Regional Response Team 10 Meeting

Fall 2026

September 23, 2026

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. MT

Joe R. Williams Building, Western White Pine Room, 700 W. State Street, Boise, Idaho

Attendees

Sign-in sheets can be viewed here.

9:00 - 9:20 | Welcome and Introductions — RRT10 Co-Chairs

The co-chairs and coordinators welcomed participants and reviewed meeting procedures. Idaho Office of Emergency Management was thanked for arranging the meeting room and refreshments.

9:20 - 10:30 | RRT Member/Agency Roll Call and Updates — RRT10 Member Agency Representatives

- **U.S. Coast Guard,** Brian Meier and Lieutenant John "Austin" Newcomer, reported that Rear Admiral Mike Campbell has assumed command of Coast Guard District Northwest; Captain Tim List is the new Chief of Response; Captain Kelly Higgins is the new Chief of Incident Management and Meier's direct supervisor; and Newcomer is the new District Response Advisory Team supervisor. The USCG RRT Coordinator position remains vacant, and Newcomer currently fills the role. The National Response Team meeting, postponed in 2025 and 2026, has been rescheduled for the week of January 11, 2027; members should send proposed national-level topics to Tom Vroman, Austin Newcomer, or Lori Muller. USCG signed a new CANUSPAC Annex on April 15, 2026. Sector Columbia River and Sector Puget Sound both anticipate signing their respective coastal ACPs in October 2026.
- **Makah Tribe**, Nika Hoffman, Environmental Policy Analyst Consultant in the Environmental Division, described the Environmental Division and the Office of Marine Affairs' role in protecting water resources from oil pollution. She reported on an abandoned-derelict-vessel removal effort in and around the reservation marina, addressing approximately 25 vessels. Makah recently attended the CANUSPAC drill in Bellingham, WA, supporting the Indigenous Caucus during the drill. The tribe is working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to organize an NRDA workshop; participating in the Strait Ecosystem Recovery Network; funding a preparedness drill and additional local work following a Leadership Council briefing on regional oil-pollution risks and response challenges; and working with the NRC to improve reporting.
- **EPA Region 10**, Lori Muller, reported that the Regionwide Planning Committee and Northwest Inland Area Committee have adjudicated public comments and are preparing to finalize the Northwest RCP and Northwest Inland Area Contingency Plan (NWIACP). EPA staffing has stabilized and the region has focused on responding to wildfires in the Spokane, WA area.
- **Washington Department of Ecology**, Carlos Clements, reported that spill-response-plan rulemaking under WAC 173-182 and 173-186 is expected to remain in development through spring 2027, with adoption anticipated in fall 2027. He also announced a large-equipment deployment exercise will be held on October 7, 2026, at Sacajawea State Park in Pasco, WA.

- **Oregon Department of Environmental Quality**, Kyrion Gray, reported that ODEQ Emergency Response Manager Wes Risher retired August 1, 2026, after approximately 37 years; an interim manager is expected to serve at least through February 6, 2027. Temporary duty-officer, high-hazard-rail, and limited-duration GIS support positions will be filled. Southern Oregon Coast GRPs are open for public comment through October 12, 2026. A Marathon worst-case-discharge drill is scheduled for September 30, 2026, in eastern Oregon, with Scott Smith identified as the point of contact.
- **Idaho Office of Emergency Management**, Sarah Cerda, Hazmat and Special Teams Program Manager, reported changes to Idaho's regional hazardous materials response teams. After the previous team could no longer provide coverage, Spokane Fire Department officially began serving Idaho Region 1 on June 18, 2026. Spokane joined as a Type 2 team, covering Idaho's five northern counties and providing support to five additional counties during large-scale responses. Idaho also added a team in Twin Falls, bringing the statewide total to seven regional response teams. The legislature provided funding to upgrade team equipment, and procurement and training were underway to standardize equipment so multiple teams could work together seamlessly during a response.
- **Idaho Department of Environmental Quality**, Dean Ehlert, reported the anticipated departure of longtime Pocatello-based environmental liaison Doug Tanner. The agency worked to preserve institutional knowledge and maintain environmental-liaison coverage during the transition. IDEQ is also updating GRPs over the next two months and is working with IOEM to support response capabilities to hazmat incidents.
- **U.S. Navy**, Dani Wood, reported that the Navy was hiring for the Navy Region Northwest OSC position, can conducting the five-year update of its Regional Integrated Contingency Plan, which was expected to be completed within approximately one year. The Navy is also planning a 2027 worst-case-discharge exercise at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island.
- **Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety**, Eddie Murphy, Emergency Response Liaison, announced Department of Transportation sponsorship of Transportation Rail Incident Preparedness and Response (TRIPR) training at the HAMMER Federal Training Center in Richland, WA, on November 4, 2026. The training was scheduled with the Washington SERC Energy and Hazmat Safety Workshop on November 5–7, 2026. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant awards are expected by September 30, 2026, with no anticipated reduction for recipients in good standing, and are offered to support the CANUSPAC workgroup.
- **Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**, Rhonda Kaetzel, reported that ATSDR staffing was further reduced because personnel had been deployed to support Ebola response activities, but the agency continued supporting the Northwest and Alaska RRTs and state health departments with emergency toxicology expertise. She highlighted lessons from a Public Health—Seattle & King County exercise, including the importance of notifying poison control centers, understanding their role in tracking exposure-related calls and assisting affected individuals, and assessing hospital capacity during a large emergency. As a liaison to other federal health agencies, she can also coordinate additional support, including from the Food and Drug Administration and other HHS partners, when needed.
- **U.S. Department of Commerce**, Hannah Johnson, introduced herself as a new Northwest Regional Response Officer and reported that Commander Aaron Maggied was expected to join the meeting later.
- **U.S. Department of the Interior**, Allison Hall, reported a reassignment affecting approximately 25 Senior Executive Service members. Laura Fleming was serving as acting office director and National Response Team representative in place of former office director Steve Tryon while the department selected a permanent director.
- **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**, Matt Parry and Matt Chang, described regional oil-spill-response and environmental-contaminant support, including added capacity in southeast Idaho.

- **U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service**, Karen Bower, reported that she would remain the Region 6 acting regional environmental engineer and RRT representative while the agency awaited reorganization.
- **FEMA,** Tamra Schkolovyi, introduced herself as FEMA Region 10's Deputy Response Division Director and identified Scott Zaffram as the Response Division Director. Both assumed their roles during FEMA's 2025 reorganization, and Schkolovyi said she expected to participate more regularly in future RRT meetings. She reported that FEMA Region 10 had managed three major disasters during the preceding 18 months, including the recent Spokane wildfires. She also noted that the newly Senate-confirmed FEMA Administrator, Mr. Hamilton, was prioritizing catastrophic planning and consequence management. In support of those priorities, FEMA expects to undertake civil-defense-type planning initiatives and strengthen support to states and Tribes during catastrophic events.
- **General Services Administration**, Kandice Petorak, attended for Chris Craft, who remained the agency point of contact, and reported no additional update.
- **Oregon Dept. of Emergency Management,** Chris Pete, reported that ODEM recently stood up the Oregon Emergency Communication and Coordination Center, known as the Watch Center, which is the 24-hour center previously led by the Oregon State Police Department.

10:30 - 10:40 | Break

10:40 - 11:10 | Subcommittee and Task Force Report Outs

Regionwide Planning Committee — Tom Vroman (U.S. EPA Region 10) and Erica Bates (Washington Department of Ecology)

- Tom Vroman, Erica Bates, and other committee participants reported that narrative plan content has been converted into responder-focused tools, including job aids, guidance documents, a rail annex, and first responder resources. The RRT10 website maintains current materials, and users were advised to rely on the website's current links while the planning transition continues.
- Tom Vroman reported that the Regional Contingency Plan restructure is nearing completion after public review and comment adjudication. Remaining adjudication, formatting, and related changes are expected by the end of the week (September 25, 2026), followed by review by agency and Tribal principals the next week (September 28–October 2, 2026). Erica Bates explained that the group will follow a five-year maintenance cycle, with portions reviewed annually and substantive changes returned for public comment.
- Participants discussed maintaining a systematic plan-update process that incorporates lessons learned from responses and exercises. The committee identified the next meeting for October 8, 2026.
- The present RRT members discussed broadening participation in the Regionwide Planning Committee after completion of the plan-rewrite phase.

Geographic Response Plan Subcommittee — Don Pettit (Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality) and Darcy Bird (Washington Department of Ecology)

- No formal subcommittee meetings have occurred since the previous RRT meeting, allowing members to focus on Regional and Area Contingency Plan work and ongoing GRP development. The subcommittee expected to regroup and resume its work in 2027.
- Oregon GRPs under development included the South, Central, and North Oregon Coast plans and the Snake River and Umatilla River high-hazard rail plans. The South Oregon Coast GRP was in public review.
- Idaho is nearing completion of the Snake River GRP.

- Washington reported recent comprehensive GRP updates and additional plans currently under revision.

Tribal Engagement Subcommittee — Sarah Hardisty (Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians) and Allison Hall (U.S. Department of the Interior)

- The subcommittee summarized 2026 coordination activities, including an April 14, 2026, discussion of proposed Tribal Coordination Specialist language and revisions to the liaison manual, and a June 11, 2026, coffee-hour presentation on the roles and responsibilities of the Scientific Support Coordinator.
- Future work will include identifying opportunities for training or workshops in connection with RRT and Area Committee meetings and continuing special-topic coffee-hour sessions.

Exercise Subcommittee — Aaron Meadows-Hills (U.S. Coast Guard District 13) and Matt Bissell (Washington Department of Ecology)

- Aaron Meadows-Hills and Matt Bissell highlighted the Olympic Pipeline notification exercise, the September 2026 CANUSPAC exercise, and the Trans Mountain Worst-case-discharge notification exercise scheduled for October 29, 2026. RRT members should to expect text, telephone, and email alerts followed by an EPA informational email. They also described plans for annual and triennial reports covering the region's approximately 100 drills per year, with the first annual report targeted for early 2027. Future work will include sharing program overviews, lessons learned, and best practices; identifying challenges and opportunities; and supporting communication priorities.

11:10 - 11:45 | Area Committee Report Outs

Sector Puget Sound Area Committee — Mike Rushane (Sector Puget Sound) and Karen Denny (Washington Dept. of Ecology)

- The Area Committee completed planned revisions to its Area Contingency Plan and continued adjudication of public comments. The Area Committee referred comments outside the workgroup scope for regional consideration.
- Current initiatives include implementation of robotics capabilities and preparation for the November 5, 2026 Area Committee meeting in Shoreline, Washington.
- Recent response summaries included the M/V Haida Chief and F/V New St Joseph, and M/V incidents. The presentations emphasized response coordination, removal of petroleum products, and use of federal funding authorities where responsible-party actions were insufficient.

Sector Columbia River Area Committee — Jon Alexander (Sector Columbia River) and Karen Denny (Washington Dept. of Ecology)

- The Area Contingency Plan underwent public review; more than 130 comments were adjudicated, and the plan is nearing promulgation. The next Area Committee meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2026 in Portland, OR.
- The Port of Astoria response involved approximately 500 gallons of heavy fuel oil discharged from abandoned piping beneath Pier 2. Response actions included recovery, removal of a disconnected pipe section, installation of a flange, shoreline assessment, and manual cleaning of affected pilings. Identification of potentially responsible parties remained ongoing.
- The S/V Sorrisa response at Willamette Cove involved a partially submerged derelict vessel and removal of approximately 40 gallons of petroleum products. Lessons learned included responder safety, anti-puncture personal protective equipment, and coordination with law enforcement.

Northwest Inland Area Committee — Tom Vroman (EPA Region 10)

- Tom Vroman is serving as the backup representative for Inland Area Committee Chair Randy Nattis.

- The new Northwest Inland Area Contingency Plan was complete and moving through review and public-comment adjudication. The next Area Committee meeting was planned for April 2027 in Portland, Oregon.
- The Centennial Mills response included air monitoring and sampling, bulk debris sampling, X-ray fluorescence screening and laboratory analysis for lead, and a debris survey. Air monitoring indicated no public asbestos exposure risk; controlled demolition occurred August 17 and 18, 2026.

There will be a fast water booming drill in Idaho in Spring 2027.

- Washington State contingency-plan rulemaking remains underway, with implementation expected in about one year.

11:45 - 1:15 | Lunch

1:15 - 1:45 | National Pollution Fund Center — Greg Buie (U.S. Coast Guard National Pollution Funds Center); Stephanie Wenning (U.S. EPA Region 10)

- Greg Buie of the U.S. Coast Guard National Pollution Fund Center provided an overview of administration of the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, federal project funding, claims, cost recovery, Certificates of Financial Responsibility, and Coast Guard management of CERCLA funding. Stephanie Wenning also reported that EPA and the Coast Guard have signed a memorandum transferring the Pollution Removal Funding Authorization process for EPA-led oil responses to EPA, with implementation targeted around October 1, 2026, and federal-to-federal accounting details still being resolved.
- Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund funding may support response Phases II through IV but does not fund Phase I discovery or notification activities.
- The presentation reviewed substantial-threat determinations, responsible-party identification, Pollution Removal Funding Authorizations, direct and indirect costs, ceiling management, claims, Natural Resource Damage Assessment documentation, and case-package requirements.
- Speakers emphasized early and defensible identification of responsible parties, complete documentation of Federal On-Scene Coordinator decisions, timely situation reporting, and coordination with NPFC case officers.
- Questions addressed federal authority for removing petroleum from vessels that pose a substantial threat, availability and carryover of funding, response documentation, and cost recovery. The presenter noted that cost recovery varies by case.

2:15 - 2:25 | Break

2:25 - 3:15 | Hanford Waste Movement — Ricky Bang (U.S. Department of Energy Hanford Field Office)

- Ricky Bang of the U.S. Department of Energy Hanford Field Office presented information on current Effluent Management Facility evaporator-concentrate shipments and the proposed dual-path Hanford tank-waste treatment strategy, and discussed radioactivity, physical form, long-term storage, disposal controls, transportation, and emergency-response resources.
- The shipped material is not untreated Hanford tank waste. It is a secondary byproduct from the vitrification process after tank-side cesium removal, which removes 99.9 percent of the radioactivity.
- The material is packaged in sealed metal containers and transported by licensed commercial carriers in accordance with U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Transportation, and disposal-facility requirements.
- The planned Oregon route enters on Interstate 82 at Umatilla, connects to Interstate 84, and exits Oregon near Ontario. States receive advance notification, and the carrier maintains emergency-response procedures.

- Ricky Bang reported that approximately 12,000 gallons had been sent to Perma-Fix Northwest in Richland, Washington, and about 7,500 gallons had subsequently been shipped to EnergySolutions in Clive, Utah, since July 2026. Each sealed IP-1 intermodal container held approximately 1.8 curies of low-level material. One or two shipments had occurred during the preceding two months, with activity expected to increase toward approximately four shipments per month. Current shipments use licensed commercial trucks; rail had not been proposed for the current program.
- The presentation also described vitrification for on-site disposal and grout treatment for out-of-state disposal. Different radionuclides decay at different rates, and disposal controls are based on the characteristics and half-lives of the waste.
- The Department of Energy Radiological Assistance Program can support responder training and emergency response. Training information will be distributed to interested partners.

3:15 - 3:45 | Tools and Resources Spotlight: 96-Hour Plan — Don Pettit (Oregon Department of Environmental Quality) and Mike Rushane (U.S. Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound)

- Don Pettit and Mike Rushane presented the 96-Hour Plan as strategic guidance for leadership during a major, complex incident, generally a Type 1 or Type 2 event. Developed from lessons associated with the Cosco Busan response and later expanded following the Mosier train incident, the tool helps leaders ask the right questions, engage partners, refer to applicable plans, set priorities, and establish operational momentum and interagency coordination.
- The plan is not a tactical checklist, Incident Action Plan, replacement for the Incident Command System or Planning P, or a rigid schedule. It ha checkpoints at approximately 2, 3, 5, 10, 24, 48, and 96 hours; presenters also gave examples of identifying Unified Command participants by about 2 hours and holding an initial coordination meeting by about 4 hours are planning expectations rather than enforceable deadlines.
- Milestones correspond to the development of the response organization, from early actions before Unified Command is formed through sustained operations at 24, 48, and 96 hours. The plan is available in PDF and spreadsheet formats through the RRT10 website under Tools and Resources. The spreadsheet can be filtered by response time or ICS position and includes linked templates and guidance for notifications, ICS forms, safety planning, resource tracking, communications, and other response tasks.
- The notification component reflects lessons from prior incidents and identifies connections to federal, state, Tribal, local, public-health, law-enforcement, fire, port, and other partners.
- Participants said that a different regional response tool or resource would be highlighted at future RRT meetings as a new feature. Because planning updates had moved or outdated some links, users were advised to access materials from the current RRT10 website and send broken, obsolete, or regionally irrelevant links to Erica Bates for correction.

3:45 - 4:15 | Open Comment

No public comments were received.

4:15 - 4:30 | Final Comments and Closing Remarks

- Leadership recommended allowing the newly completed plans to become established before shifting attention to governance, charters, membership, meeting effectiveness, and long-term plan maintenance.
- Future plan maintenance should incorporate lessons learned from actual responses and exercises so that updates can be made systematically and in a timely manner.
- The next RRT10 meeting was announced for March 10, 2027, in conjunction with Sector Puget Sound.
- Meeting notes will be posted on the regional website.

Summary of Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

Date or Timeframe	Activity or Deadline
October 6, 2026	Sector Columbia River Area Committee Meeting
November 5, 2026	Sector Puget Sound Area Committee Meeting
January 11, 2027	National Response Team Meeting
March 9, 2027	Sector Puget Sound Area Committee Meeting
March 10, 2027	RRT10 Meeting
April 2027	Northwest Inland Area Committee Meeting

End Meeting

Regional Response Team 10 Meeting

September 23, 2026

MEETING PURPOSE AND “RULES”

- This is a business meeting of the **RRT**

- Items discussed that are the responsibility or content of the Area Committees will be **referred to appropriate Area Committee** and not included in the meeting discussion, except for how the RRT can provide support, if requested/needed

- As time allows, questions may be taken outside of agenda topics. Please type questions in the Chat box

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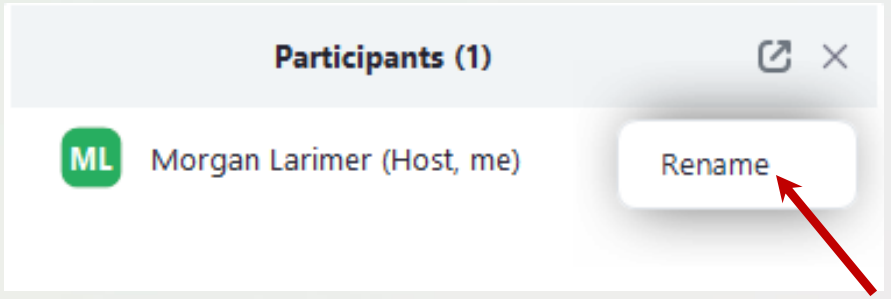


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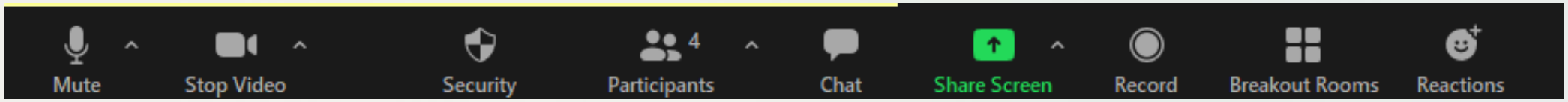




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ZOOM TIPS: RAISE HAND AND CHAT



RRT Members & Representatives, raise your hand to speak or enter question/comment in chat.

Chat

Find “Raise Hand” Under Reactions

Please use “Everyone” Chat when asking or responding to questions or making general comments/requests during this meeting.

MORNING AGENDA

9:00	WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
9:20	RRT MEMBER/AGENCY ROLL CALL & UPDATE
	10:30-10:45 BREAK
10:40	SUBCOMMITTEE/TASK FORCE REPORT OUTS
11:10	AREA COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS
11:45	LUNCH (UNTIL 1:15)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

MEMBER/AGENCY ROLL CALL

RRT Coordinators will facilitate RRT member/agency roll call. When called, please provide a brief update.

