



Maine and New Hampshire Area Committee

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Area Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 13, 2022

Time: 9:00am to 12:00 pm

Location: ME Air National Guard, 50 Western Ave., South Portland, ME (and virtual via Zoom For Government)

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Wyman Briggs, SNNE

Wyman welcomed all members to the meeting and began with introductions of members attending the meeting in person.

2. **On-Scene Coordinator Comments**

- Jon Woodard (Representing SOSOC, ME DEP): Noted that he and his staff welcomed the opportunity to be back in person for Area Committee Meetings. He also noted that ME DEP was progressing with candidate interviews to fill the vacant Response Director position and members were transitioning back to full time work in their offices.
- Gardiner Warr (SOSOC, NH DES): Gardiner noted that NH DES has an ambitious schedule of on-water boom deployment training scheduled for the summer and that they are very open to having other agency representatives join in this training. He also highlighted that planning was tracking well for the scheduled September Full Scale exercise that will be hosted by NH DES.
- CAPT Amy Florentino (FOSOC) noted that she was excited to be joining her first in-person full ME/NH Area Committee Meeting and was impressed by the ambitious agenda and to see that 40 people were participating in the meeting in person with another 40+ via Zoom. She also highlighted that she appreciated the valuable lessons learned gained during the Area Committee's Full Scale AREA PREP exercise held in Belfast in September 2021 and that we were one of the few Area Committees that were able to successfully host a Full Scale in-person exercise over the past two years. She also shared the highlights of her recent trip to Canada to attend the Joint Response Team meeting with Canadian Coast Guard and agency representatives.

3. **Willard Beach Spill Response,** Max Smith, ME DEP and LCDR Ryan Koroknay, USCG SNNE.

Max Smith provided an overview of the August 2021 spill from Hills Service Station in South Portland that impacted Willard Beach and intervening neighborhoods. The discharge resulted from the cleaning of a service station and uncontained release into the nearby storm water drainage system, which led to a discharge pipe on Willard Beach. The cleanup include the removal of 3,500 gallons of contaminated

waste water, and over 3,000 pounds of contaminated solid waste during a 4 day clean-up operation. Lessons learned included:

- Understand your surroundings and optics
- Quick/decisive pollution response actions are paramount (Hit it Hard – Hit it Fast!)
- Never underestimate the value of joint coordination/partnerships
- Joint/coordinated and proactive media response pays dividends
- Understanding authorities/jurisdictions and policies differ across agencies

4. Role of Bureau of Ocean Safety and Env Enforcement/Offshore Renewable Energy

Tommy Tregle, Senior Preparedness Analyst, BSEE

Mr. Tregle provided an overview of the requirements for Oil Spill Response Plans for Offshore Renewable Energy Projects including:

- Regulator Authority
- Terms and Conditions
- Roles of a Qualified Individual
- Notification requirements
- Mitigation measures
- Sensitive Resource lists
- Training and exercises
- Equipment inventories

5. Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Ken Finkelstein, NOAA

Mr. Finkelstein provided an introduction to Natural Damage Assessment including:

- Natural Resource Trustees
- Getting to Restoration process
- NRDA activities during a response
- What are Natural Resources and NR Services
- What are injuries?
- NRDA Restoration
- NRDA Coordination with Response
- Restoration types and response data
- NRDA and drills

6. Tank Truck Spill Response Case, Chris Wood, NH DES

Mr. Wood provided an overview of NH DES's response to a gasoline tank truck rollover including:

- Notification and initial response to highly flammable discharge at night in a wetland area with freezing temperatures
- Incident Objectives: Safety, remove truck, pump out gasoline, assess and mitigate
- Recovered 4,500 gallons, @ 6,500 gallons released to ground
- Pumped 2,500 gallons of pooled gasoline, dug interceptor trenches
- Excavated and disposed of 3,700 tons of impacted soil, recovered 6,900 gallons of oily water

7. Contingency Plan 30th Anniversary Refresh and MEDEP/MHPC GRS Project

Jason Weigle, ME DEP

Mr. Weigle provided an overview of:

- Legislative history of the Maine Marine Oil Spill Contingency Plan
- 2022 Appendix I Refresh: Resource Directory
- ME GRS/Historic Site Conflict Avoidance Protect with ME Historic Preservation Commission

8. Initial Plans for Piscataqua River Exercise Series (PRES) 2022, Jason Domke, NH DES

Mr. Domke provided an overview of the Full Scale Exercise scheduled for September 21, 2022 including:

- Exercise Plan: smaller scale (12-13,000 gallon tractor trailer spill into Bellamy River)
- Split between ICP and Field Activities – Test of Reporting App, Drone, deployments linked to exercise scenario
- Test of Virtual ICP
- Deploy 2-3 GRSSs, Skimmer, Rapid Assessment Teams, Simulated Oil

9. USCG D1 Updates: Joe Boudrow, D1

- D1 Change of Command, May 13th
- RRT1 Meeting, June 16, 2022 in Burlington, MA
- JRT Meeting completed on April 5-6, next meeting tentatively scheduled for Nov 14-17, 2022

10. Agency Updates: NOAA, EPA, DOI

11. Recent/Upcoming Events

- PRES 2022, NH DES, Portsmouth, NH, Sep 21, 2022
- Area Committee Meeting, at NH DES in Portsmouth, Oct 18, 2022

12. Co-Chairs Closing Comments/Adjoin

Each of the co-chairs/acting co-chairs provided brief closing remarks.

Meeting adjourned
