and mitigate environmental injury



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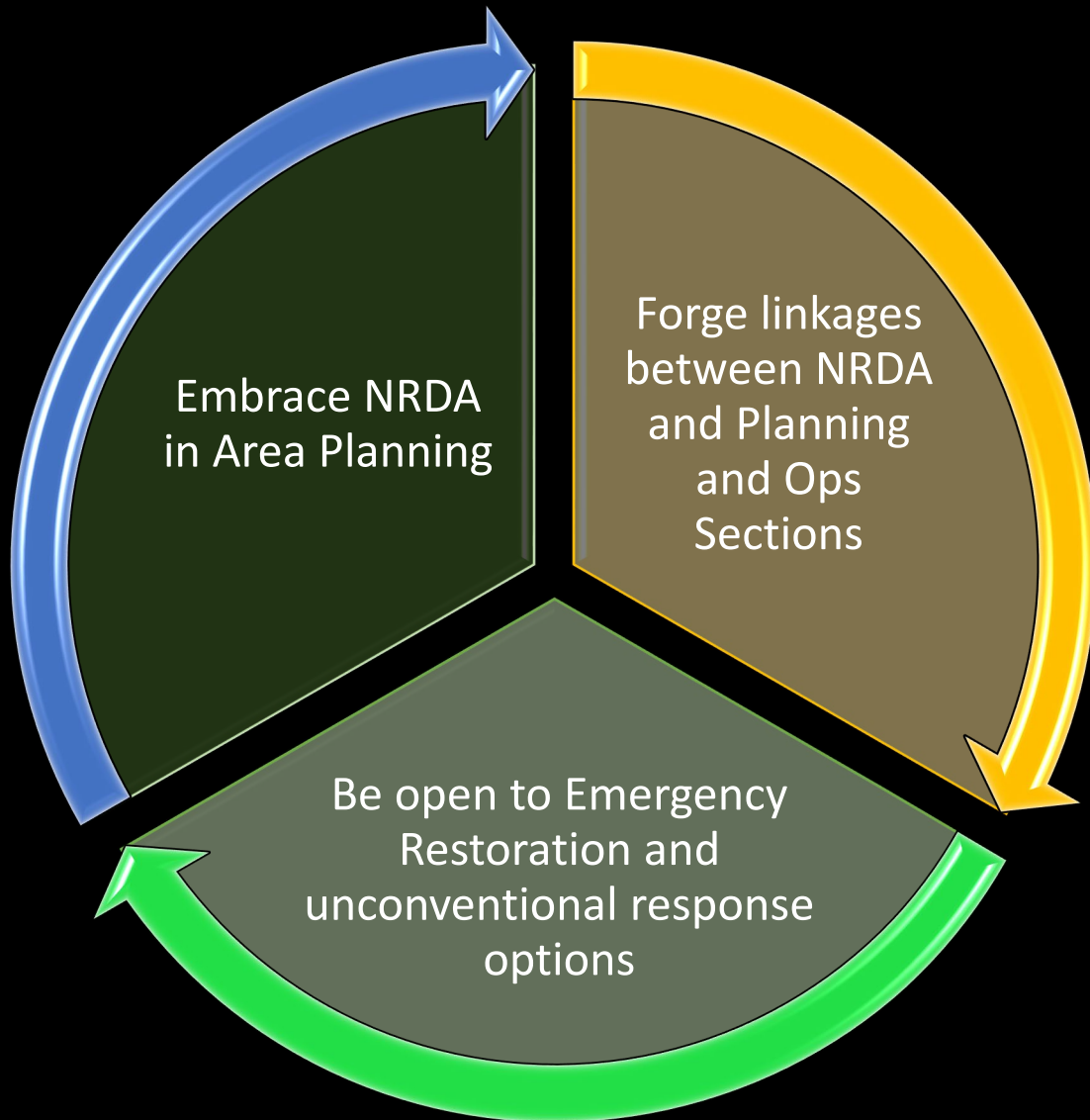
T/V Port Stewart Incident