- CGD-NW
- EPA R10
- Makah Tribe
- Cowlitz
- CTCLUSI
- Yakama Nation
- WA Ecology
- ODEQ
- IOEM/IDEQ
- Dept of Defense
- Dept of Energy
- Dept of State
- Dept of Justice
- Dept of Health and Human Services
- Dept of Labor/OSHA
- Dept of Commerce/NOAA
- Dept of Interior
- Dept of Transportation
- Dept of Agriculture
- FEMA
- US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- General Services Administration

For other attendees, please sign in online using the QR code.

Subcommittee and Task Force Report Outs

Regionwide Planning Committee Report Out







Agenda

- Review RWPC Purpose and Membership
- Review Meeting Schedule
- Tools and Resources Updates
- Progress Update: RCP

Regionwide Planning Committee Purpose

- Ensure coordination of planning across area and regional levels.
- Ensure consistency between plans and promote awareness of projects, upcoming meetings, and working groups at every planning level.
- Hold Monthly RWPC Meetings
- Review ACP changes to ensure consistency among ACPs.
- Outreach: announcement emails
- Recommending and coordinating website updates
- Determine structure and draft RCP
- Create Regional Response Team agendas for RRT10 Co-Chairs

Overall: Interagency coordination of planning efforts

Regionwide Planning Committee Members

RRT10 Coordinators

- **EPA:** Tom Vroman
- **USCG Northwest District:** Austin Newcomer

Planners

- WA ECY
- IOEM
- IDEQ
- OR DEQ
- Makah
- CTCLUSI
- Cowlitz
- Sector Puget Sound Area Committee
- Sector Columbia River Area Committee
- Northwest Inland Area Committee

Meeting Schedule

Month	Meeting	Location
Monthly	Region-Wide Planning Committee	Virtual
March	Sector Columbia River Area Committee Meeting* Area and Regional Leadership Meeting* RRT10 Meeting*	Astoria, OR
April	Northwest Inland Area Committee Meeting	Portland, OR
May	Sector Puget Sound Area Committee Meeting	Seattle, WA
September	Northwest Inland Area Committee Meeting* Area and Regional Leadership Meeting* RRT10 Meeting*	Boise, ID
October	Sector Columbia River Area Committee Meeting	Portland, OR
November	Sector Puget Sound Area Committee Meeting	Shoreline, WA
December	Joint Area Committees Meeting	Virtual

Notes:
- * implies co-located meeting
- Additional Area Committee Meetings and RRT meetings may be held as desired
- Additional information can be found at:

www.rrt10nwac.com

Tools and Resources Updates

- Converted narrative plan content into response tools, improving usability and accessibility for responders.
- New Tools:
  - Environmental Unit Job Aid
  - Geographic Response Plans Guidance
  - Statutory Guidance Tool
  - Volunteer Guidance Tool
  - Operations Section Job Aid
  - Rail Annex
  - Safety Officer Job Aid
  - Operations Section Dispersant Guidance Tool
  - First Responder Guidelines and Checklist

RCP Restructure Project

- The RWPC conducted a comprehensive review of all sections of the NWACP.
- During these working sessions, the team evaluated the appropriate planning level for each element, determining whether content should be addressed at the regional level, area level, or both.
- The draft plan was released for public comment and submitted comments are currently being reviewed and adjudicated. Thank you to everyone who contributed feedback and recommendations.



Questions?

GRP Subcommittee Report

GRP Strategies & Plans

Strategy Feedback/Update

Don J Pettit, RG
Senior Emergency Response Planner
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

DEQ
State of Oregon
Emergency
Response

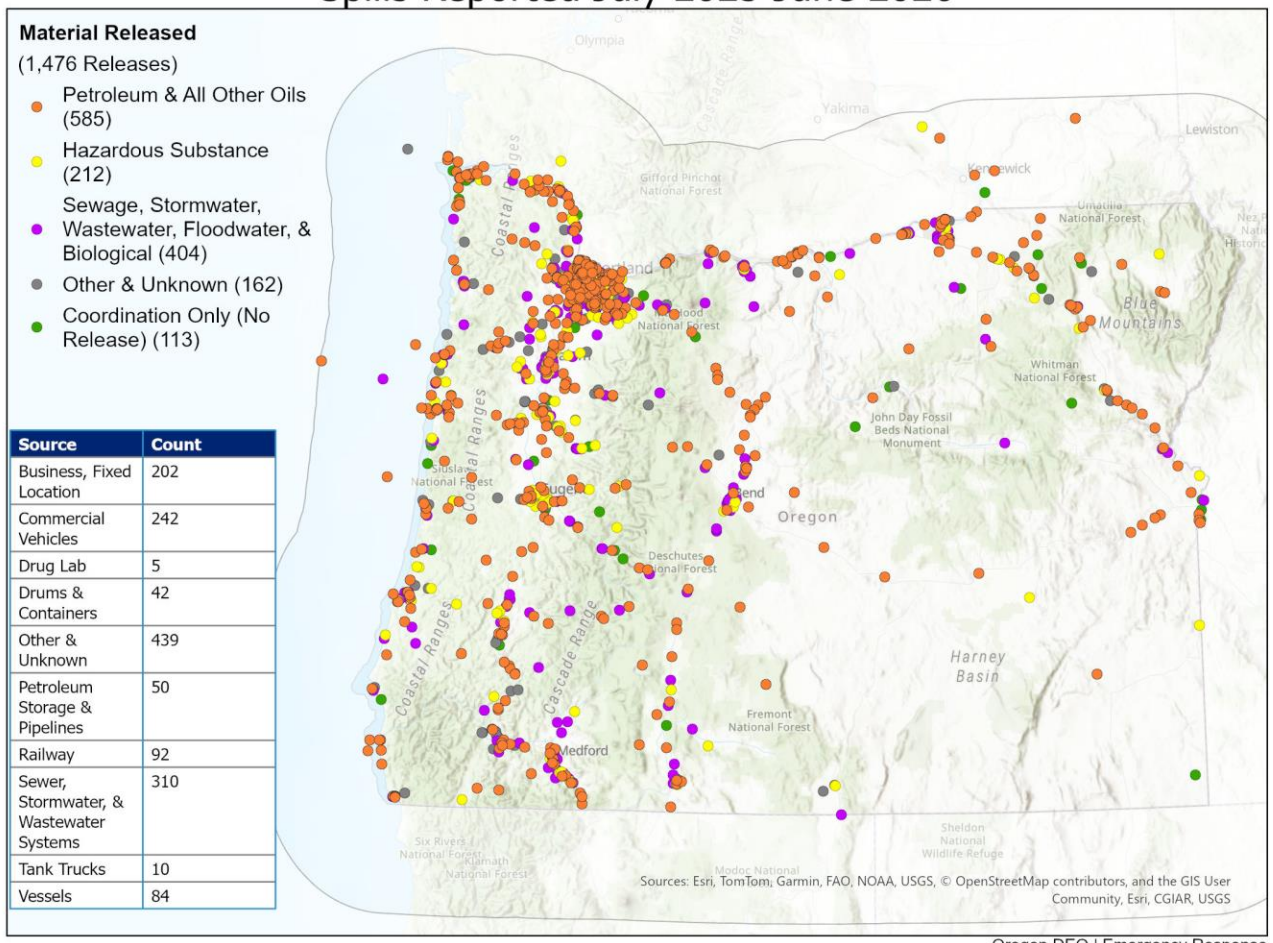
GRP Subcommittee Work Since Last RRT Meeting…

- No GRP Subcommittee Meetings/Work
- Allowed time for RCP/ACPs work and continued work on GRPs

- Will give brief update on GRPs under prep or revision in OR/WA

Alignment of GRP Development with Oregon's Spill Trends

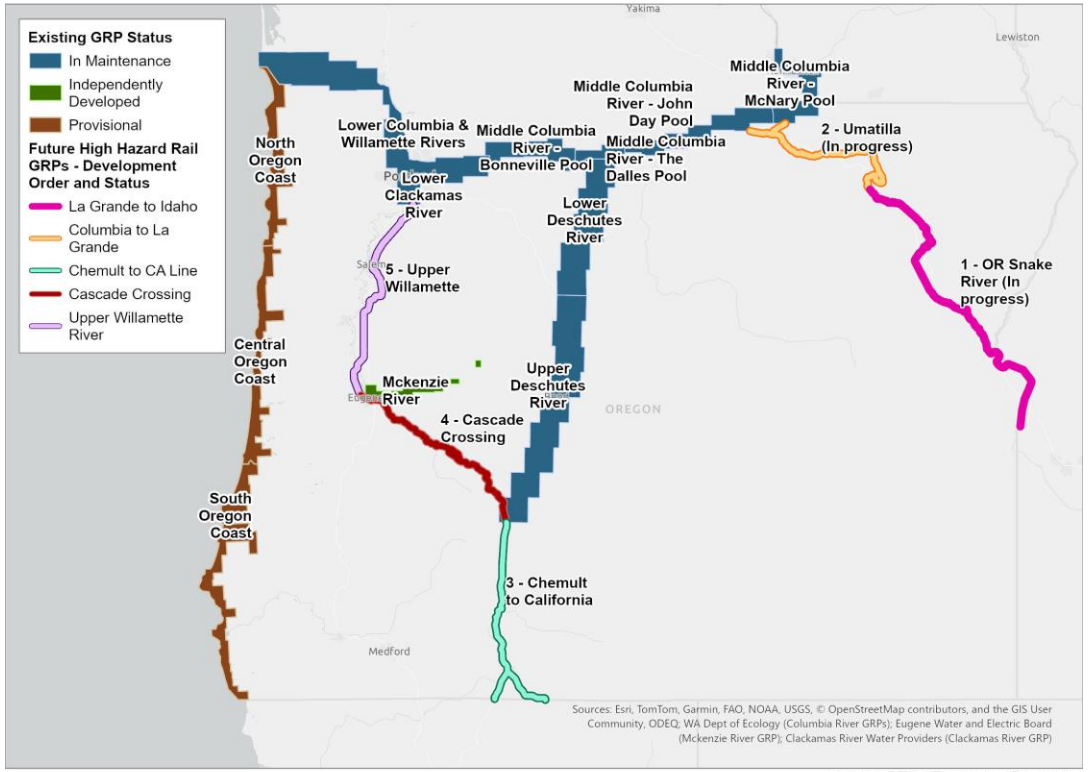
Spills Reported July 2025-June 2026



Source	Count
Business, Fixed Location	202
Commercial Vehicles	242
Drug Lab	5
Drums & Containers	42
Other & Unknown	439
Petroleum Storage & Pipelines	50
Railway	92
Sewer, Stormwater, & Wastewater Systems	310
Tank Trucks	10
Vessels	84

Oregon DEQ | Emergency Response

Oregon GRP Status (August 2026)



Oregon DEQ | Emergency Response

OR GRPs Under Development:

- South Oregon Coast (in public comment period)
- Central Oregon Coast
- North Oregon Coast

- Snake River HHR
- Umatilla River HHR

ID GRPs Under Development:

- Snake River GRP (nearing final)
- Identifying potential future GRP development & updates

WA GRP Updates:

WA GRPs that have undergone recent comprehensive updates:

- Admiralty Inlet 07/01/2026
- Stillaguamish 01/05/2026
- Green River/Duwamish 07/01/2025
- Middle Columbia River McNary Pool 07/01/2025
- Snake River Lower Granite Pool 07/01/2025
- Snake River Little Goose Pool 04/01/2025

WA GRPs being updated now:

- Lower Skagit River
- Middle Columbia River John Day Pool
- Middle Columbia River The Dalles Pool
- Nisqually River
- Nooksack River
- Outer Coast
- Puyallup-White Rivers
- Samish River
- South Puget Sound
- Sumas

Region 10 Regional Response Team Subcommittee/Task Force Report Outs :

Tribal Engagement Subcommittee
September 23, 2026

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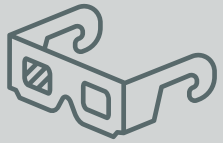
Key Events and Activities



4/14/26 Tribal Coordination Specialist Discussion, Proposed revisions to the TCS language in the Liaison Manual



6/11/26 Scientific Support Coordinator Coffee Hour



Looking Forward



Identify opportunities to hold trainings/workshops in connection with RRT/AC meetings



Continue to schedule Coffee Hour sessions focused on special topics

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Area Committee Reports



Sector Puget Sound Area Committee

Report to RRT10

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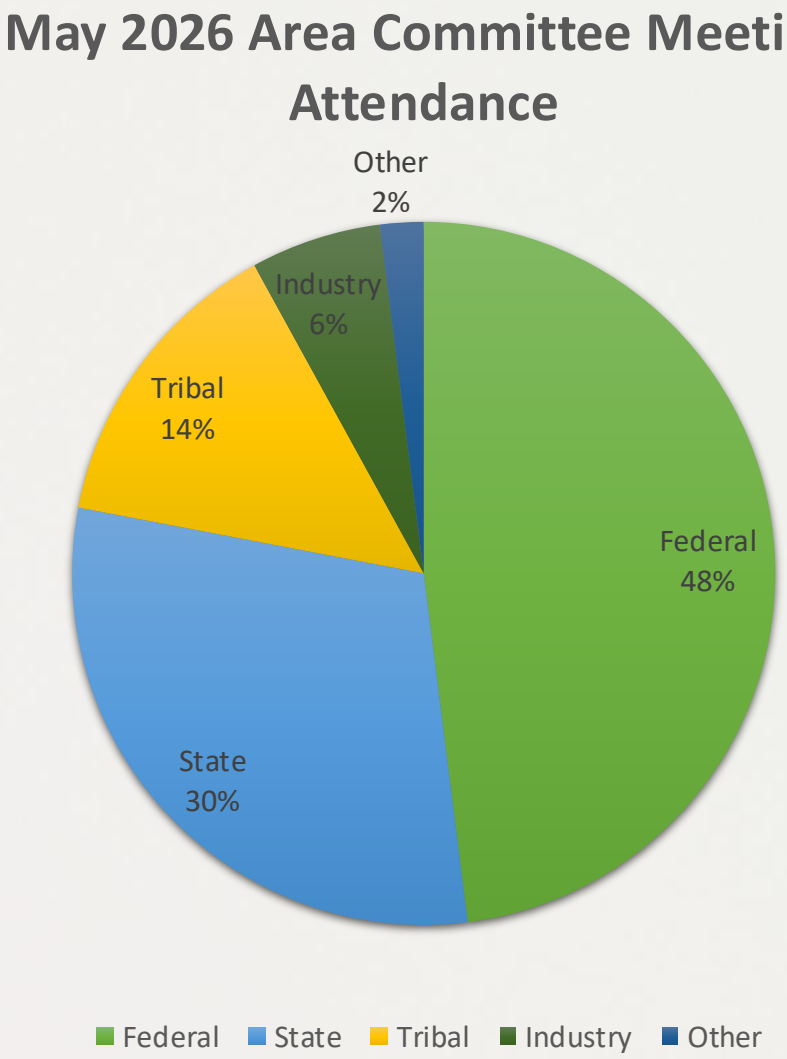




Area Committee Update

Notable Initiatives

- FOSC – CAPT Michael Hunt
- ACP review and adjudication of public comments
- Robotics Program Implementation
- Area Committee Meeting at ECY Northwest Regional Office (Shoreline) - November 5, 2026



Area Committee and Contingency Plan Update

- **Current Version 2026.0**
- **Administrative:**
  - Tug Dominion Panel
- **Plan Updates:**
  - Planned revisions completed
  - Finalization of ACP

M/V HAIDA CHIEF

Fisherman's Terminal, 10-13JUL26

- Involved Agencies
  - SPS IMD & DMI, GDS, Port of Seattle, WA Ecology.
- Response
  - Vessel suffered engine casualty in Ballard Locks. Towed Back to Fisherman's Terminal
  - 2200-gallon capacity; 2000 gallons reported on board
  - COTP Order 20-26 issued
- Recovery
  - GDS recovered 12,700 gallons of diesel/oily waste under USCG ATP. GDS recovered a further 16,900 gallons while under contract with owner's insurance, totaling 29,600
- LOW
- COTP Order 20-26 still in effect.



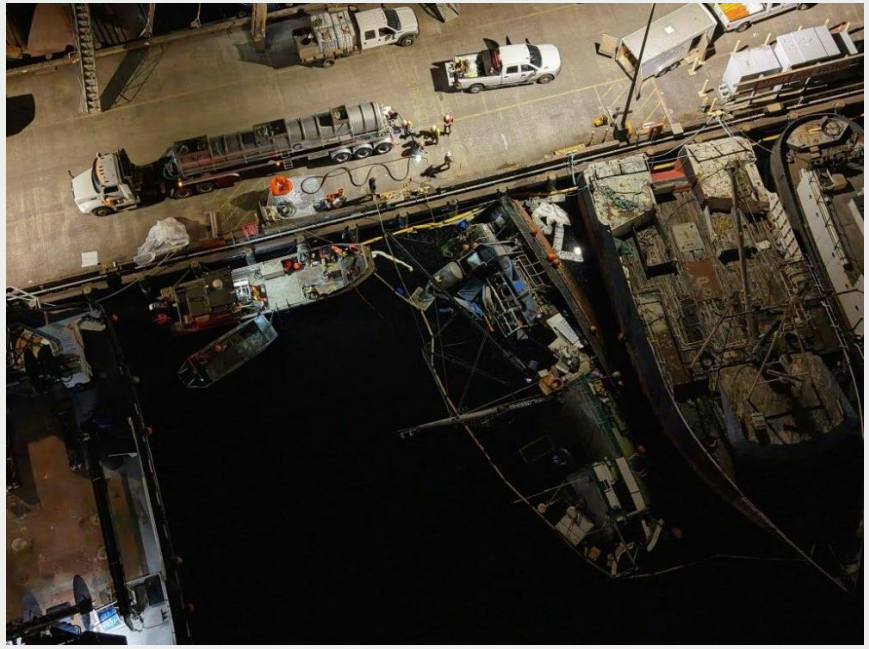
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F/V NEW ST JOSEPH

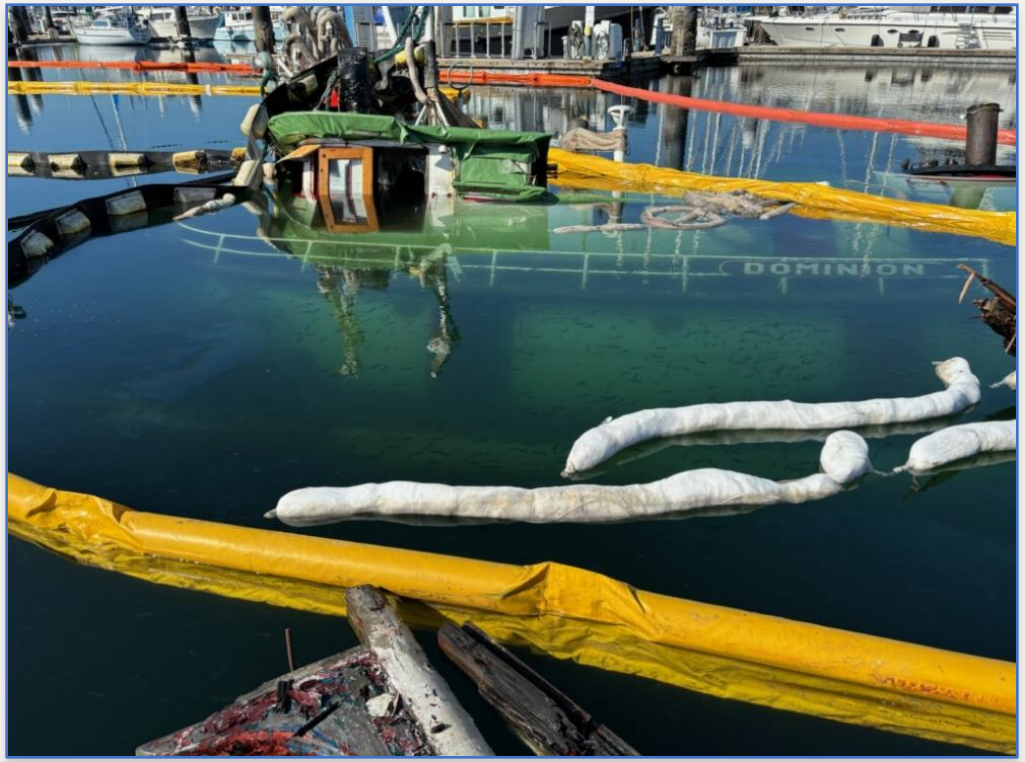
Fisherman's Terminal 06AUG – 26AUG 2026

- Involved Agencies
  - SPS IMD
  - WA ECY
  - Global Diving and Salvage
  - GrayMar Environmental Services
- Response
  - 600 gallons onboard, 760 max capacity
  - Estimated 70-100 gals discharged
  - Discharge due to compromised fuel tank and unsecured oil cans.
- Recovery
  - 8000 gals oil water, approx. 600 gal diesel and 30 gal engine oil
- NOV
- No further actions pending.





