

WORKGROUP CHARTER

Workgroup: Response Technologies

Mission Statement: Provide overall leadership and technical assistance on improving the ability of responders to effectively use appropriate response technologies as oil spill response tools so that the environment and natural resources may be better protected.

Guidelines:

1. The workgroup chair will forward proposed changes to the objectives to the Steering Committee chair, which will coordinate approval by the RRT/NWAC chairs and co-chairs.
2. Each workgroup will have a point of contact (POC) from the Steering Committee to assist in coordination between the workgroup and the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee POC for this workgroup is Ruth Yender, NOAA (206) 526-6081, ruth.yender@noaa.gov or Elin Storey, WA DOE (425) 649-7111, eabr461@ecy.wa.gov.
3. The Chair/Co-Chair is responsible for regular communication with the designated Steering Committee POC, including providing meeting minutes, updates, and recommendations. Meetings will be held on a quarterly basis.
4. The workgroup chair will assign a member to oversee and coordinate the completion of each action item and identify a due date. This information will be included on the workgroup progress report provided for each RRT/NWAC meeting.

Workgroup Charter Objectives:

1. Further the review of spill response tools to help reduce environmental impacts.
2. Facilitate the exchange of information on response equipment and response technologies between the regional and international response communities.
3. Support the standardization of response equipment terminology and encourage the testing and evaluation of new or innovative response equipment and technologies within the regional response community.
4. Promote training for response personnel so that they are fully trained in the safe and effective use of appropriate response resources.
5. Create and coordinate technical subcommittees as needed to support specific Northwest Area response policies and/or decision processes.
6. Develop and execute education and outreach program for the community on response issues.
7. Ensure response technology lessons learned during actual incidents and exercises are incorporated into contingency plans and regional training opportunities.

Tasks for Year 2003: (must be specific, measurable, and achievable during the coming year)

- Create Response Technologies Workgroup page on the RRT10NWAC web site to facilitate the sharing of information on New Response Technologies in support of Objective 1 (1.1.2)
- Potentially revise the Shoreline Counter Measure Matrix/Manual to support Objective 2 (2.1)
- Create a procedure for evaluation, approval and to provide feedback to vendors and NWAC on new response technologies through the ADHOC Response Technologies Technical Seminars or on scene at an incident. This is in support of Objective 1 (1.1.1) & 3 (3.1.1).
- Research development in modeling Dispersed Oil in support of Objective 5 (5.2.3)
- Revise the Decanting Policy Language in the NWACP in support of Objective 5 (5.3)
- Create a Gasoline Response Policy for the NWACP in support of Objective 5 (5.4)

Tasks for 2004 – 2008:

Action Items under Objective 5 – 5.1 Insitu Burning and 5.2 Dispersants

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