

Regional Response Team (RRT) Annual Report

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A. Annual Meetings

| | Dates | Location | # of Attendees | Website for presentations |
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| 1. | February 9-10 | Virtual | 83 | RRT IV Website |
| 2. | August 17-20 | Gulfport, MS | >100 | Meeting canceled due to Covid 19 and potential tropical storm impacts |
| 3. | March 8-10 | Gulfport, MS | >50 | Meeting canceled due to Covid-19 concerns |

B. Activations / Notifications

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| 1. | Dates: | July 26 2021 | Event: | Tri Star Tanker Rollover | ACT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NOT | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Issue / Concern: | Liquid asphalt emulsion tanker rollover on Tue July 13. The tributary has moved some of the material down river. Staining from the aggregate has appeared on stones, bedrock, tree roots adjacent to the right-of-way in locations near where the wreck occurred. To clear out the rocks and trees would affect the integrity of the right of way. The spill response contractor proposed applying a 1% solution of MicroBlaze. | | | | | | |
| | Agencies Involved: | EPA, USCG D7, NOAA, OSHA, DOI, TDEC, TEMA | | | | | | |
| | Decisions Made: | Some concerns on how effective microblaze would be on asphalt were noted but no objections were made. MicroBlaze, physical removal without disrupting the integrity of the right of way and allowing nature to take its course were all evaluated. | | | | | | |
| 2. | Dates: | 9/16/2021 | Event: | Secure Golden Ray in preparation of hurricane impacts | ACT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NOT | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Issue / Concern: | Agencies have been requested by MSU Savannah to conduct an ISRRT call to discuss possible courses of action to secure the remaining sections of the GOLDEN RAY in case of hurricane. The GOLDEN RAY IC will present the proposed course of action. | | | | | | |
| | Agencies Involved: | EPA, USCG, GA DR, NOAA, DIO, ACOE, DOL, NAVY | | | | | | |
| | Decisions Made: | Discussions were held to discuss anchoring specific sections of the Golden Ray in preparation for potential impacts from hurricanes. | | | | | | |
| 3. | Dates: | 03/29/2021 | Event: | Barge Bridgeport | ACT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NOT | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Issue / Concern: | Barge aground near entrance to St. Johns River in Florida. 15,000 tons of flyash and bottom ash, 930 gallons diesel. Recommendation is to offload 5,000 tons of flyash and refloat. Concerns about spillage during lightering operations. | | | | | | |
| | Agencies Involved: | EPA, USCG D7, USCG Sector Jacksonville, DOI, NOAA, Florida DEP, US Navy | | | | | | |
| | Decisions Made: | Go forward with lightering ops. Continue with calls to update on evolving concerns. Further investigate impact of product potential to release metals in saltwater or coating issues. | | | | | | |
| 4. | Dates: | | Event: | | ACT | <input type="checkbox"/> | NOT | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| Issue / Concern: | |
| Agencies Involved: | |
| Decisions Made: | |

C. RRT Exercises

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| 1. | Dates: | | Event: | |
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D. Changes in RRT Leadership

| Agency | Outgoing Personnel | Incoming personnel |
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| 1) EPA RRT IV Coordinator | Gary Andrew | Brian Englert |
| 2) KY DEP | Robert Francis | James McCloud |
| 3) FL DEP | Cory Dilmore | Sam Graves |

E. Best Practices and Lessons Learned by the RRT (which may help other RRTs)

When it comes to virtual meetings in the age of covid, we have learned that not all agencies use the same virtual platforms. Since the loss of access to adobe connect and through discussions with other our partners and state agencies, we believe that MS Teams may be the most widely used and best compromise between federal, state and local agencies. We plan to use it for our next meeting which will have both an in person and virtual component.

F. Federal, State, and Local Planning and Coordination Efforts

We are presently engaged with KY and IN DEP in a subarea planning effort dubbed the “Kentuckiana Plan.” The term is a colloquial expression to reflect both Kentucky and Indiana – hence Kentuckiana. Both State Partners convened to propose the name. SubArea Committee Membership has significantly changed due to individuals from multiple agencies changing jobs and the recent inclusion of the USACE. The next scheduled meeting is early March. The Base Plan is written as are some appendices. Ongoing work is to develop the Response Resources Appendix, and to receive/capture contact information from solicitations to each Local Government (County EMAs) in the Planning Sub Area. The geospatial tool ‘The Viewer’ has been updated to illustrate all currently available Sensitive Environment/Culturally Significant data as well as critical infrastructure.

G. Challenges and Issues (and Operational Requirements Which May Require NRT Attention)