Upcoming Exercises:



- 24 SEP: BP – Olympic Pipeline GRP DPX
- 25 SEP: Washington Marine Cleaning Mobile TTX
- 30 SEP: Andeavor Logistics WCD
- 01 OCT: Shell Pipeline DPX
- 07 OCT: Large Scale Equipment Deployment Exercise
- 08 OCT: Tacoma Rail TTX/DPX
- 19 OCT: Maxum Petroleum DPX
- 22 OCT: Phillips 66 Refinery TTX
- 29 OCT: Trans Mountain WCD
- 30 OCT: BP Cherry Point DPX
- 03 NOV: Union Pacific Railroad DPX
- 03 NOV: Kinder Morgan Liquids Terminal TTX
- 05 NOV: Sector Puget Sound AC Meeting
- 10 NOV: Tyree Oil Mobile TTX
- 13 NOV: Centerline Logistics WCD
- 18 NOV: Great Northwest Railroad TTX
- 19 NOV: Maxum Petroleum WCD
- 10 DEC: TransMountain DPX

Needs Requiring RRT10 Support

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- Policy comments pushed to RRT10

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Sector Columbia River Area Committee

Report to RRT10

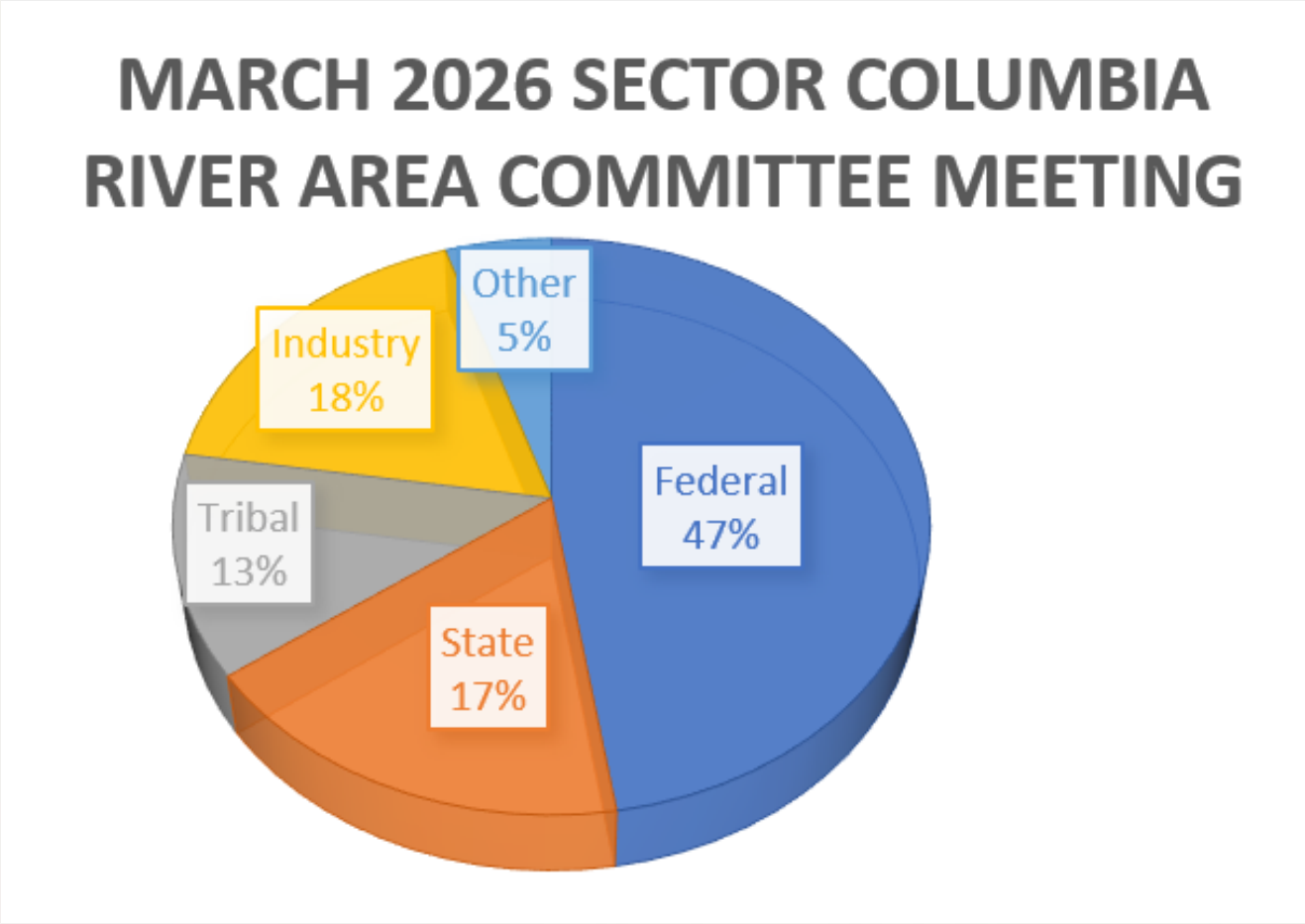
- **September 23, 2026**

Area Committee Update



Notable Initiatives

- The area contingency plan (ACP) underwent Public Review. The Workgroup adjudicated 130+ comments.
- ACP is now complete and nearing promulgation.
- Area Committee meeting hosted by Sector Columbia River on-base – 06 Oct 2026.



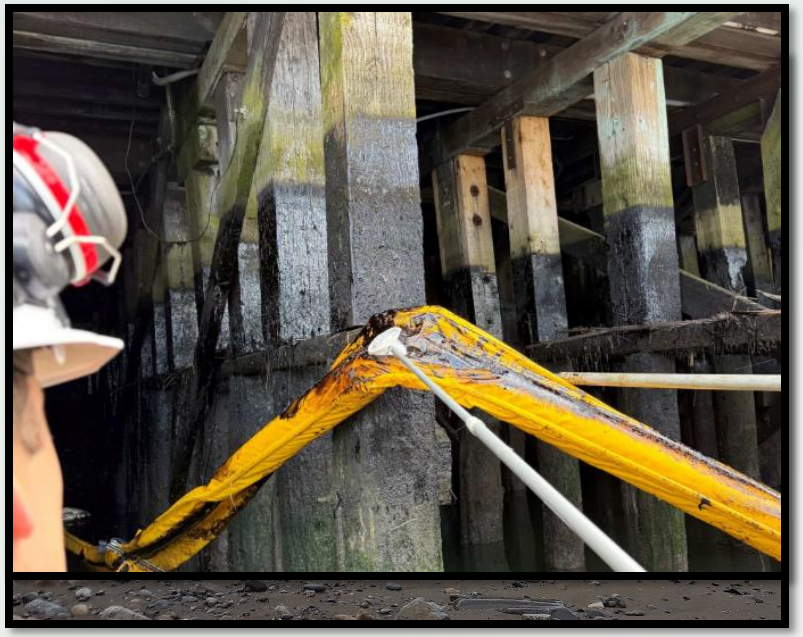
Area Committee and Contingency Plan Update

Administrative:

- Presentation regarding Alternative Fuel risks and challenges presented by Jim Elliot from TNT Salvage.
- Presented on Response Planning Timeframes for Salvage and Marine Firefighting.
- March AC Mtg Attendance: 40 attendees
- Plan has been reviewed and Final product will be presented at Oct Meeting.

Case Summary #1
Port of Astoria

- Pier 2, Astoria, OR 29MAY26
- USCG/DEQ
- Response Actions Summary:
  - **29MAY26** – A 30ft section of piping disconnect from abandoned piping under pier, discharging approximately 500 gallons of a heavy fuel oil.
  - Port of Astoria quickly hired OSRO to conduct recovery and assessment of the environmental damage. SCAT survey provided STRs for removal options and providing priorities to minimize impact to the Columbia River.
  - **01 JUN26** – In addition to oil recovery, the section of pipe was disconnected from the pier and floated across inlet and removed. A flange was installed to ensure no additional discharge and allow for future evacuation of the system.
  - With Interagency coordination, the Port remained open to allow Fishing vessel to offload catches. Pollution to vessels were mitigated by wrapping each vessel entry and departure with boom and conducting visual verifications.
  - 150 sections cross sections of pilings were manual scrubbed to removal oil utilizing sorbents and natural wave actions to remediate.
- Enforcement Actions-
  - Enforcement for discharge pending.
- Next Steps
  - All potential responsible parties are being identified as piping system has been in use by multiple parties with history of possible pier use dating back to 1900s-1993.



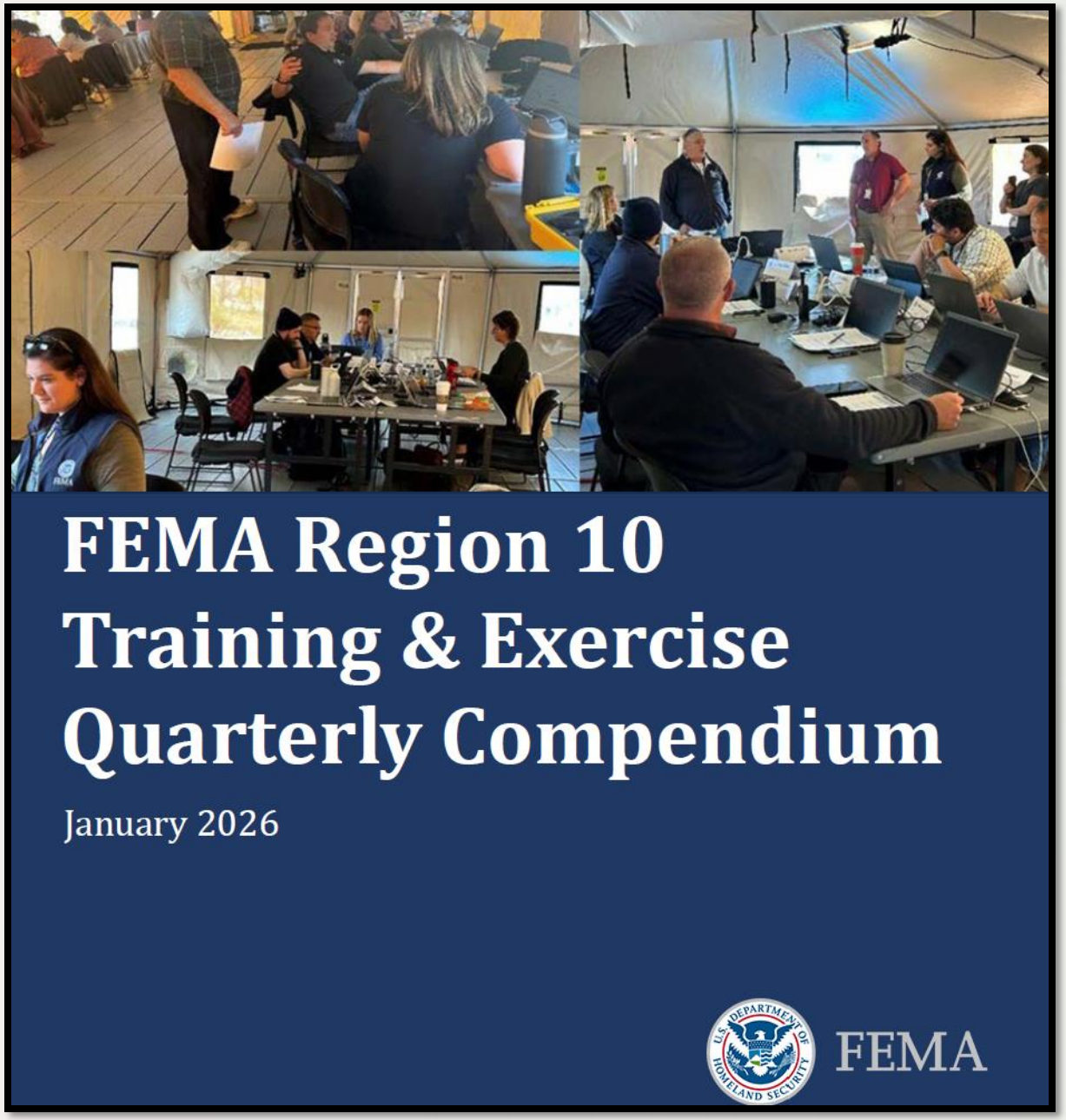


Case Summary #2
S/V SORRISA

- Willamette Cove, Portland, OR, 27JUL26
- USCG
- Response Actions Summary:
  - **27JUL26** – Assumed derelict vessel was found partially submerged in waterway, surrounded by sheen IMD personnel responded afterhours to assess vessel. An individual approached USCG personnel and began to harass the members, threatening safety.
  - **28JUL26** – USCG met with Police Dept. to provide security to continue assessment, where drug paraphernalia including needles were discovered.
  - FOSCR assumed responses with RP unable to address pollution concerns, and had warrant for arrest.
  - FOSCR hired BOA to conduct removal with anti-puncture PPE, removing an estimated 40 gallons of oil products.
- Enforcement Actions-
  - Enforcement and possible cost recovery by NPFC pends.
- Next Steps
  - Lessons learned regarding needle protection and drug exposure during removal operations when responding to derelict/abandoned vessel in AOR.







Special Announcements:

- Upcoming Exercises:
  - 10/7/26- Large Scale Equipment Deployment Exercise at confluence of Columbia and Snake River
  - 10/14/26- OR Dept. Of Emergency Management Statewide Tabletop Drill
  - 10/27/26- OR-WA Lower Columbia River Golden Mussel
  - 12/9/26- REG Grays Harbor Tabletop Exercise.



Needs Requiring RRT10 Support

- Guidance needed on regional policy for dispersant use and non-floating oil response.
- Continued support for discussion on topics/concerns from public comments.

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Northwest Inland Area Committee Report

Report to RRT10

September 23, 2026

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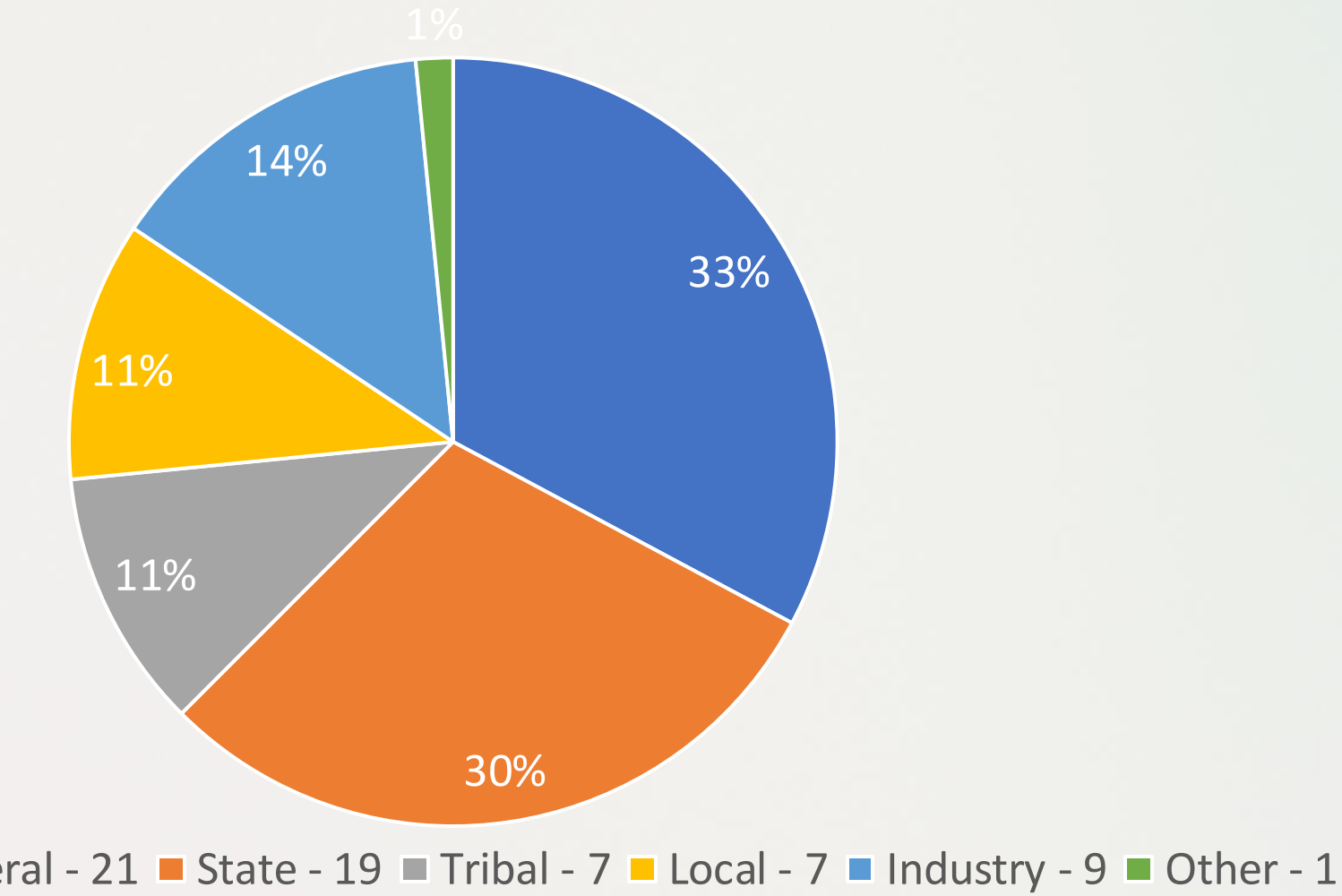
Area Committee Update



Notable Initiatives

- Completed the new NWIACP
- ACP review and adjudication of public comments
- Next AC Meeting April 2027; Location TBD

Area Committee Meeting Attendance



Last meeting Information:

- **April 29, 2026**
- **Portland, OR**
- **64 attendees:**
  - **33% Federal**
  - **30% State**
  - **14% Industry**
  - **11%Tribal**
  - **11% Local**
  - **1% Other**

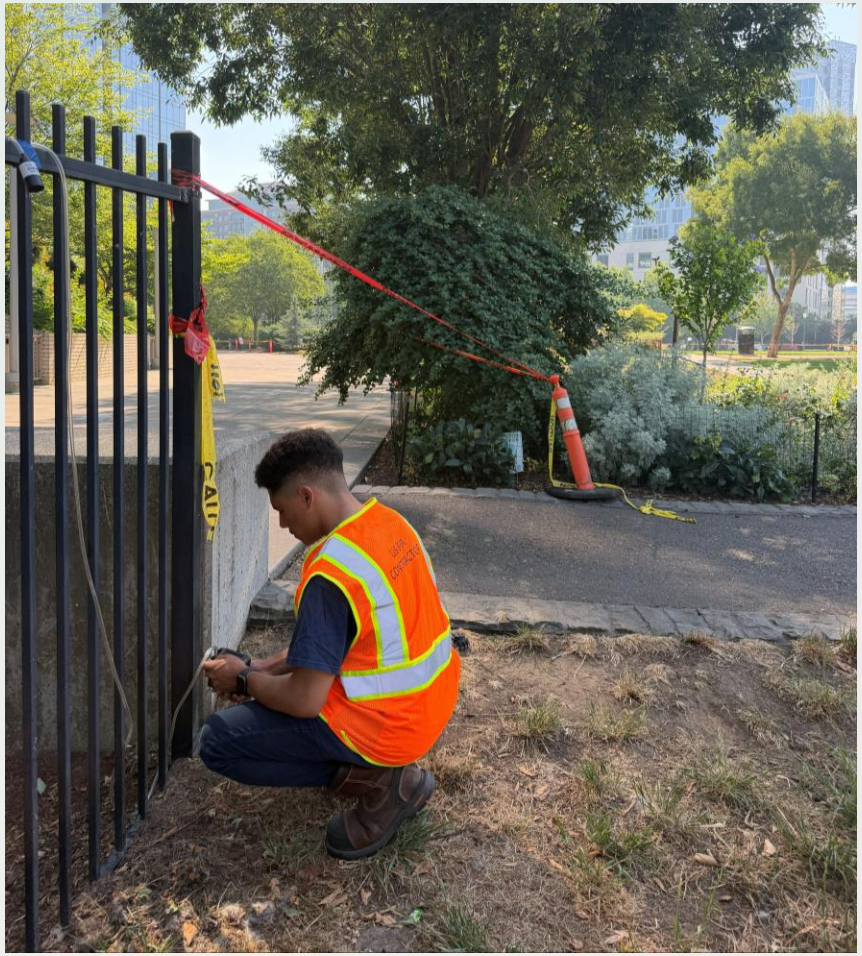
Centennial Mills Response: Overview

- Saturday, August 2 in Portland, OR: four-alarm fire occurs at the vacant Centennial Mills warehouse in downtown Portland.
- The building was 116 years old, raising concerns about asbestos and lead-based paint exposure to nearby communities.
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requested EPA assistance to determine extent and severity of contamination to community.



