# REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM 10/NORTHWEST AREA COMMITTEE (RRT/NWAC)

# PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

**0800 – 1630 WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2014**

**Idaho Department of Environmental Quality – Main Conference Room**

**1410 North Hilton Street**

**Boise, Idaho**

**Sign-in sheets can be viewed** [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/May%2028%202014%20Public%20Meeting%20Signin.pdf)**.**

## Safety Briefing, Introductions, Opening Remarks

Ms. Heather Parker, US Coast Guard (USCG) District 13 (D13) gave a safety briefing and conducted introductions. Mr. Calvin Terada, US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) welcomed all the attendees to Boise and the Inland Zone. Mr. Jeff Rylee, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security welcomed the attendees. CAPT Joe Raymond, USCG Sector Puget Sound (SPS); introduced himself and welcomed the attendees. CAPT Sean Mackenzie, USCG Sector Columbia River (SCR) thanked the Steering Committee Co-Chairs for their hard work getting the meeting organized. Mr. Bruce Gilles, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) welcomed the attendees. Ms. Linda Pilkey-Jarvis, Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) welcomed the attendees. Introduction of the attendees was conducted.

## NW Area Committee and NW Area Contingency Plan Overview

Ms. Josie Clark, EPA, gave a presentation on the NW Area Committee (NWAC) the Regional Response Team (RRT) and the Area Contingency Plan. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/01_2014%20ID%20RRT_NWAC%20Basics.ppt).

## Explosive Grade Ammonium Nitrate: Response issues and Cocollala Lake Case Study

Mr. Marc Kalbaugh, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ), gave a presentation on the ammonium nitrate spill that occurred near Cocollala Lake. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/02_AN%20Trucking%20Presentation.pptx).

## On-Scene Coordinator Reports

### US Coast Guard Sector Columbia River

LCDR John Titchen, USCG SCR Incident Management Division, gave a presentation on the cases that have been responded to by USCG SCR. The presentation and [movie](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/03B_RRT%20May%202014.mov) can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/03A_SCR%20Presentation%20for%20RRT%20May%202014.pptx).

### US Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound

LCDR Lance Lindgren, USCG SPS Incident Management Division gave a presentation on spills in Sector Puget Sound and significant cases since the last NWAC meeting. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/04_USCG%20SPS.pptx).

### US Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Greg Weigel, EPA On-Scene Coordinator, gave a presentation on Emergency Responses in which EPA has had involvement over the second quarter of 2014. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/05_EPA%20OSC%20Report.pptx).

### Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Mr. Mike Zollitsch, ODEQ, gave a presentation on responses conducted in Oregon since November 2013. Mr. Jeff Brown will be a new OSC that will start June 2014. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/06_Oregon%20OSC%20Report%20May%2028_2014.pptx).

### Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security

Mr. Jeff Rylee, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security gave a presentation on how emergency responses are conducted in the state of Idaho and resources available at the state level. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/07_Updated%20Idaho%20Haz%20Mat%20WMD%20Plan%202013.pptx).

### Washington State Department of Ecology

Mr. David Byers, Ecology, gave a presentation on risk analysis work in the state, drills that have been conducted, and responses in which Ecology was involved. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/08_ECY%20OSC%20May%202014.pptx).

## NW Area Committee Priorities and Progress for 2014

Ms. Parker gave a presentation on updates of the various task forces and their progress. Members of the task forces were available to answer questions and provide additional information on the status of work for the task forces. Ms. Karen Larson, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), provided the progress update on the Public Information Outreach Task Force. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/09_Master%20TF%20Updates%20MAY2014%20v2.pptx).

## Mercury Response – An Idaho Success Story

Mr. Rylee introduced the Boise Fire Department that responded to a mercury spill in Gooding. The success of the response is noted to be the availability of mercury equipment within the state and responder training that has been conducted throughout the state. Ms. Larson noted ATSDR has a specific mercury section on their web page with information on the hazards and information for school officials to create policy.

## Department of Transportation Emergency Restriction/Prohibition Order

This topic was a group discussion on how the Emergency Order by Department of Transportation requiring operators transporting 1,000,000 or more gallons of Bakken crude through a state to notify the State Emergency Response Commissions within 30 days of the number and specific petroleum product and provide all applicable materials, if there is a change of 25% or more in the number of trains in a week.

Ms. Pilkey-Jarvis reported that for Washington State there is a struggle with determining what information needs to be provided and the format in which it will be provided. Due to WA state sunshine laws, the any information provided to the State will be available to the public. Ms. Mariana Ruiz-Temple, Oregon Fire Marshal’s Office, reported that recently released reporting information indicates the information may not be releasable. Oregon is also having stakeholder meetings with Local Emergency Planning Committees. Mr. Byers reported Burling Northern Santa Fe is requesting Ecology provide a confidentiality notice which is problematic because Washington is a sunshine state that requires all information held by the state to be released under state public disclosure laws. Mr. Rylee reported Idaho is waiting to determine what the order is going to look like.

Mr. Frank Holmes, Western States Petroleum Association, said confidentiality is of great concern with the industry prior to releasing the information. A WA bill was introduced to allow the State to keep some information private, but was not passed.

Ms. Ruiz-Temple suggested creating a cohesive message from all three states that could be disseminated. Mr. Terada requested she send the information to Ms. Clark and himself then schedule a meeting/conference call with the agencies and their Public Information Officers to create common talking points between the agencies and the states regarding the information that will be coming from the Railroads to the SERCs.

## Responding to Flammable Liquids and Ethanol in Fast Water

Mr. Richard Franklin, EPA OSC gave a presentation on crude oil and response considerations. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/10_Bakken%20Oil%20Spill%20Response%20NWAC.pptx).

## Lesson learned from Phillips 66 West Case Exercise in Kellogg, Idaho

Mr. Mark Dietrich, IDEQ, and Rob Yarborough, Phillips 66, gave a presentation on the lessons learned from the Phillips 66 Yellowstone Pipeline worst case scenario table top exercise that was conducted September 11 – 12, 2013 in Kellogg, Idaho. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/11_PHILLIPS%2066%20WCD%20Exercise.pptx).