



# July 2014 Joint Response Team Meeting Minutes

## July 9-10, 2014

### Portland, ME

**Wednesday, July 9, 2014**

#### **Welcome**

- CAPT Brian Gilda, USCG Sector Northern New England

#### **Introductions**

- Joe Boudrow, USCG
- Joe LeClair, CCG

#### **Administrative Remarks**

- LT Lauren Fullam, USCG

#### **Agency Updates**

- FEMA: Matt McCann reported out on a successful Railroad TTX that was held in Bedford, MA on May 30<sup>th</sup>. He also discussed several upcoming exercises.
- EPA: James Carew reported that Carol Tucker is the new EPA Region 1 Response Branch Director. Also CANUSEAST and CANUSQUE plans have recently been updated and signed.
- DOI: Andrew Raddant reported out on new personnel. He also briefed the possibility of getting funding for joint GRPs.
- NOAA: Steve Lehmann reported :
  - Supplemental funding for has been received for update of ESI maps for the east coast to include coastal waters from South Carolina to Maine. Additional surveys are planned in the northern New Jersey area as a result of the damage from hurricane Sandy.
  - He also reviewed the GOODS (GNOME On-Line Oceanographic Data Server) site containing information valuable in spill trajectory analysis.  
<http://gnome.orr.noaa.gov/goods>
- Transport Canada: George Anderson discussed the following:
  - Review of Canadian Safety Act 2001, enhancements to oil spill prevention/response, prosecution and fine changes, expected amendments fall of 2014.
  - World Class Tanker Safety Systems, navigation safety and tanker inspections to prevent spills. Creation of a tanker safety expert panel. Changes to liability and compensations in the event of a oil spill.
  - Trans Canada HQ SITCEN, 24/7 center to handle oil and hazardous materials spill incidents, vessel incidents, ad transportation incidents.
  - The Energy East Pipeline, the pipeline will carry crude oil from Alberta and Saskatchewan to refineries in Eastern Canada. Converting an existing natural gas pipeline to an oil



transportation pipeline, constructing new pipelines in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Eastern Ontario, Québec and New Brunswick to link up with the converted pipe, and constructing the associated facilities, pump stations and tank terminals required to move crude oil to marine facilities that enable access to other markets by ship

- Environment Canada: Jeffery Corkum reported:
  - There is a new organization within Environment Canada, the Environmental Emergencies Program and the creation of National Environmental Emergencies Centre (NEEC). It is to provide the Department's unique technical and scientific environmental advice and assistance to the lead agency in the event of an environmental emergency.
  - EC will provide support for the World Class Tanker Safety Systems, area response plans, pre-approval lists and guidelines for use of dispersants.
  - Spill Modeling: there is work being done by the environmental science and technologies group on behavior and fate of oil spilled into the marine environment including submerged oils.
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans: Glen Herbert reported that DFO is working to:
  - Support the World Class Tanker Safety Systems.
  - Support Aboriginal and First Nation response planning.
  - Research responses in the Bay of Fundy and the impacts of a spill and effects of coastal marine circulation.
- Environment New Brunswick: Patrick Stull passed that they:
  - Continue to monitor the development of Shale Gas.
  - Continue to train on ICS.
  - Are working with NOAA Fisheries Group on environmental response.
- Canadian Coast Guard: Joe LeClair reported:
  - Major ongoing work to remove a shipwreck from coastal waters. Removal of oil and hazardous materials will take place prior to actual wreck removal.
  - There have been several responses to vessel grounding in Canadian waters.
  - There has been a review of World Class Tanker Safety Systems.
  - Due to the Energy East project there has been an increase in tanker traffic in the region.
  - There are several new offshore oil exploration projects underway.



## **Shell's Activities Offshore Nova Scotia – Billy Powell**

Billy Powell is an Emergency Response Manager for Shell. He provided an overview on Shell's Shelburne Basin Venture Exploration Drilling Project. The project is a deepwater drilling project 350 km Southeast of Nova Scotia, 3000' below the surface. They have developed a robust well capping capability, are planning prevention measures and developing response for a worst case scenario.