Centennial Mills Response: Actions

- Air Monitoring
  - EPA performed air monitoring at one upwind (establishing background) and two downwind locations for general particulates and hazardous gases/vapors.
- Air Sampling
  - Collected air samples for asbestos fibers, analyzed using phase contrast microscopy (PCM) and a modified transmission electron microscopy (TEM) method.
  - PCM is not specific to asbestos fibers and can result in false positives where non-asbestos fibers can result in a positive result. TEM allows for the identification of asbestos material type.
- Bulk Materials Sampling
  - Collected burned debris from the building and analyzed for asbestos fibers.
  - Burned debris was evaluated for the presence of lead in the field using a handheld X-ray fluorescence analyzer (XRF) and was also submitted for laboratory analysis.
- Debris Survey
  - Conducted a roving debris survey to determine the extent of building debris contamination based on plume modeling.



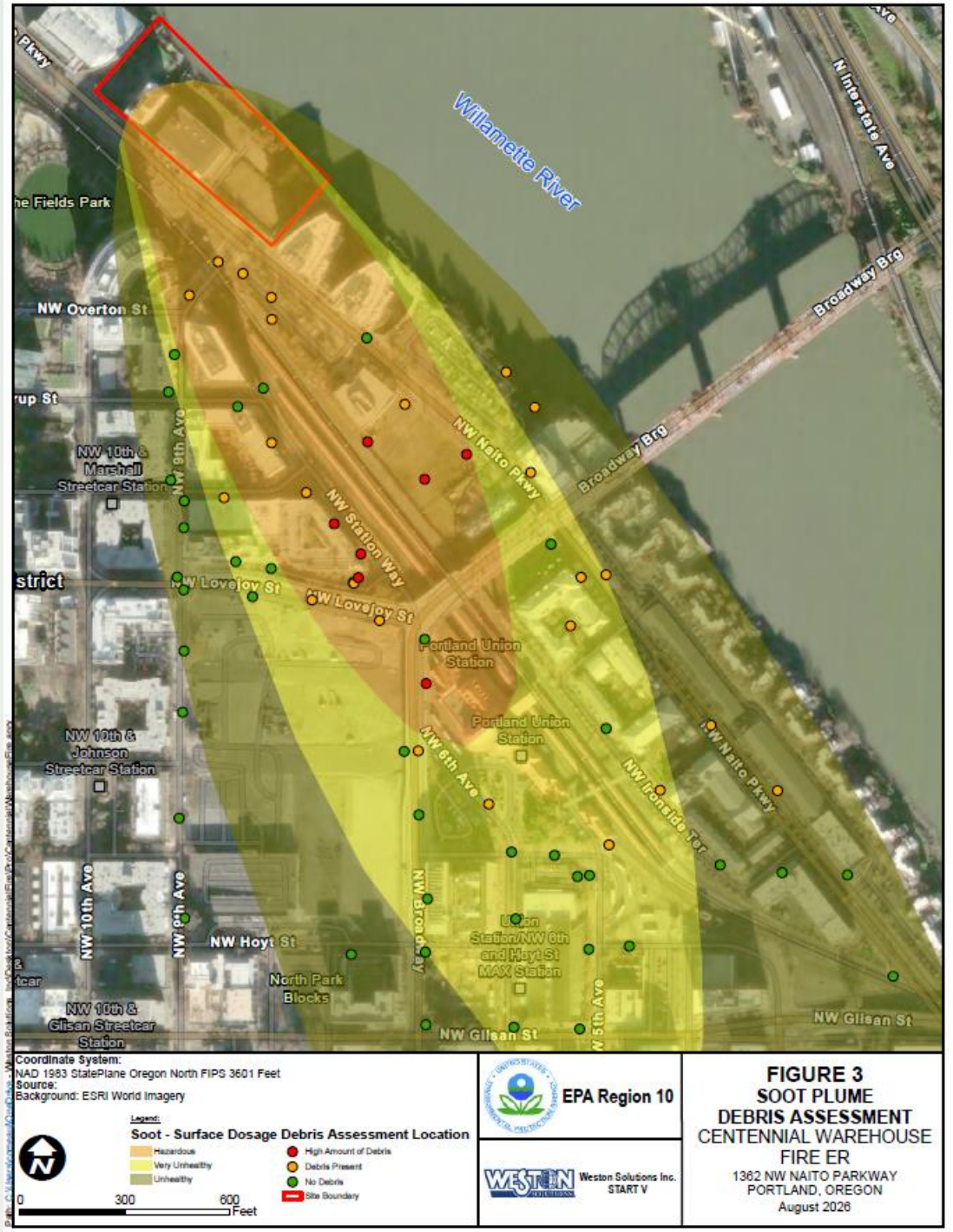
Centennial Mills Response: Findings

- Air Monitoring
  - Particulates slightly elevated downwind of structure compared to upwind, but not to hazardous levels requiring evacuation or PPE upgrades
  - Confounding factor: wildfire smoke was causing elevated AQI in the city (upwind/background station helpful for determining this)
  - No detections of gases/vapors with AreaRAE
- Air Sampling
  - PCM method: one sample had low quantities (0.009 fibers per cubic centimeter [f/cc]) of fibers detected, all others below laboratory detection limit
  - TEM method: one sample (different from the one above) co-located with the upwind air monitoring station had low concentrations (0.002 structures per cubic centimeter [S/cm^3]) of chrysotile asbestos
  - For reference, OSHA PEL for asbestos is 0.01 f/cc over an 8-hour timeframe



Centennial Mills Response: Findings

- Bulk Sampling
  - All eight debris samples submitted to the lab were positive for asbestos, ranging from 25-40% chrysotile content
  - Two of the three paint samples submitted contained lead in excess of the levels set by the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (5,000 parts per million [ppm])
- Debris Survey
  - Highest debris frequencies observed south of the building, decreasing in coverage with increasing distance. These findings were in line with the plume modeling.



Centennial Mills Response: Outcomes

- Air Sampling
  - Air samples established no risk of asbestos exposure to the public
  - Findings communicated to Incident Command for dissemination to the public
- Building Demolition
  - Cadaver dogs identified human remains in building, delaying safe demolition of building
  - Portland Permitting and Development worked alongside responsible party to develop demolition plan and issued permit
  - Controlled demolition occurred on August 17 and August 18





Special Announcements:

- Spring 2027 – Idaho Fast Water Booming
- WA State Contingency Plan Rulemaking - currently underway [WAC 173-182-186 - Washington State Department of Ecology]
- Large-Scale Equipment Deployment Exercise, October 7, 2027, at Sacagawea Park, Pasco, WA (observers welcome)

Visit the Northwest Area Committee Exercise Schedule at https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/naces/

If you'd like to get involved in oil spill drills, reach out to listed Coordinator

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AREA COMMITTEE REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT:

Sector Puget Sound	• Adjudication process produced comments beyond ACP workgroup scope, many of these have been added to the potential future project tracker • Policy comments pushed to RRT10
Sector Columbia River	• Guidance needed on regional policy for dispersant use and non-floating oil response. • Continued support for discussion on topics/concerns from public comments.
Northwest Inland	• None

LUNCH

Meeting will restart at 1:15 PM.

If you want to offer an open comment, sign up in “Chat” or the sign-up sheet located in the room.

Must sign up by the end of this lunch break.

Please don’t forget to SIGN IN

WELCOME BACK
Meeting Sign-In



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AFTERNOON AGENDA

1:15	NATIONAL POLLUTION FUND CENTER
1:45	RRT MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: DOE
	2:15 - 2:25 BREAK
2:25	HANFORD WASTE MOVEMENT
3:15	TOOLS AND RESOURCES SPOTLIGHT: 96 HOUR PLAN
3:45	OPEN COMMENTS
4:15	FINAL COMMENTS & CLOSING REMARKS

NATIONAL POLLUTION FUND CENTER



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USCG NPFC Presentation For RRT10

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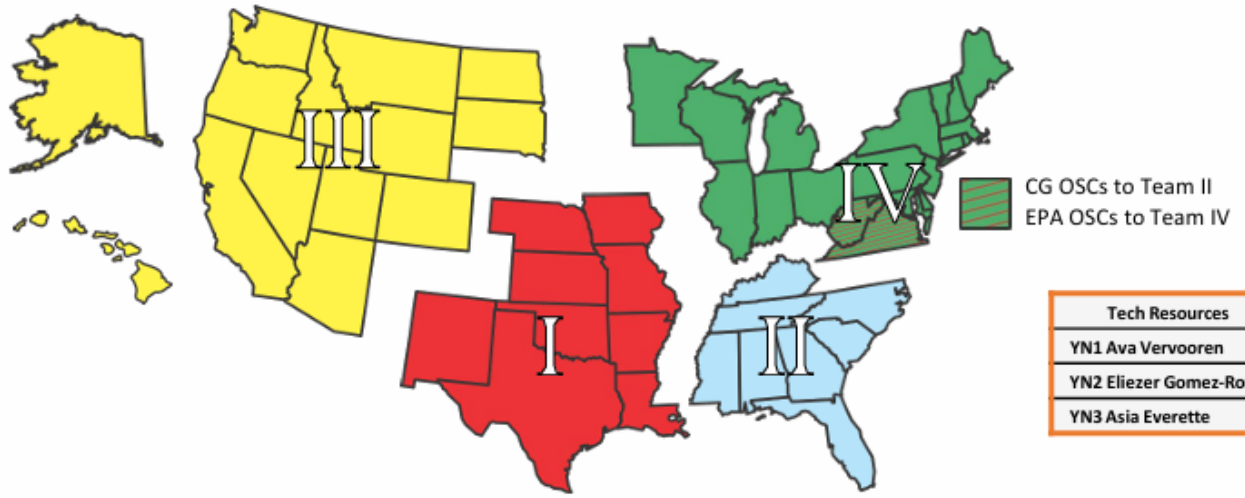


NPFC Case Management Division Regional Boundaries

Acting Chief	Thomas McCrossen	(571) 607-6739	(202) 746-0510

TEAM 3	NAME	OFFICE	CELL
Regional Manager	Greg Buie	(571) 607-2594	(202) 494-9091
Case Officer	LCDR Justin Valentino	(571) 607-6667	
Case Officer	Russ Strathern	(206) 815-5393	
Case Officer	Brian O'Neil	(571) 607-3446	
Case Officer	Phillip Chu	(571) 607-2889	

TEAM 4	NAME	OFFICE	CELL
Regional Manager	Tyler Krulla (Acting RM)	(571) 608-2141	(202) 841-5929
Case Officer	Andrew Belfield	(571) 607-2882	
Case Officer	CWO Derek Hardy	(571) 607-8792	
Case Officer	MST1 Mia Bermudez	(571) 613-2077	
Case Officer	Vacant		



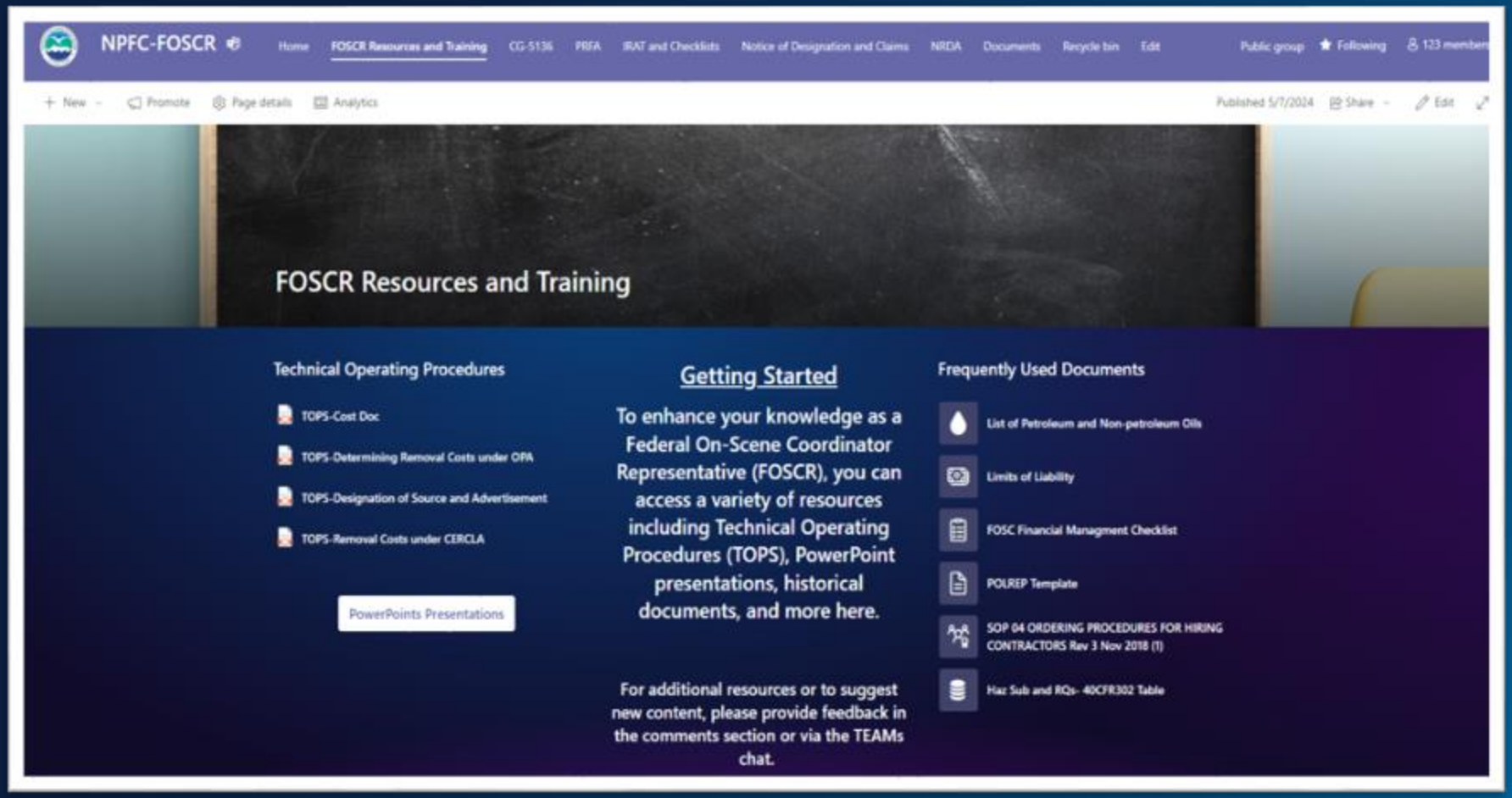
Tech Resources	OFFICE
YN1 Ava Vervooren	(206) 820-4781
YN2 Eliezer Gomez-Roman	(571) 607-3335
YN3 Asia Everette	(206) 831-4502

TEAM 1	NAME	OFFICE	CELL
Regional Manager	Chris Marcy	(571) 607-7865	(202) 494-9120
Case Officer	Sean Devine	(206) 815-4505	
Case Officer	Matt Fischer	(206) 815-5129	
Case Officer	Jonathan Snowling	(571) 607-5129	
Case Officer	MSTC Nathon Mills	(206) 815-6375	

TEAM 2	NAME	OFFICE	CELL
Regional Manager	Dwayne Adkins	(571) 608-1827	(202) 360-6061
Case Officer	Jason White	(206) 815-3232	
Case Officer	CWO Josh Galloway	(571) 610-2684	
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SharePoint/ TEAMS



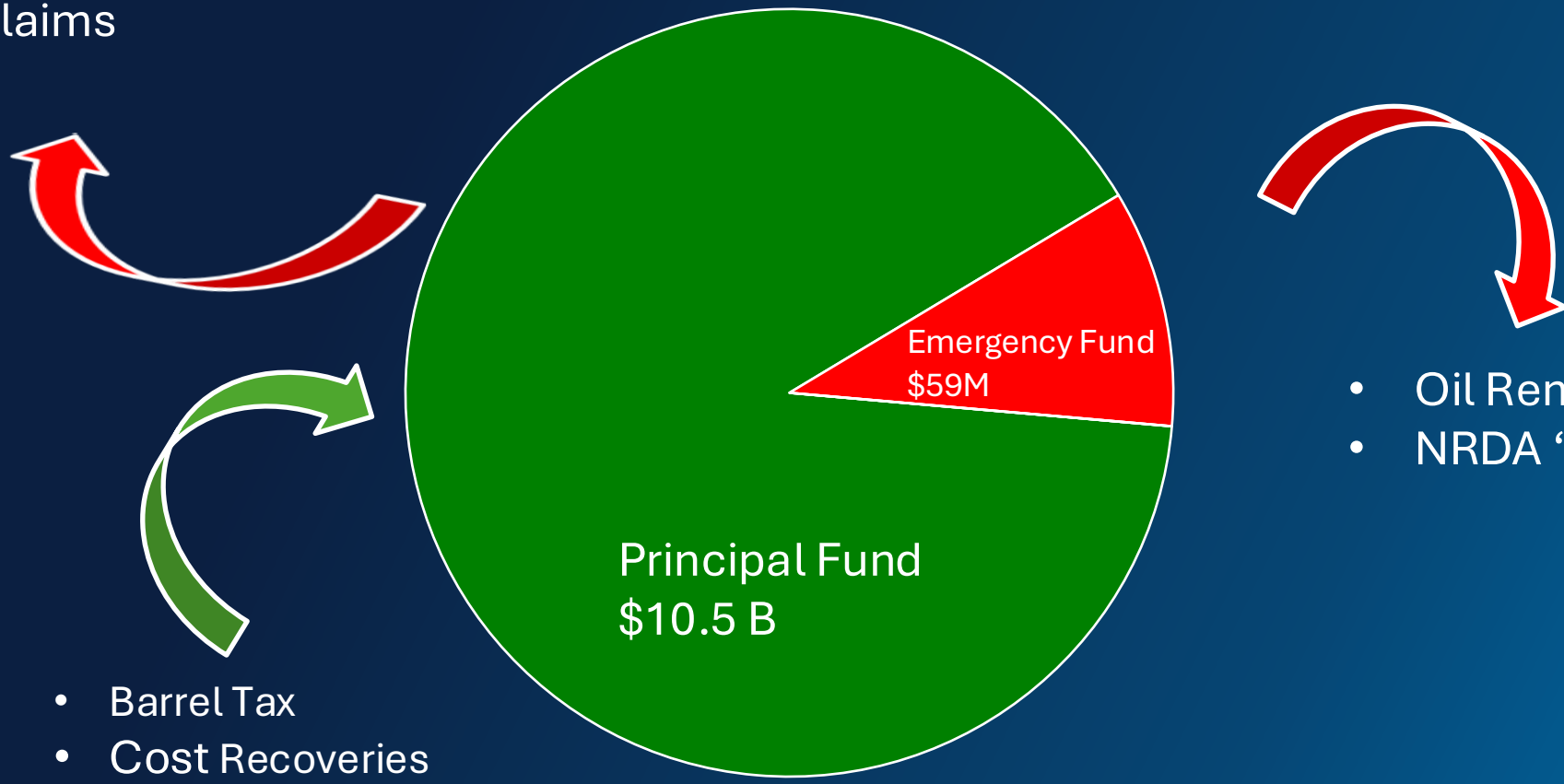
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Major Missions of the NPFC

- Administer the **Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF)**
- Provide Funding for Oil Removal Activities and the Initiation of **Natural Resource Damage Assessments (NRDA)** related to Oil Discharges
- Pay **Claims** for Loss and Damage from Oil Discharges
- **Recover Costs** from Responsible Parties
- Administer the **Certificate of Financial Responsibility (COFR)** Program
- **CERCLA** Funding Manager for the **Coast Guard**

$10 Billion Fund

- Appropriations by Congress
- Claims



- Oil Removal Actions
- NRDA “Initiation”

- Barrel Tax
- Cost Recoveries
- Fines/ Penalties
- Interest

Four Phases of Response Operations

- **Phase I** – Discovery or Notification (NOT Funded by the OSLTF)
- **Phase II** – Preliminary Assessment & Initiation of Action
- **Phase III** – Containment, Countermeasures, Cleanup & Disposal
- **Phase IV** – Documentation and Cost Recovery

When should you open a Federal Project?

