

National Response System

Deepwater Horizon Lessons
Learned Workshop

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- 35 years
- Oil spill and hazardous substance release response
- Support to Environmental Protection Agency and US Coast Guard On-Scene Coordinators (FOSC)

Response Management

The 4 key features of the NRS under the NCP are:

- 1. EPA and USCG coordinate and direct the response, EPA for inland areas, USCG for the coastal zone.**
- 2. Other federal agencies with appropriate jurisdiction and expertise support the lead agency.**
- 3. Activities are done in partnership with state and local officials.**
- 4. Industry is responsible for being prepared for, responding to, and paying for cleanup and damages from pollution incidents.**

The NRS uses the Incident Command System to bring these parties together to manage response actions.

Worker Safety and Health under NCP

- **§ 300.150 Worker health and safety.**
- (a) Response actions under the NCP will comply with the provisions for response action worker safety and health in 29 CFR 1910.120. The NRS meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.120 concerning use of an incident command system.
- (b) In a response action taken by a responsible party, the responsible party must assure that an occupational safety and health program consistent with 29 CFR 1910.120 is made available for the protection of workers at the response site.

OSHA's Role

- 40 CFR 300.175(b)(11)(ii)

On request, OSHA will provide advice and consultation to EPA and other NRT/RRT agencies as well as to the OSC/RPM regarding hazards to persons engaged in response activities. OSHA may also take any other action necessary to assure that employees are properly protected at such response activities. Any questions about occupational safety and health at these sites may be referred to the OSHA Regional Office.

NRF vs NCP

Nat'l Response Framework

- FEMA lead
- Stafford Act
- State request and Declaration
- Natural Disasters and Terrorist Attacks
- Tax payer funded

Nat'l Contingency Plan

- EPA or USCG lead
- CERCLA/OPA
- Responsible party financed or Oil Spill Liability Trust fund paid
- Releases of Oil and Hazardous Chemicals
- Responsible Party

OSHA is launching a nationwide outreach campaign about the hazards of working outdoors in extreme heat

WATER. REST. SHADE.
The work can't get done without them.

Home Educational Resources Training Media Resources

Drink water often
Rest in the shade
Report heat symptoms early
Know what to do in an emergency

- Updated webpage and new products
- Some geared to workers who don't speak English or have limited reading skills
- Working with stakeholders to help get products to workers and small employers
- Adding worker precautions in weather service heat advisories