- Develop resource protection strategies from a NRDA perspective



Keeping the momentum going -

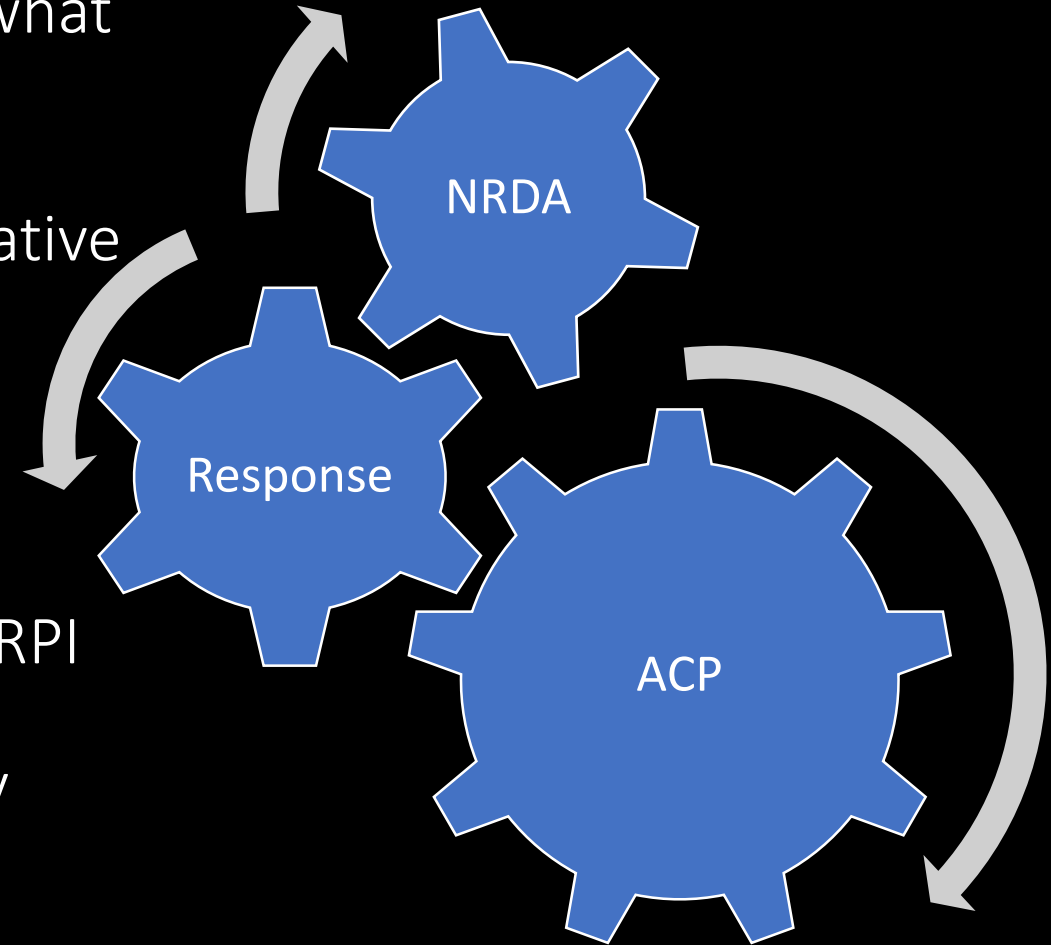


- Response planning from a NRDA perspective can produce better response outcomes, improve efficiency, and speed the time to recovery
 - Lower total incident cost
 - Less consequential environmental impact
 - Less bad public perception



Available References

- Variety of resourced developed out of DWH – see your local trustee representatives for what might be most applicable
- ICS Job Aid for NRDA, NOAA
- Recommendations for Conducting Cooperative NRDA, West Coast JAT
- DWH Oil Spill Lessons Learned Workshop: Non-traditional Response and Emergency Restoration, DOI
- Guidelines for Collecting High Priority Ephemeral Data for Oil Spills in the Arctic, RPI and NOAA
- Case Studies: Integrating NRDA Emergency Restoration in Response, ERG for NOAA



Key Messages

- Document, Document, Document
- Setting response objectives to minimize claims is a win-win – improves outcomes, lowers total cost, provides for the earliest recovery
- Proactively engage NRDA folks – help them help you
- Understand the available funding mechanism and when to advise the trustees to talk to NPFC
- Find creative ways to get them to your meetings
- Document, Document, Document



Ready for more?

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