If you have determined there is an OPA incident AND need to:

- Conduct Phase II, III or IV activities that require federal funding (hiring BOA Contractors, TDY orders, etc.); or
- Monitor an RP led response; or
- Bring in support elements (NSF, IMAT, NPFC, PIAT, LOGCOM, etc.)

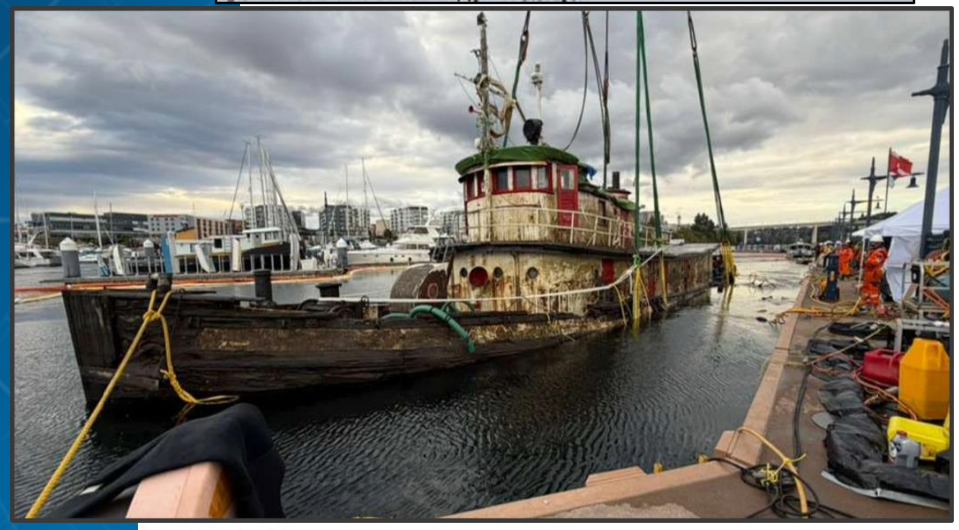
Managing Your Response For Success - Factors to Consider for a large ADV response

- 1. **Everyone in the UC needs to bring something to the table.** Typically, that means money, people, response assets, Fire/EMS/PD, ICP etc., PLUS, the authority to make decisions for their agency.
- 2. **Leveraging relationships at the local level.** Trust is earned and it must be earned and nurtured, especially with responders that rotate at relatively high frequencies.
- 3. **CG, EPA, and Insurance Service Providers are taking significant health, safety, and financial risks when they execute salvage operations.** We all need to be mindful of this reality and remain supportive of the men and women executing high risk/high consequence operations, especially in deep, cold, fast-flowing water.

What is a “Substantial Threat of a Discharge of Oil?”

A substantial threat can be considered the real and immediate probability of a discharge due to the occurrence of some extraordinary and undesired event outside the scope of normal operations which continues; or is apt to continue to deteriorate until intervention to stabilize present conditions can be accomplished and before the threat may be eliminated. There is a near term uncertainty of stabilizing conditions and eliminating the threat before an actual discharge occurs.





Substantial Threat- Factors to Consider

- 1. **The likelihood** of a discharge under the circumstances; that the situation presents an unacceptable probability that a discharge will occur without FOSC intervention.
- 2. **The proximity** to navigable waters, the quantity of oil which may be discharged, and the lack of barriers to stop the oil from flowing to the water indicate that a spill will impact navigable waters.
- 3. **The flow path** to surface waters (for land based discharges) as indicated by slope, soil permeability, water table, storm drains, curtain drains, natural or manufactured conduits, or the like.

Substantial Threat- Factors to Consider (con't)

- 4. **The condition** of or damage to the source, and the environmental factors or weather which may change the conditions, indicate that a spill will occur.
- 5. **The potential impact** of a discharge on the particular environment, including proximity to environmentally sensitive areas, populous areas, etc.
- 6. That action must be taken **quickly** to prevent a spill.

List of Petroleum and Non-Petroleum Oils

- The Oil List should be used to assist in the determination if a spilled material is an oil, not if a project can be opened.
- The Oil List is a compilation of currently known CWA oils. Should a FOSC receive a report of a discharge of an unknown oil or the unidentified substance *presents as an oil*, (sheening, probable oil source, etc.) the OSLTF CAN be used to respond.
- The OSLTF is available to finance the analysis needed to identify the substance, to include hiring a BOA Contractor to “HAZ-CAT” the product onsite.
- The FOSC can continue mitigating the discharge under OPA until such time that the substance is determined to not be an OPA oil in which CERCLA can be used.
- If you have a question about whether a commodity that does not appear on this list is regulated as an oil, please contact your case officer.

FPN Ceiling Increases over $500K

U.S. Coast Guard
OPA 90 Removal Project Plan
Federal Project: XXXX
Incident Name, Location
Date Removal Project Plan Submitted:
(Name), On-Scene Coordinator/FOSCR
Sector/MSU/MSD XXXX, District X

BACKGROUND

Response Authority: Clean Water Act §311
Removal Funding Authority: OPA 90
State Notification: Name of State Agency Notified Date
FPN Opened:
Current Project Ceiling:
Proposed Ceiling Increase:

SITE INFORMATION and CONDITIONS

Site Description and Physical Location

Describe all pertinent information to accurately describe the site and its location. This information may include; street, city, county, state, type of property residential, commercial, heavy industry, property size, longitude and latitude, location of surface waters and navigable waterways, when the facility operated, how long the facility operated, etc.

For vessels include the name and official numbers.

"See Sitrep" is also acceptable

Description of Substantial Threat or Actual Discharge

Provide detailed information as to the threat or discharge that exists and its impacts on navigable waterways, such as the type and amount of oil, distance and path to waterway, environmentally sensitive areas, etc.

"See Sitrep" is also acceptable

FPN Ceiling Increases over $500K (con't)

RESPONSE INFORMATION

Current Situation

Describe the current situation at the site.

"See Sitrep" is also acceptable

Proposed Actions

Describe the actions proposed to conduct the removal action. Include Contractor written estimates if available.

Potential Responsible Party

Include information that was used to determine the PRP. For example a LOI for a USCG Regulated Facility, State documentation for an Oil Well, a COD or State Registration for a Vessel.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COST INFORMATION

Estimated Project Costs Incurred to Date:

Direct Costs:
- Purchases:
- TAD/TDY:
- Contracts:
- PRFA:
- Reservist Salaries:

Total:

Proposed Estimated Costs for New Ceiling:

Direct Costs:
- Purchases:
- TAD/TDY:
- Contracts:
- PRFA:
- Reservist Salaries:

Total:

SITREP-POL (POLREP)

The SITREP-POL (POLREP) documents FOSC decisions and actions throughout the incident and federal expenditures for recovering costs from potential responsible parties.

Sectors/MSUs shall:

- Submit a SITREP-POL when the use of OSLTF or CERCLA funding for oil or hazardous substance incidents.
- Submit SITREP-POLs via C2OIX as soon as practical but no later. than 24 hours
- Area or District may establish more stringent SITREP-POL requirements.

SITREP-POL's are sent to the following:

TO: DISTRICT COMMAND CENTER
INFO:
COGARD NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER WASHINGTON DC
AREA
COGARD OPERATIONAL LOGISTICS COMMAND NORFOLK VA
COMCOGARD NPFC WASHINGTON DC
COGARD NSFCC ELIZABETH CITY NC
NAVDEPNOAA WASHINGTON DC
ANY UNITS INVOLVED (i.e., Stations, Cutters, Air Stations).

SITREP-POL (POLREP) Cont.

- Section 2 is one of the most vital to documenting when essential decisions and determinations are made.
- This section also tracks when assets arrive/depart, matching the CG-5136.
- Section 3 is for costs estimates and do not have to match the final CG-5136.
- NPFC requires a “FINAL” POLREP for case package.

2. ACTION TAKEN (ALL TIME LOCAL):
A. 210930 FEB24: AGENCY OPERATIONAL UPDATE CONDUCTED. ESTIMATED SPILL FOOTPRINT DETERMINED TO BE 13,400 SQUARE FEET BASED OFF PRELIMINARY UAS FLIGHT. NO FIELD OPERATIONS; BLIZZARD WARNING IN EFFECT.
B. 221700 FEB24: ADDITIONAL SORBENTS AND PPE ARRIVED ON SITE. MANUAL MEANS AND SINGLE SKID STEER UTILIZED TO RECOVER PRODUCT. ESTIMATED TOTAL RECOVERED PRODUCT 1300 GALLONS TO DATE.
C. 1400: 02 USCG PERSONNEL ON SCENE DEMOBILIZED, ENROUTE TO ANCHORAGE.
D. 1710: 2 PERSON USCG TEAM INBOUND TO BETHEL, AK TO STAGE AND HEAD ONTO KWIGILLINGOK.
E. 231251 FEB24: USCG PERSONNEL ON WEATHER HOLD IN BETHEL, NEXT FLIGHT INTO KWIGILLINGOK ON 24FEB24.
3. ADDITIONAL INFO: N/A
A. AUTHORIZED PROJECT CEILING: $250,000.00
B. CUMULATIVE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS TO DATE:
I. CG COSTS $64,477.93 DIRECT / $20,958.00 INDIRECT
II. CONTRACTOR COSTS $64,477.93
III. PRFA'S $0.00
D. OTHER AMPLIFYING INFORMATION: POTENTIAL WEATHER DELAYS FOR FLIGHTS FROM BETHEL TO KWIGILLINGNOK, SNOW AND DROPPING TEMPERATURES EXPECTED FOR THIS WEEKEND.
4. FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: SMALL EXCAVATOR AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
EXPECTED ON SITE BY 23FEB24. UAS OPERATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE WITH A FAVORABLE WEATHER WINDOW WITH LAND SURVEY TO MAP PERIMETER AND DEPTH OF FUEL MIGRATION IN THE SNOWPACK. NEXT SITREP POL WILL BE RELEASED 26FEB24.
5. CO'S COMMENT/RECOMMENDATIONS: N/A.
6. CASE PENDS//.
BT

Authorization to Proceed (ATP)

- Authorization to Proceed (ATP) messages document the hiring of contractors to respond to an oil spill and any increase of the authorized contractor ceiling level for a given response.

- Once received, LOGCOM will complete authorization and obligations for funding.

ATP messages are sent to the following:
TO: COGARD OPERATIONAL LOGISTICS COMMAND NORFOLK VA
INFO:
COMCOGARD NPFC WASHINGTON DC
COGARD NSFCC ELIZABETH CITY NC
FINCEN VIENNA VA
AREA
DISTRICT

Note: Units shall **NOT** release any CANAPS messages in C2OIX. The NPFC will send the CANAPS ceiling information via C2OIX.

Decision Memos

- Tool for documenting major decisions by an FOSC.
- Expands on decision process that can be reviewed if a case goes to litigation in the future.
- No template for the document is available as every situation is unique.
- Engage your NPFC case officer and your District attorney for input and review before finalizing for FOSC
- NPFC has many examples to share

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
United States Coast Guard

Commander
United States Coast Guard
Sector Puget Sound

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MEMORANDUM

OCT 30 2025

From: M.A. McDonnell, CAPT
CG SECTOR Puget Sound, FOSC

To: File

Thru: CGD Northwest (dcs)

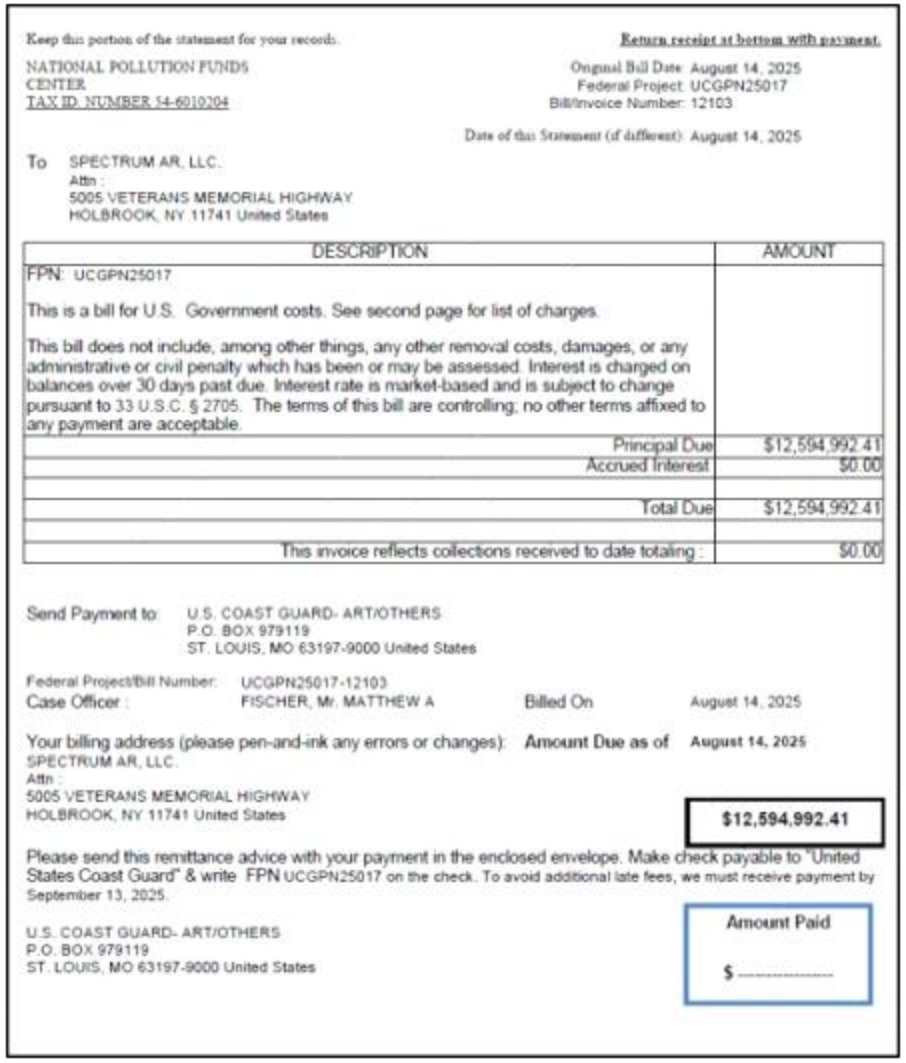
Subj: EMERGENCY RESPONSE DECISION MEMO, TUG DOMINION (276557)

Ref: (a) Federal Water Pollution Control Act 33 U.S.C. § 1321
(b) National Contingency Plan, 40 CFR Part 300
(c) FPN UCGPS25022; MISLE # 1461522
(d) U.S. Coast Guard Marine Environmental Response and Preparedness Manual, COMDTINST M16000.14A

1. This decision memorandum has been developed in response to the sinking of the tug vessel DOMINION (Federal Documentation number 276557) in Bremerton, Washington, which occurred 17 September 2025. This memo documents my determination that tug vessel DOMINION is discharging oil in violation of reference (a). Therefore, in accordance with my authority and responsibility pursuant to references (a) and (b), I have determined, in coordinatio

Who gets a Bill and Why?

- The NPFC will review all information provided and conduct a liability analysis. If the elements of liability are established NPFC will seek appropriate cost recovery.
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- Typically, pertinent information not captured elsewhere includes:
- Factors considered for Substantial Threat determination.
- Conversations with Potential Responsible Parties.
- Methods used to determine there is not a Responsible Party.
- Non-conventional recovery action explanations.

Documentation

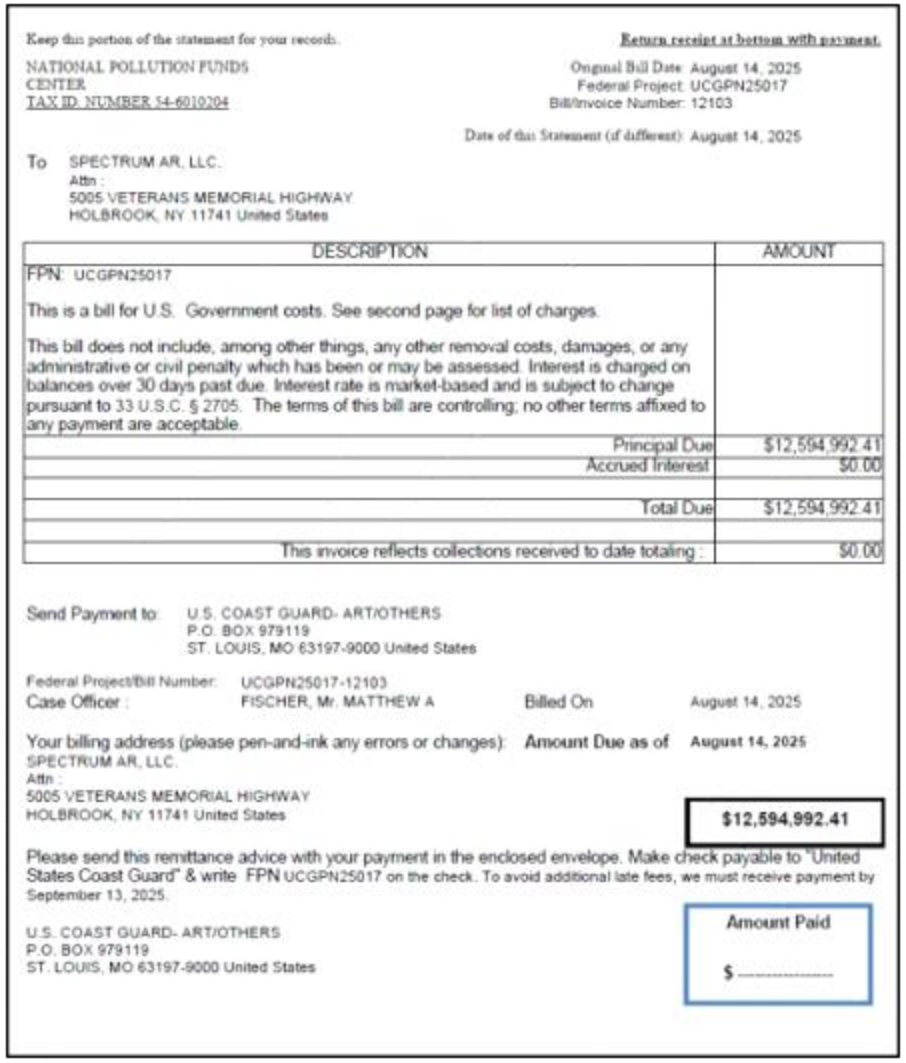
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- SITREP-POL (Subject line)
- Decision Memo
- FOSCR Statement
- FOSC/COTP Order
- NOFA
- ICS Forms 201/202/202A/204/209/IAP

After the IRAT

- After receipt of the Case Package your Case Officer will review the package for accuracy.
- We will contact the FOSCR for any errors or missing information that may need correcting.
- If enough errors are present, the IRAT may have to be re-routed through the command for RDH/FOSC signature.
- NPFC will notify any potential RPs of their potential liabilities prior to any recovery actions.
- Once contact by NPFC some RPs will attempt to contact the Sector for questions regarding billing, costs, etc. FOSCRs are advised to forward any questions to their Case Officer and provide the Case Officers email to the RP.

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- Only the NPFC can determine billable costs, including all indirect costs, claims, and NRDAs.
- NPFC Case Officers utilize Department of Treasury's Debt Management Service (DMS) or Dept. of Justice to recover costs.
- NPFC bills are a federal debt; collection can garnish wages, collect income tax, etc. This stresses the importance of identifying the right individual in the beginning of a response.





