

Join the Response Support Corps



Information for Volunteers



What is EPA's Response Support Corps?

The Response Support Corps is the Agency's standing resource for EPA volunteers and technical specialists who provide critical support during an EPA emergency response. This reserve of EPA employees stands ready to provide whatever is needed, based on individual qualifications. While emergency response is not the everyday job of all EPA programs, most offices have some responsibility in an emergency, such as contracts, GIS, communications, or water infrastructure. EPA has identified the Response Support Corps as the ideal way to call upon these important resources in a major emergency response.

Each region and headquarters has its own reserve of Response Support Corps members that can be activated, when needed, to assist with an emergency response.

Who is eligible to join?

All EPA employees are eligible to join the Response Support Corps. In addition to field work, many people may be needed for answering phones, typing and proofing correspondence, reproducing documents and maps, managing EPA's various contracts, and disseminating information to the public. Skills you possess that you do not ordinarily use at work may be useful during an incident, such as fluency in a foreign language. You will only be asked to do work that is compatible with your skill, training and experience.

Why should I join the Response Support Corps?

There are many benefits to belonging to the Response Support Corps, such as advance training opportunities, gaining experience beyond your normal duties, meet and work with other EPA personnel and personal satisfaction in making a difference. In addition to participating during real emergencies and other time-critical actions, Response Support Corp members participate in readiness exercises conducted throughout the year.

How do I find out more about the RSC?

Contact the regional coordinator, Jada R. Goodwin, at 4-5381.