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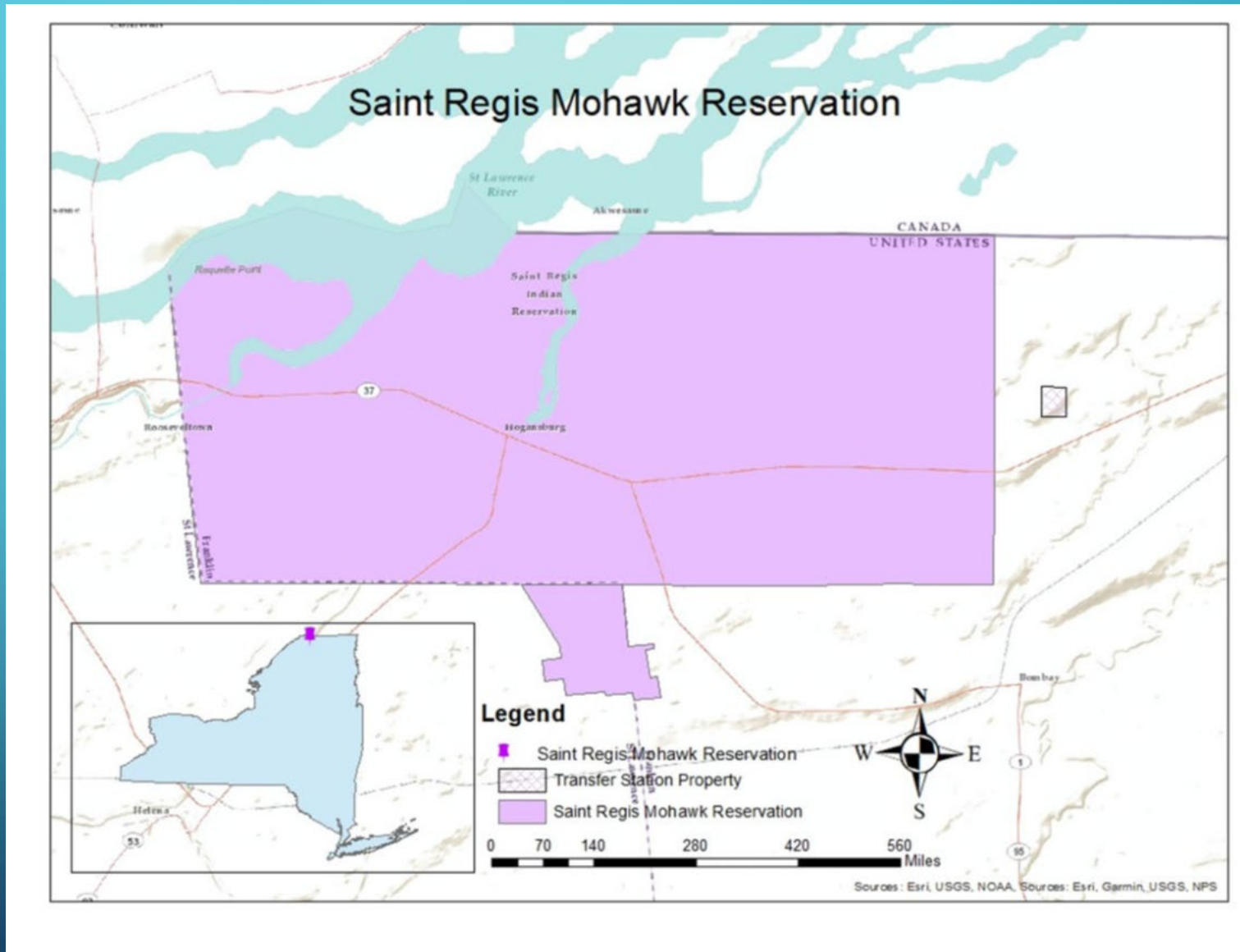
SAFETY AND HEALTH TRAINING AS A PARTNER

THE SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE

INTRODUCTION

- Les Benedict, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe & Akwesasne Task Force on the Environment (ATFE)
- Assistant Director for the Environmental Division 33 years
- Experience in:
 - Air Quality
 - Solid Waste
 - Brownfields
 - Hazardous Waste
 - Environmental Response
 - Certified Instructor – DHS-CDP
 - Hazmat Tech, Respiratory Protection Program,

LOCATION



OUR BACKYARD



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Cargo Tanker Truck Types



Photograph by Dominic Tricase

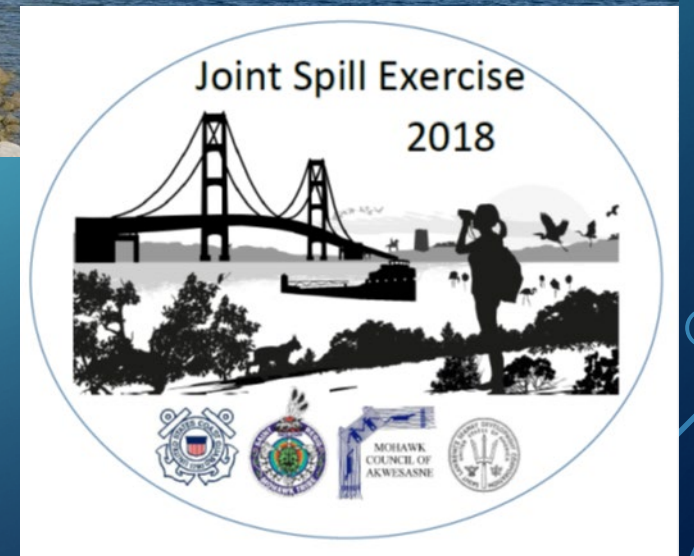
OUR NEEDS

- TRAINED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE RESPONDERS
- RECOGNITION OF TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY AND SELF-GOVERNANCE
- VOICE IN REGIONAL PLANNING AND RESPONSE



ADDRESSING OUR NEEDS

- PARTNERSHIPS AND SUPPORT
- USEPA
- FEMA
- COUNTY FIRE
- US COAST GUARD
- Saint Lawrence Seaway Corporation
- NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
- THE ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE



TYPES OF SUPPORT

- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
- TRAINING



PARTNERSHIP WITH ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE

- USET Tribal Utility Summit, Windcreek Casino, Atmore, AL April 2011
- 11-year support through AFC Workplace Safety Training Program
- ICS, Mass Casualty Triage, 40-hour HAZWOPER, 40-hour HazTech, Responder Safety Awareness During Disaster Response, Awareness, Awareness and Operations

AFC PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS TO SRMT

- Training delivery to our community = cost and time savings for the tribe
- Enhanced tribal responder capacity for response and safety
- A seat at the table with regional response planners
- Respect for tribal sovereignty and customs
- Inter-tribal networking in an international community
- Encouragement, self-confidence and inspiration
- Peer Training

SUMMARY

- Tribal Communities have similar but also unique situations and needs
- The AFC has been responsive to these needs
- Training has filled gaps where tribal resources can fall short