NPFC 101

QUESTIONS?



SEMPER PARATUS

RRT MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: DOE

HANFORD WASTE MOVEMENT





U.S. DEPARTMENT *of* ENERGY

Office of Environmental Management

Hanford Field Office

Effluent Management Facility Evaporator Concentrate Shipments

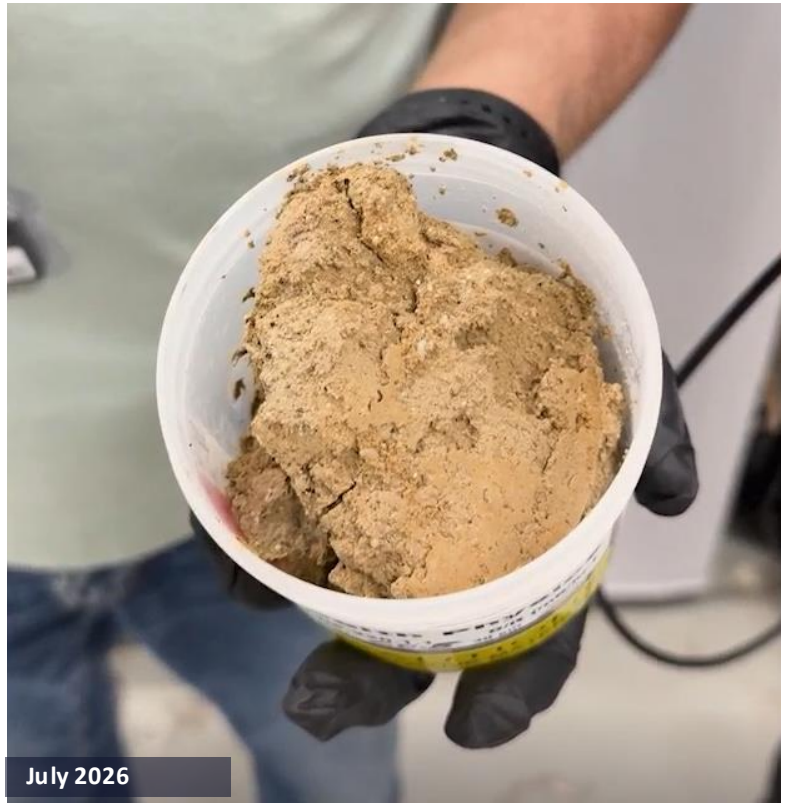
Presented to: RRT10 meeting

Presented by: Ricky Bang, Deputy Assistant Manager of Tank Waste Operations

U.S. Department of Energy, Hanford Field Office

What is Being Shipped?

- Not Hanford Site tank waste
- Treated via tank-side cesium removal (TSCR) to remove 99.9 percent of radioactivity
- Secondary byproduct generated during the vitrification process



Solidified liquid waste

How is it Being Shipped?

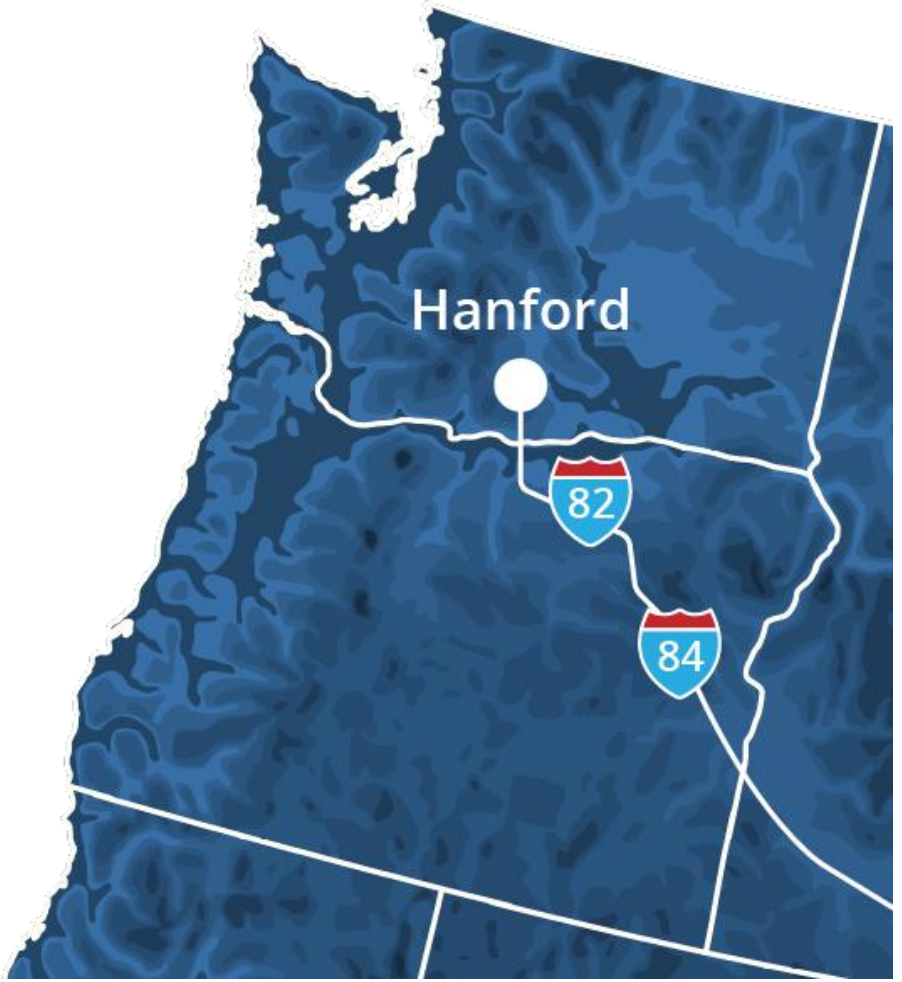


Licensed carrier transporting radioactive materials

- Packaged in sealed metal containers
- Transported by licensed commercial carriers experienced in radioactive material shipments
- Shipping in accordance with the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and disposal facility requirements

Shipment Coordination

- Planned shipment scheduled
- Advanced state notification
- Coordinated transport



Route:

- Enter Oregon via Interstate 82 East at Umatilla
- Interchange from Interstate 82 to Interstate 84
- Continue on Interstate 84, leaving Oregon at Ontario

Emergency Procedures

- Transportation company procedures
- Responding authorities' incident response
- U.S. Department of Energy assistance

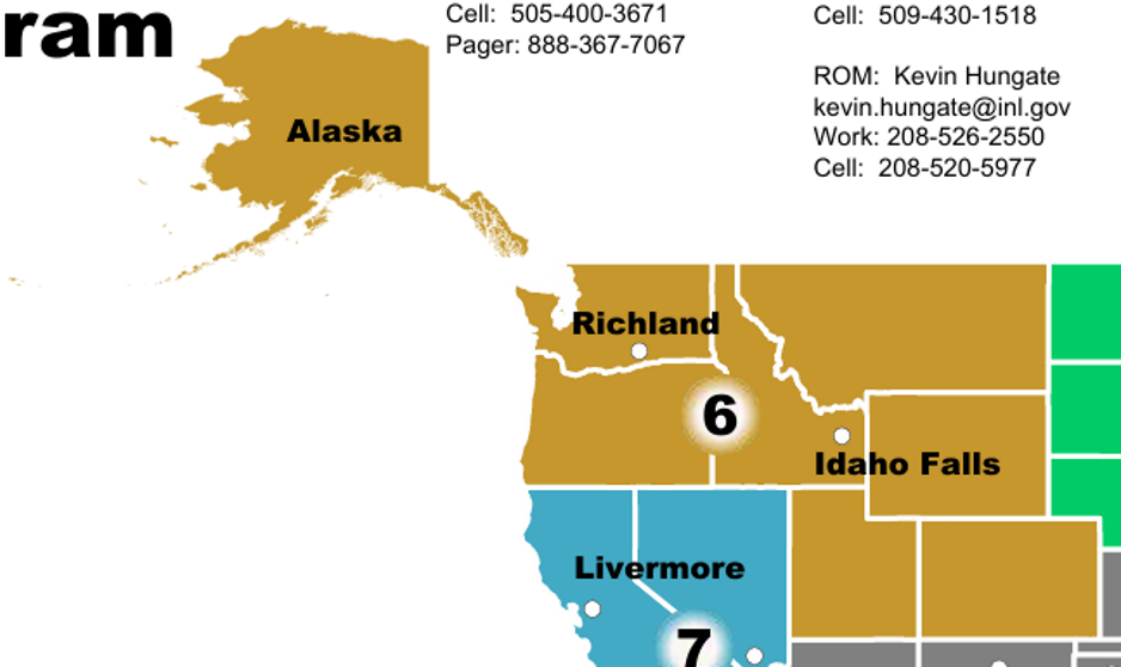
Radiological Assistance Program

Region 6: Richland
24-hr Phone: 509-373-3800/208-526-1515

RPM: Conrad Gilbert
conrad.gilbert@nnsa.doe.gov
Work: 509-376-8519
Cell: 505-400-3671
Pager: 888-367-7067

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The Hanford Site

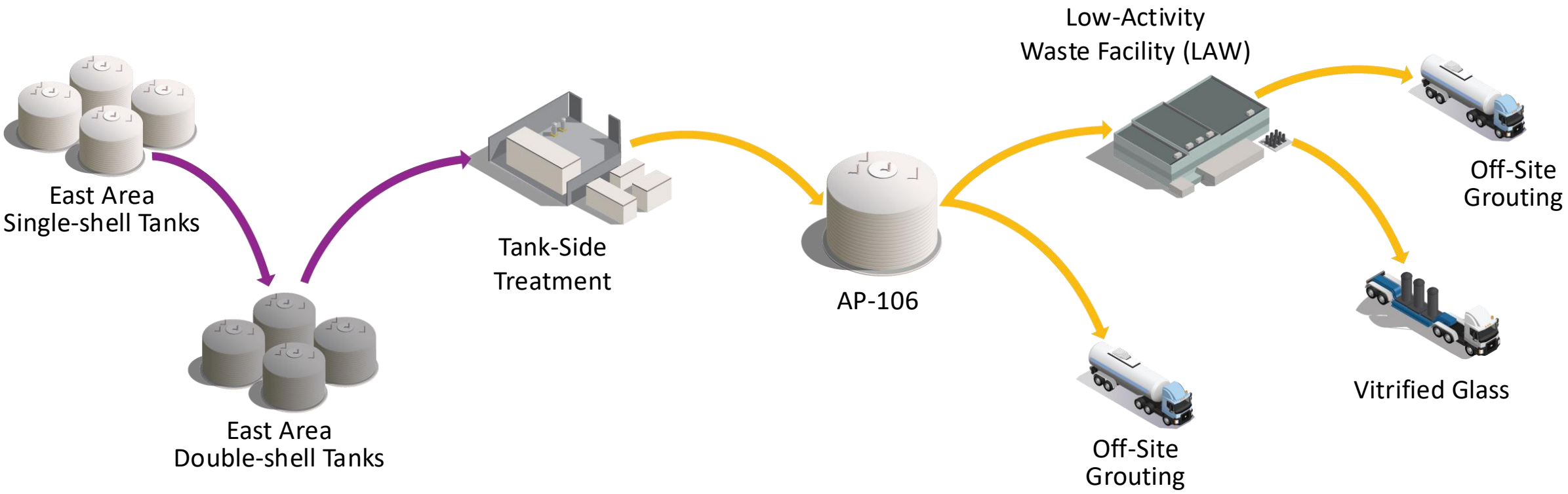
Dual Path Presentation

Ricky Bang, Deputy Assistant Manager for Tank Waste Operations

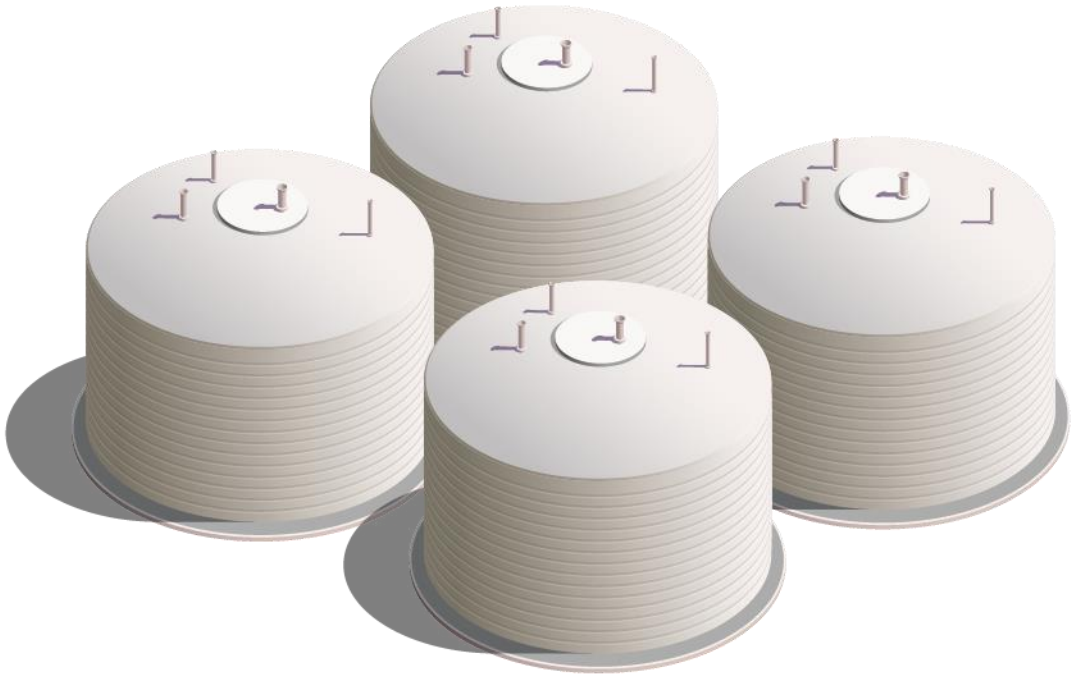
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The Dual Path – An Overview



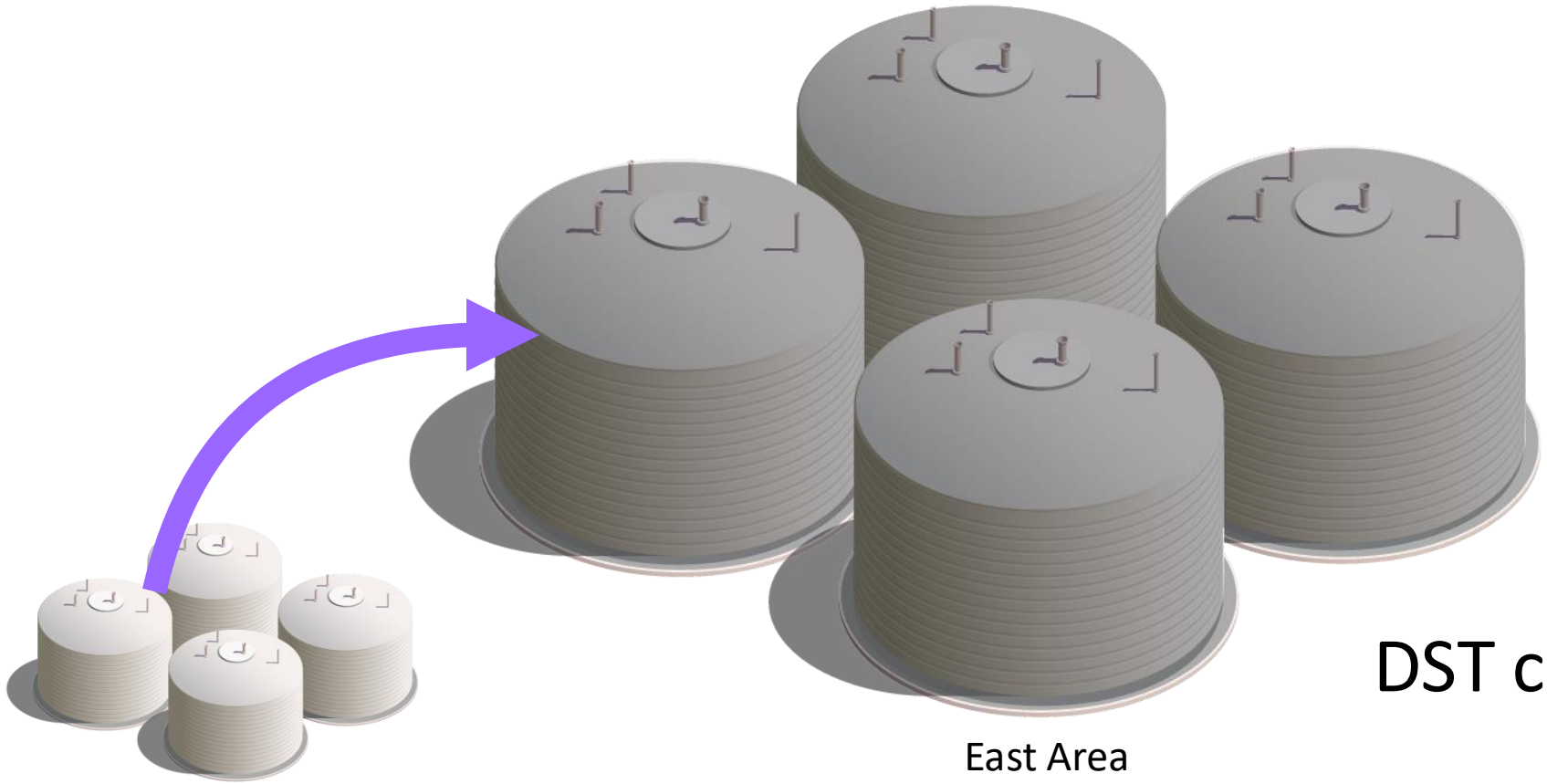
East Area Single-Shell Tanks



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Single-shell Tanks

7.9M gallons of tank waste to be retrieved.

