

**SPILL RESPONSE  
COUNTERMEASURES  
WORKGROUP NOTES**

**Tuesday, May 5, 2026**

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, Bateman Education Center, Chincoteague, Virginia  
1030-1130

- The SRC workgroup is looking for active members and cochairs.
- Objectives for 2026 – develop and refine procedures and protocols for dispersal use within Region 3 to replace the previous MOU.
- Next steps?
  - Updated documents regarding dispersants and preauthorization exist. Something to keep in mind during the TTEX.
  - There are several existing documents which should be reviewed, particularly their protocols.
    - There are additional documents in the RCP that need to be added to the workgroups.
      - R3 SMART Protocols and other items.
- Kelly reads out completed goals of workgroup. Ask about next steps and active members.
  - Elisha recommends reviewing documents in ensuring they are accurate, Surface Washing Agent Protocol, Solidifiers, Bioremediation
    - Kevin Gaynor has pending items to pass to new co-chairs.
    - Kevin Clark, John Nelson, Elisha Cook, Ben (DE), Tracy (OSHA), ARSANCO representative missed name, Beth volunteers someone from her Petroleum agency, Jeff.
    - Kevin volunteers to be co-chair as well as Elisha (temporarily)
- Plan to get 2027 work plan.
- Application of dispersion – environmental impacts have some holes.
  - Elisha – states new products are less toxic than used in the past.
  - Ben – not a lot of data. Need reassurance to be able to present this to fish and wildlife, etc. Who has authority? Needs pushed to NRT, RRT does not have ability.
  - Provide some information to water people preemptively. No pre-authorization though.
- Meeting concluded at 11:30.

<b>Meeting Attendance Roster</b>	
Attendee Name	Attendee Organization
Anderson, Ben	DE DNREC
Banda, Jo Ann	DOI - FWS
Bartos, Myles	US EPA
Ciani, Lydia	START – Tetra Tech
Clark, Kevin	USEPA
Cook, Elisha	USCG D5
Csulak, Frank	NOAA
Delean, Blair	NOAA
Donahue, Geoffrey	MDE
Gaynor, Kevin	USEPA
Lohman, Elizabeth	VADEQ
Martin, Josie	USEPA
Muse, Katlyn	Tri-State Bird Rescue
Nelson, John	DOI
Nilsen, Ashley	US EPA
Nunez, Candice	USACE
Sarah Shaeffer	US FWS
Smith, Jessie	START – Tetra Tech
Slutter, Jessica	Tri-State Bird Rescue
Tarpley, John	NOAA
Thorkilson, Kelly	USCG
Towle, Michael	US EPA
Townsend, Tracy	OSHA
Wright, Brad	WVDEP