## **U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters Update – LCDR Callie DeWeese**

LCDR Callie DeWeese provided an update for CDR Tim Gunter. An Executive Secretariat for the National JRT has been established with the USCG and CCG as the lead. Scott Lundgren will be the U.S. representative. There is a plan to conduct a review of the JRT Lessons Learned nationally and look at gaps in response capabilities. They are also working on developing training for district LNOs. There has been some work with the USCG Research and Development Center to develop a cooperative agreement with Canada to do research on Oil Sands.

## **Joint Marine Pollution Contingency Plan, Atlantic Geographic Annex Update/Review**

Sections I-VII, X, & XI, and Appendices A.-F. and H.-J. were all reviewed and edited. Edits were made to the plan electronically during the meeting.

In addition to plan revisions, an exercise schedule was proposed.

2014 (Location: US) Fall Planning Meeting (November 5-6, 2014)  
2015 (Location: Canada) Environmental Workshop (June)  
2015 (Location: Canada) Fall JRT Meeting (C&O Meeting)  
2016 Notification Drill (June)  
2016 (Location: US) Fall JRT Meeting (IPC Meeting)  
2017 (Location: Canada) TTX 201 Development (June)  
2017 (Location: US) Fall JRT Meeting (MPC)  
2018 MSEL Meeting (Winter)  
2018 (Location: Canada) FPC (Spring)  
2018 (Location: US) CANUSLANT FSE (June)  
2018 (Location: Canada) Fall JRT and AAR Review

## **Thursday, July 10, 2014**

### **Welcome and Introductions**

- Joe Boudrow, USCG
- Joe LeClair, CCG

## **Joint Marine Pollution Contingency Plan, Atlantic Geographic Annex Update/Review (Cont'd.)**

Sections VIII-IX, and Appendix G., K.-P. were all reviewed and edited. Edits were made to the plan electronically. In addition a briefing was provided to the group by the Fisheries Group to provide an overview of their plan to create an annex on Joint Closure/Opening Protocol Guidance.



## Review of Action Items

Action Items are as follows:

1. Identify a training coordinator and share training opportunities cross-border. (add training calendar to JRT website/email out announcements) (Fullam)
2. Hold training in conjunction with future JRT meetings (Co-Chairs)
3. JCP Atlantic Regional Annex Plan Review/update
  - a. Verify all JCP main plan references within ARA(formerly AGA) (Fullam)
  - b. Determine Agency Rep Title – for two command posts. (Co-Chairs)
    - i. Designated International Rep
    - ii. Coast Guard Rep
    - iii. Agency Rep
  - c. Create an appendix of Preferred Units of Measures (Dan Dugery)
  - d. Add method of maintaining secure comms to Appendix A. Reach out to FCC/Industry Canada. (Co-Chairs)
  - e. Add Salvage resources or salvage contacts to appendix F (for Canadian side). (TC)
  - f. Verify Appendix H. (contact information)(everyone)
  - g. CBSA, TC, and CBP to review section VIII and Section IX. (Fullam)
  - h. Add Jones Act waiver to section IX (DOT- Terry Sheehan/Fullam)
  - i. Update JET Appendix K. – Develop Straw-man to discuss during environmental workshop in June 2015 (NOAA/EC)
  - j. Review and add SOP for decanting (Canada/ACP Checklists)(EC)
  - k. Rewrite Appendix L, 1.2.1 Dispersants (EC)
  - l. Send Appendix N to ANDC and DOI for review (Belinda Smith/Andrew Raddant) (Fullam)
  - m. Add info and link to regional plan in places of refuge Appendix O. (TC)
  - n. Appendix P Wildlife Guidelines to be reviewed (EC, DFO and Maine, DOI)
  - o. Develop Joint Fisheries Protocol (make Appendix Q) – Present Straw-man at June 15 environmental workshop (NOAA/EC)
4. Send suggested JCP changes to National JRT (Co-Chairs)
  - a. JAC Concept
  - b. JRT Suggested Membership
  - c. JET Concept
  - d. Reciprocity for workers safety and health
  - e. COP

## Closing

The next meeting was proposed for November 5-6, 2014 in the U.S. to plan for an environmental workshop in 2015.