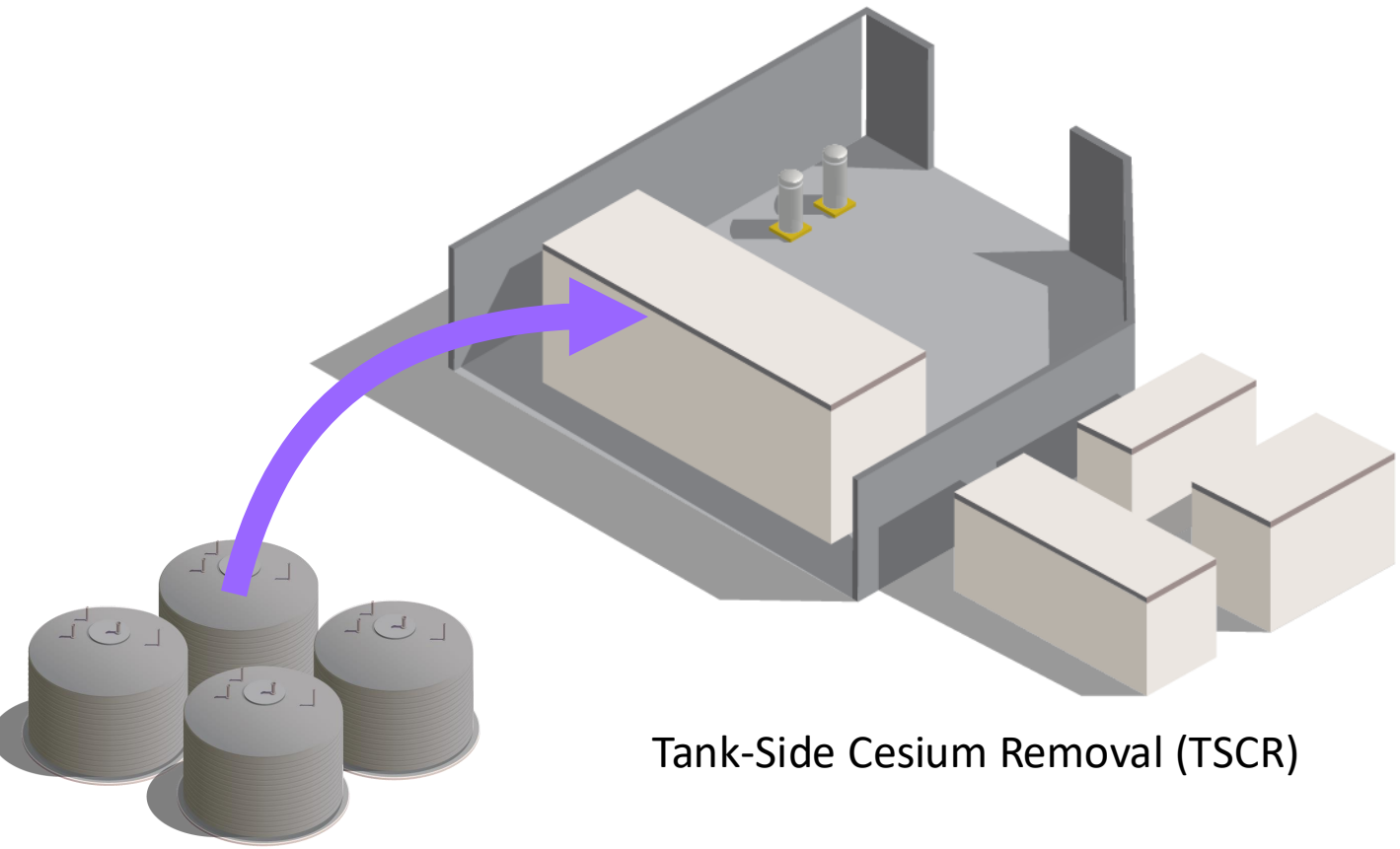
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DST capacity is at 99%

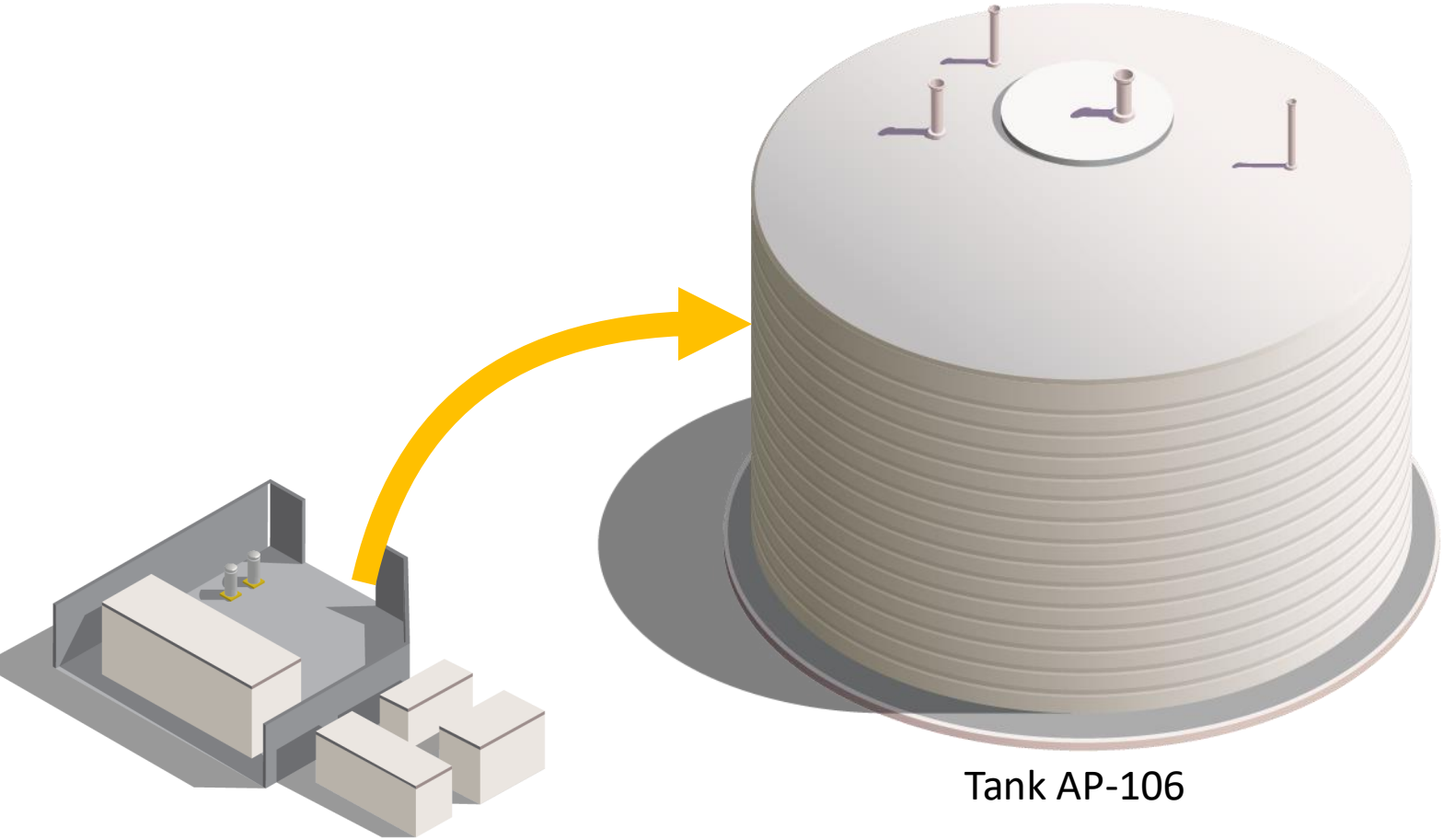
Tank-Side Waste Treatment



Tank-Side Cesium Removal (TSCR)

- Removal of 99.9% of radioactivity
- Capacity:~100,000 gallons per month
- Removes ~30,000 curries

Tank AP-106



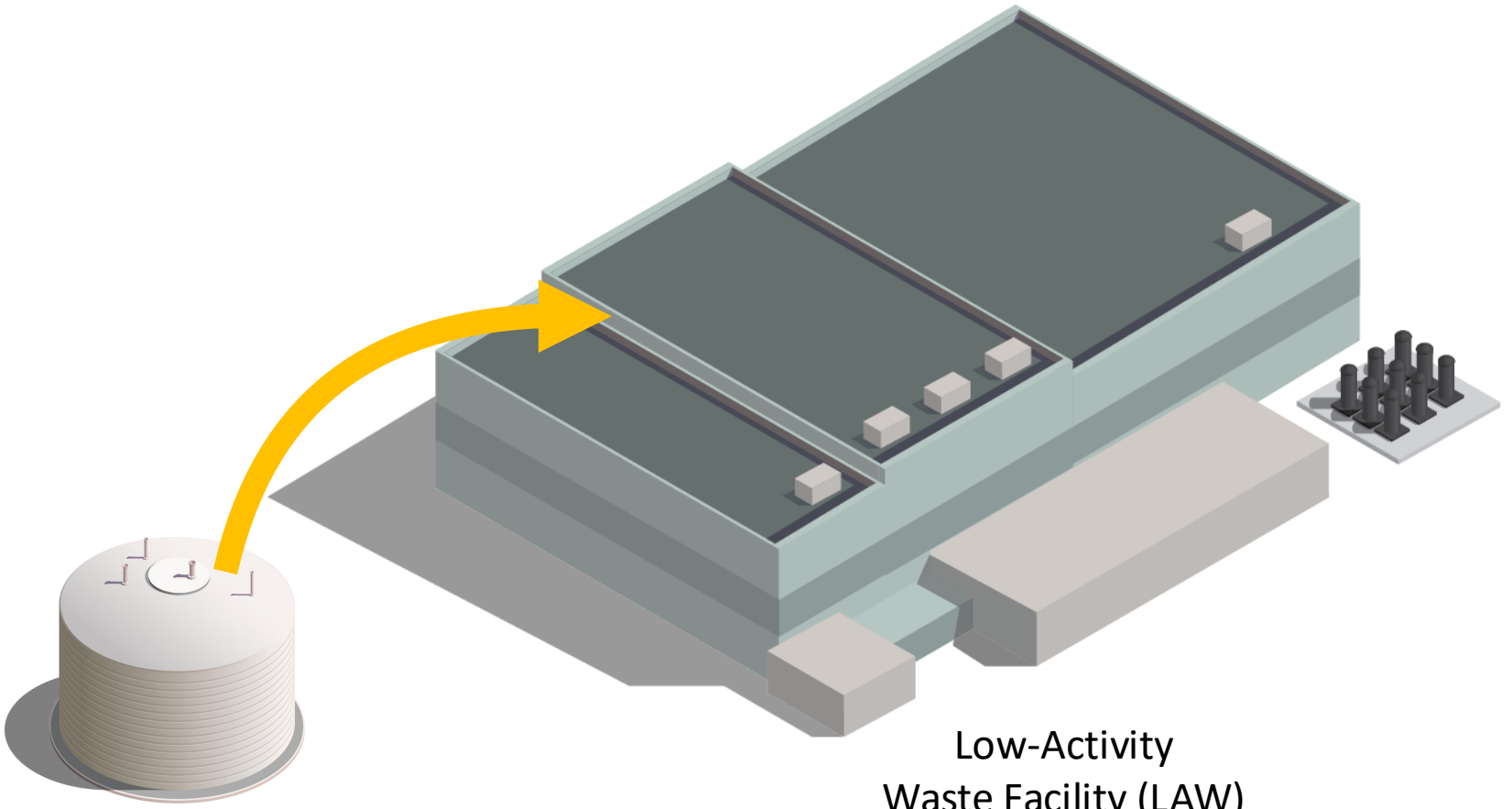
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Tank-Side Cesium Removal (TSCR)

2026 Capacity:
100,000 gallons per month

2028 Capacity (with AMPS):
300,000 gallons per month

Disposition 1: Glass



Low-Activity
Waste Facility (LAW)

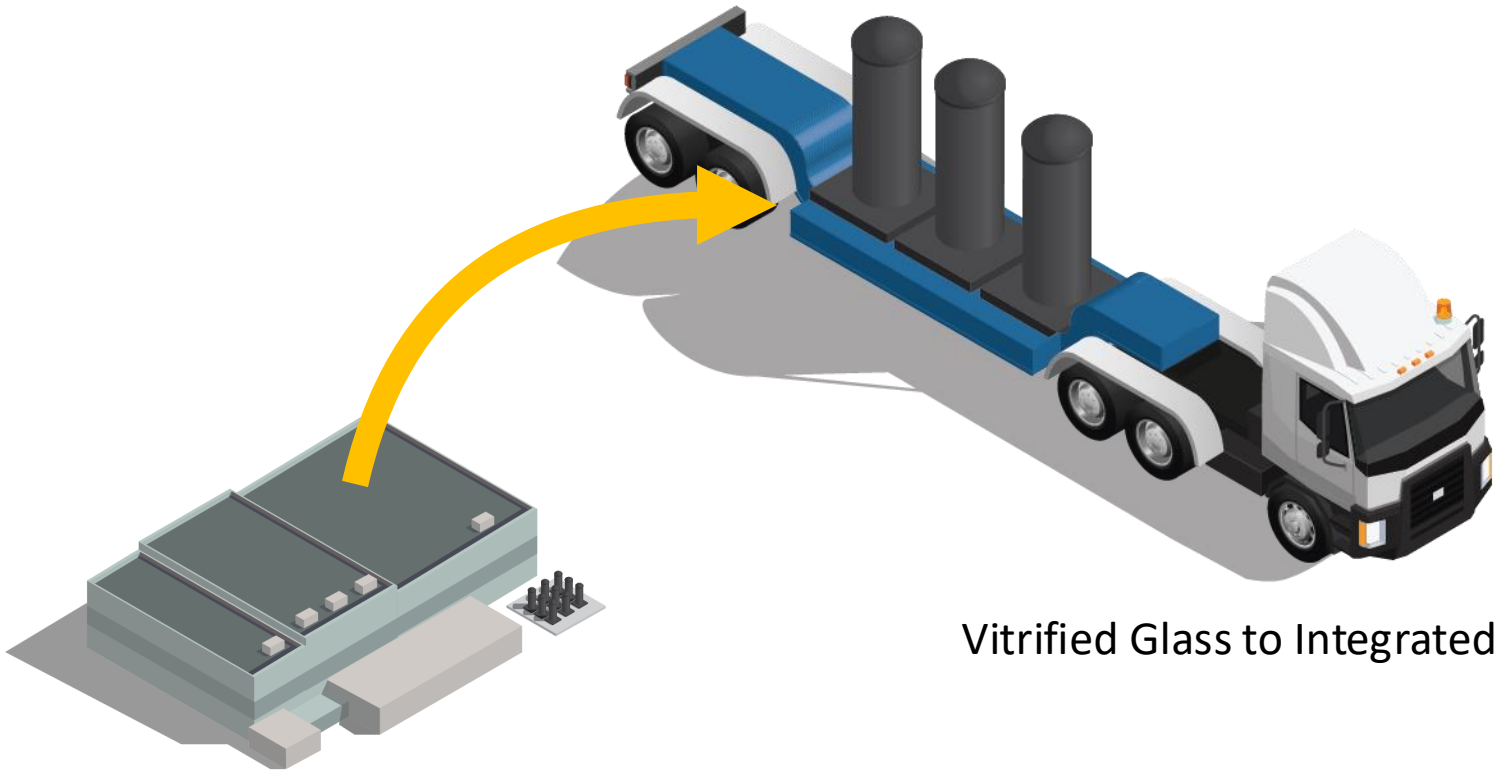
- Maximum glass vitrification to date of **38,500.**
- Goal for **50,000** in August, ramping up to **170,000** by fall of 2028.

Low-Activity Waste Facility (LAW)

2026 Capacity:
40,000 gallons per month[1]

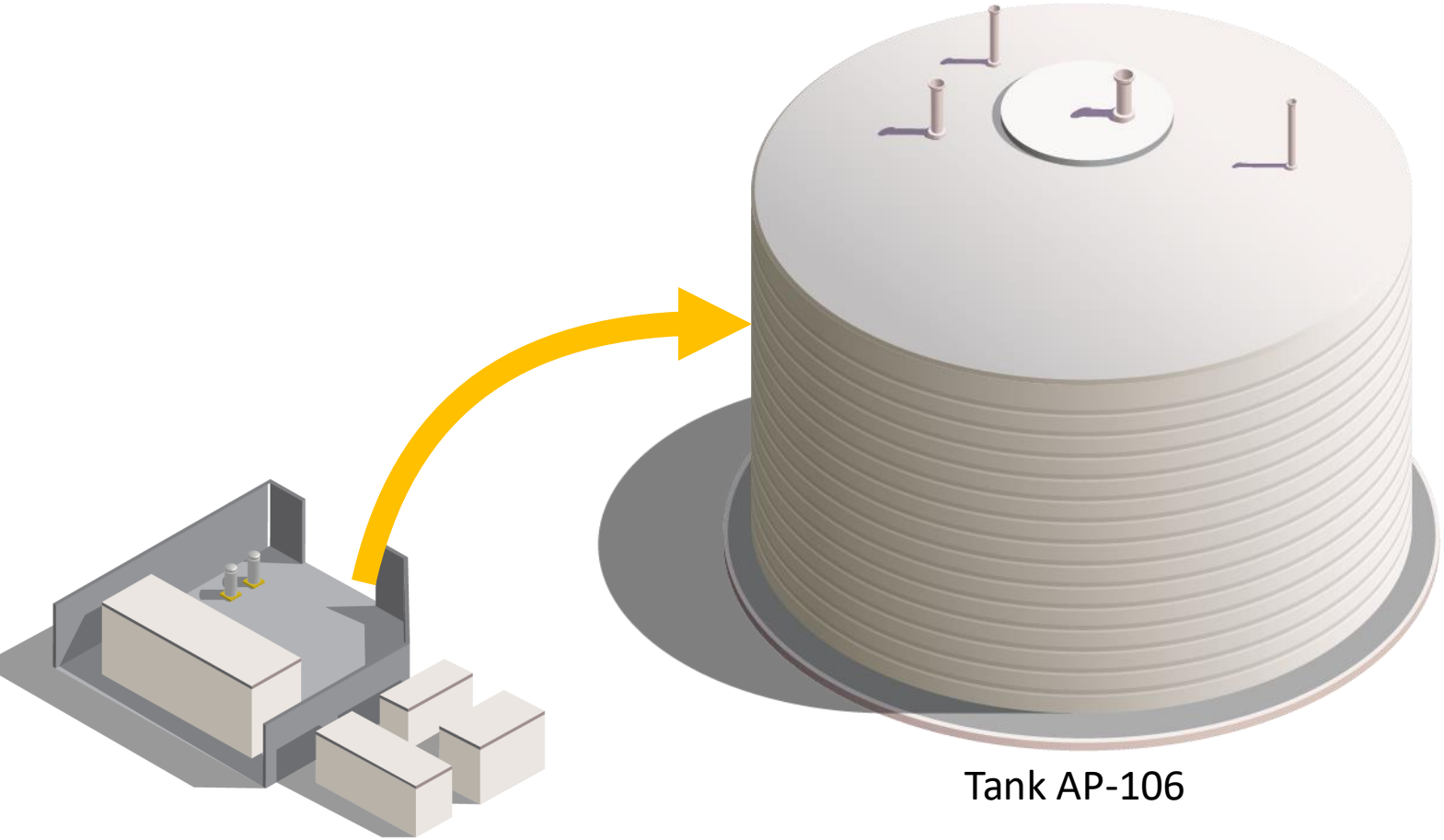
2028 Capacity:
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Transport to Integrated Disposal Facility on Site



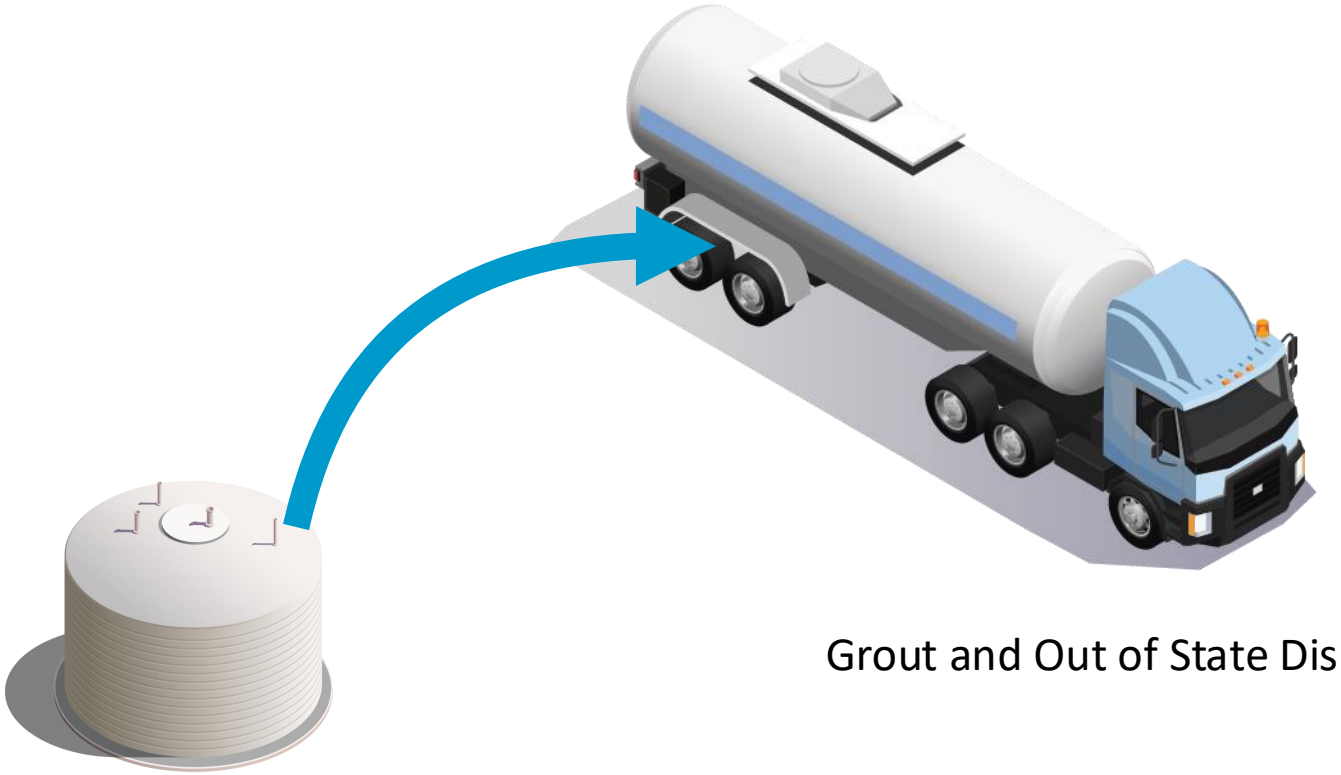
Vitrified Glass to Integrated Disposal Facility

