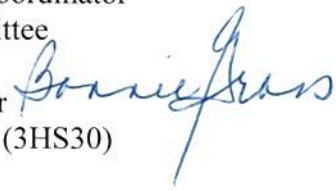


UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION III  
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

**SUBJECT:** Designation of Federal On-Scene Coordinator  
EPA Region III Inland Area Committee

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**TO:** Dominique Lueckenhoff, Acting Director  
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**Action Required**

The purpose of this memorandum is to obtain your approval as the delegated EPA official on the designation of a Federal On-Scene Coordinator to represent EPA on the Region III Inland Area Committee. Your approval will also update the list of appointments from local, state and federal agencies to serve with the EPA representative on the Inland Area Committee.

**Background**

The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA) mandates that the President designate areas for which Area Contingency Plans are to be developed. OPA also states that the President shall designate a Federal On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) for each area for which an Area Contingency Plan (ACP) is to be prepared and that the Area Committee shall prepare its ACP under the direction of the Federal OSC. Finally, OPA required that the Area Committees to be developed for each area be appointed by the President from qualified personnel of federal, state and local agencies.

On April 24, 1992, the EPA Administrator based on authority delegated by Executive Order 12777 designated the 13 geographic areas covered by Regional Response Teams to be the initial areas requiring an Area Contingency Plan within the inland zone. The Regional Administrator for EPA Region III subsequently designated Stephen D. Jarvela to serve as the Federal OSC for the Region III Inland Area Committee.

The authority to designate areas, and appoint Area Committee members, including the Federal OSC who will chair the Area Committee, was redelegated to the Director of the Hazardous Site Cleanup Division (HSCD) on July 23, 1993. On July 24, 2012, the HSCD Director designated Mr. Richard M. Fetzer to serve as the Federal OSC after Mr. Jarvela stepped down. On June 2, 2016, Mr. Fetzer Federal OSC from Federal service.

**Discussion**

The area planning process has changed significantly over the past 20 years, especially in Region III where the Area Committee has moved to divide the inland area into 14 sub-areas for improved planning and coordination. Over the last four years the ACP has been adapted to

incorporate all hazards into the planning as opposed to the oil only focus that was originally envisioned in the OPA.

EPA Region III has out-posted additional OSCs across the region and has gotten more OSCs involved in sub-area planning. We have assigned OSCs three deep in each subarea to facilitate the planning effort, and to enhance relationships with local and state organizations. These changes have led to improved coordination and planning experience.

**Recommendation**

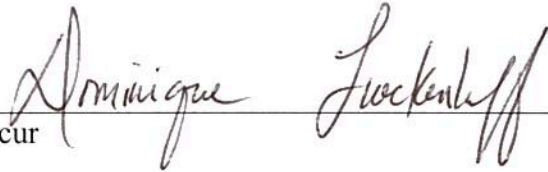
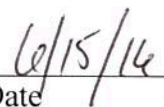
After careful consideration of candidates, including: response and planning experience, interest, proven ability to coordinate with local, state and federal agencies, organization and leadership skills, I recommend that you designate Deborah C. Lindsey as the Federal On-Scene Coordinator for the Region III Inland Area pursuant to Section 311 (j)(4) of the Clean Water Act and Section 4202 (b)(1) of OPA.

It is also recommended that you renew the appointment of the following Federal Agency and Commonwealth/State organizations listed below, and who also serve as representatives on Regional Response Team III, to serve on the Region III Inland Area Committee:

- US Coast Guard - Fifth District
- US Coast Guard - Eight District
- US Coast Guard - Ninth District
- US Department of Commerce - NATIONAL Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- US Department of Defense - US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- US Department of Health and Human Services – Agency of Toxic Substances and Disease Awards (ATSDR)
- US Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- US Department of the Interior (DOI)
- Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC)
- Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA)
- District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (DC HSEMA)
- District of Columbia Department of Energy and the Environment (DC DOEE)
- Maryland Department of Environment (MDE)
- Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)
- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP)
- Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA)
- Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
- Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ)
- West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP)
- West Virginia Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (WV HSEM)

Finally, it is recommended that you authorize that all Hazardous Materials and Emergency Management Officials from local jurisdictions be appointed to respective Subarea Committees, at the discretion of the Inland Area Federal OSC, as they are identified and express interest.

In accordance with Regional Delegation of Authority 2-91, this recommendation is submitted for your approval.

Concur  Date 

Do Not Concur Date

Dominique Lueckenhoff, Acting Director  
Hazardous Site Cleanup Division