Disposition 2: Tank AP-106 to Grout



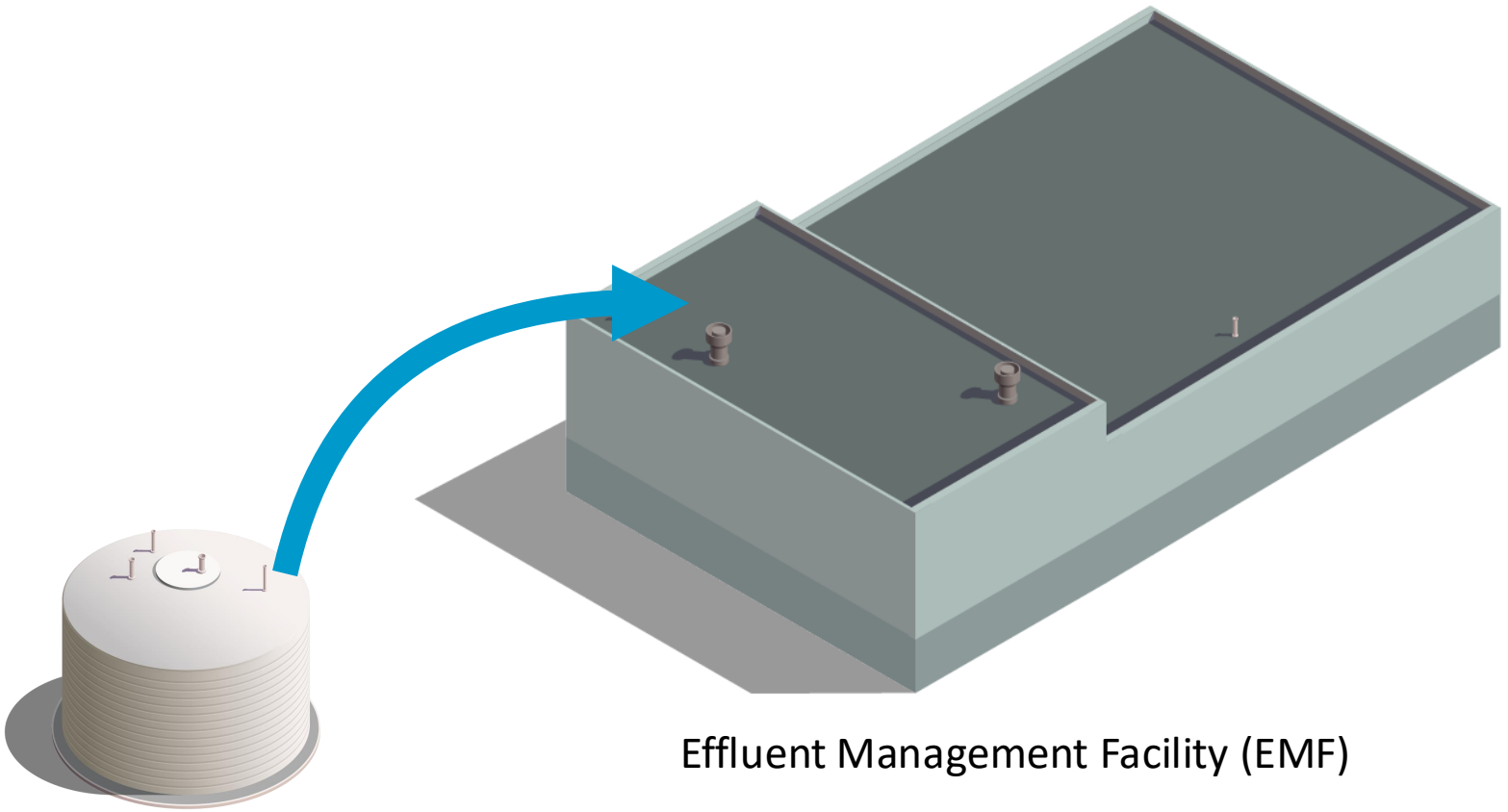
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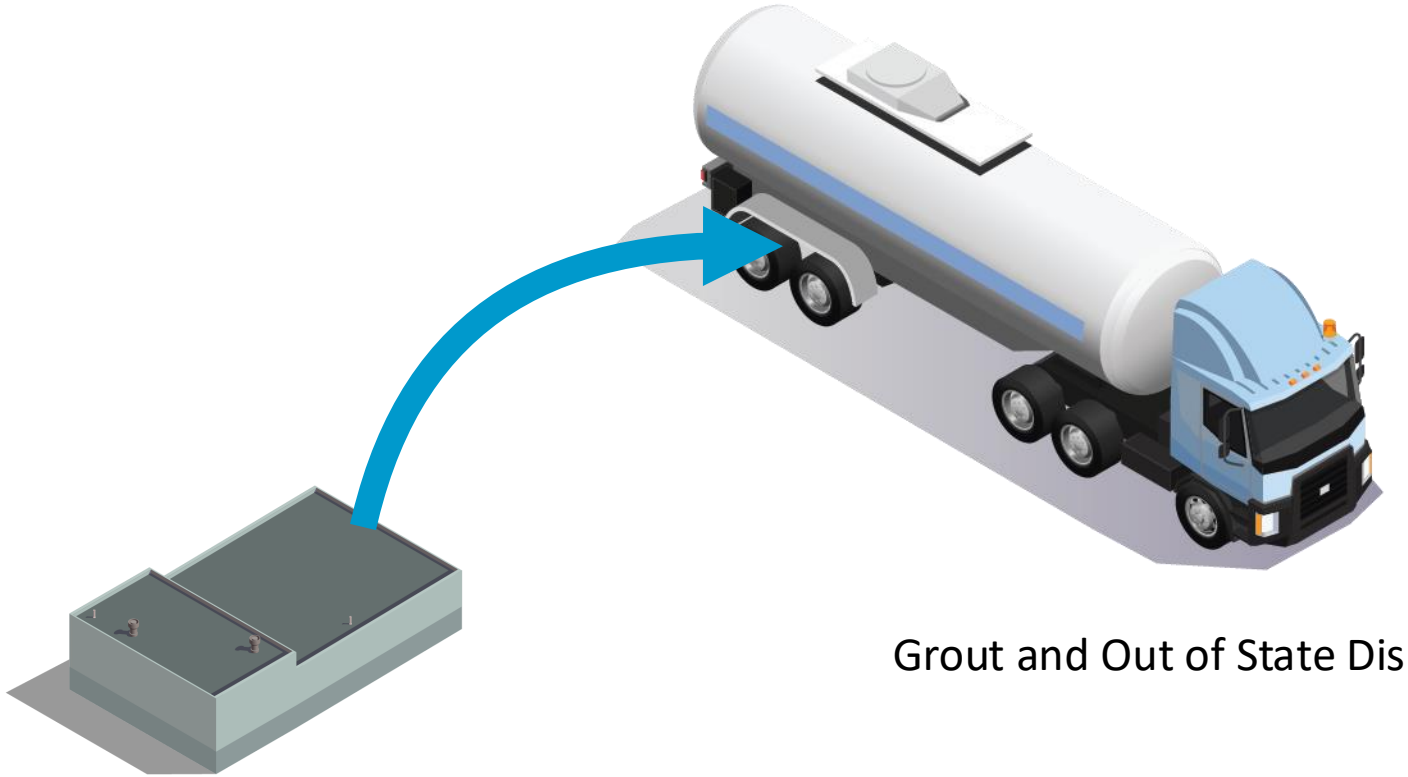
Grout and Out of State Disposal

Disposition 3: Effluent Management Facility to Grout



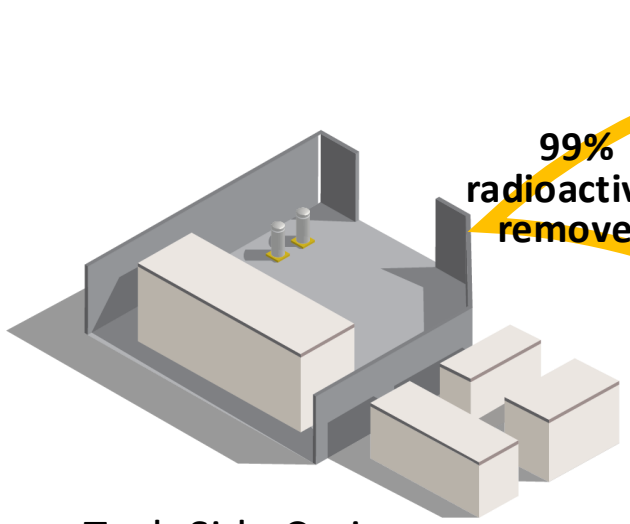
Effluent Management Facility (EMF)

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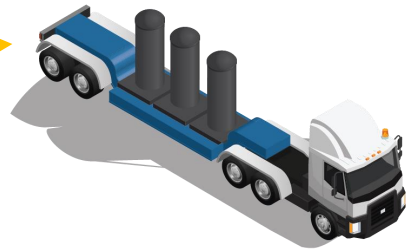
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The Benefit – Grout Goes Out

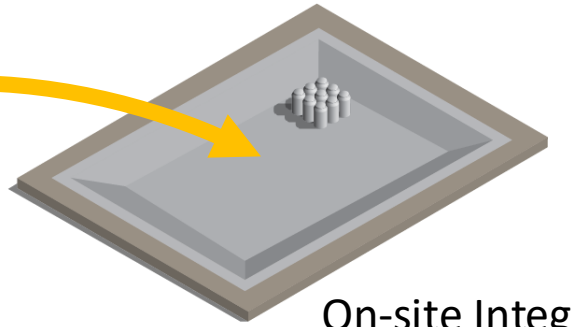


Tank-Side Cesium Removal (TSCR)

99% radioactivity removed



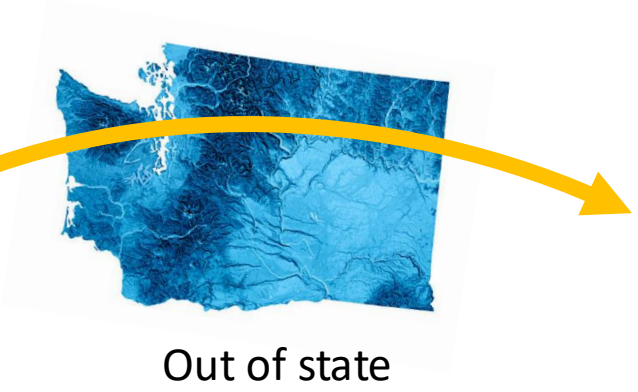
Vitrified Glass



On-site Integrated Disposal Facility

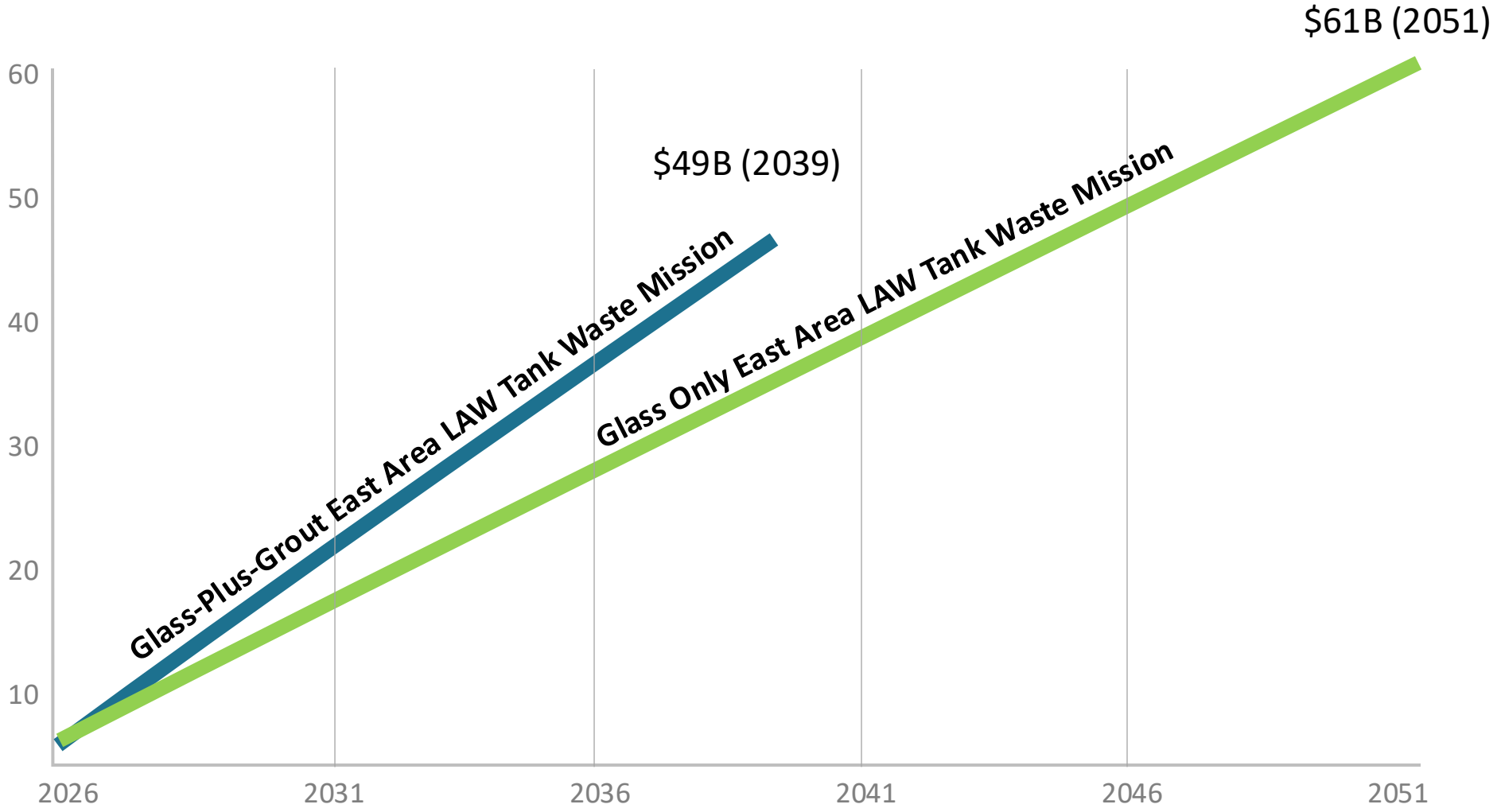


Grout



Out of state

The Benefit – Mission Acceleration



TOOLS AND RESOURCES SPOTLIGHT: 96 HOUR PLAN



96-Hour Plan for Major Incidents

What it is, when to use it, and how to use it

What Problem Does It Solve?

The 96 Hour Plan is intended to provide strategic guidance for rapid, well-coordinated, extended and continuous operations during a major incident.

It helps response leaders:

Ask the right questions

Engage partners fully

Refer to the right plans

Set the right priorities

Establish operational momentum and interagency coordination

The 96-Hour Plan is about leadership and coordination—not teaching tactical spill response.

What the Plan Is — and Is Not

It IS

Strategic guidance for response leadership

A milestone checklist

A relative order of priority

A way to establish a work cycle for extended operations

A tool for Command Staff and Section Chiefs

It is NOT

A tactical operations checklist

An Incident Action Plan

A replacement for ICS

A rigid schedule

A mandate that every milestone occur

Milestones are guides; not every item applies to every incident.

When Does It Apply?

The document is specifically designed for a “major incident.”

Use it when the response is expanding beyond a routine, easily managed event and leadership needs a common framework for simultaneous priorities.

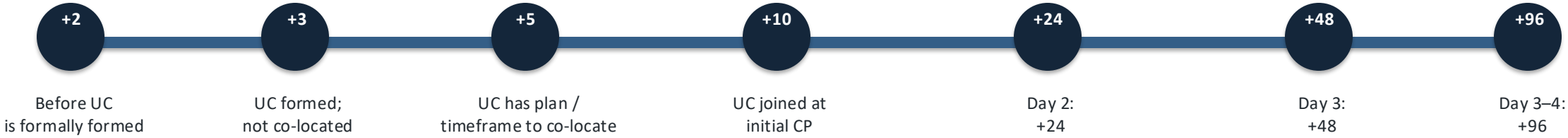
Typical triggers include:

- Major vessel casualty or significant discharge
- Multiple response agencies / jurisdictions
- Significant resources at risk
- Complex environmental, tribal, wildlife or public-safety considerations
- A response likely to require sustained Unified Command

The threshold is an incident-management judgment—not a checklist trigger.

The 96-Hour Framework

The milestones are tied to the evolving response organization—not simply elapsed time.



Use the milestone that matches where the organization actually is—not a rigid stopwatch.

The Working Checklist

The attached RRT10 milestone pivot table turns the plan into a usable incident checklist.

Incident Name: **96 Hour Plan Checklist** Operational Period:

96 Hour Plan Checklist - Incident Response Milestones

Hour In Response	Position or Section	Complete (Time)	Response Action
1	RP/IC		Incident Notifications (See Incident Notifications Matrix Tab)
2	IC		Type and classify the incident to assess the risk.
2	IC		Begin federal/state/trustee/local stakeholder response partner notifications. (See Incident Notifications Matrix Tab)
2	SOFR		Determine immediate responder and community risks including the need and resources for air monitoring.
2	IC		Establish safety/security zones. (may be done via Captain Of The Port Order in marine zones)
2	IC		Consider the need to evacuation personnel or residents.
2	IC		Establish initial incident objectives.
2	IC		Begin ICS form 201.
2	SOFR		Develop initial hazard assessment worksheet and start work on initial site specific safety plan.
2	PSC		Mobilize initial assessment teams (land, water and aerial, as necessary).
2	PIO		Identify the PIO and connect to other PIOs. Establish an initial conference call, connect by e-mail or set up a meeting.
2	PIO		Issue initial joint (response agency) press release (between 30 minutes and 2 hours per area plan policy).
2	OSC		Determine initial resources for responding.
2	PSC		Begin resource tracking.
2	IC		Identify Unified Command members. Establish time for an initial conference call, connect by e-mail or set up a meeting.
3	EUL		Request Scientific Support Coordinator assistance and order trajectories.
3	SOFR		Obtain Safety Data Sheet(s) or other data from spiller to identify oil / hazardous material properties.
3	PSC		Establish overflight assessment and observation feedback loop to response partners.
3	EUL		Identify Geographic Response Plan priorities. Communicate on priorities with response contractors. Begin compiling ICS Form 232, Resources at Risk form.
3	OSC		Determine port closure options/necessity.
3	LOFR		Establish contact with local Emergency Operations Center/City/County Emergency Managers, begin to share information.
3	LOFR		Continue making broader tribal, elected official and stakeholder notifications.
3	LSC		Locate and secure joint Command Post, as needed.
5	LSC		Transition to joint Command Post as necessary.
5	PSC		Agree on common operating picture.
5	EUL		Request Endangered Species Act emergency consultation, using information from the ICS Form 232 and the form provided in Section 9404.
5	LOFR		Identify and notify commercial / private fish and shellfish owners. Identify and notify downstream drinking, agricultural, and industrial water users. Communicate with t
5	OSC		Determine need and establish temporary flight restriction, as necessary.
5	OSC		Consider whether vessel of opportunity skimming systems, public equipment caches or U.S. Naval response resources (local or SUPSALV) are needed. Order as applicabl
5	LOFR		Engage with tribal enforcement and local health departments to open communication concerning shelter in place, fisheries closures and water user impacts.
5	OSC		Coordinate to determine staging areas.

Example shown: Incident Response Milestones • Hour in Response • Position/Section • Response Action

What the Early Milestones Actually Prompt

+2 hours — before formal UC

Classify the incident and assess risk

Notifications and response partners

Immediate responder / community risks and air monitoring

Safety / security zones and evacuation considerations

Initial objectives and ICS 201

Initial assessment teams and resources

PIO connections and initial communications

Identify UC members

+3 to +5 — UC forming / preparing to co-locate

Scientific Support Coordinator / trajectories

SDS / product information

Overflight assessment feedback loop

GRP priorities and ICS 232

Port closure options

Joint Command Post

Common operating picture

ESA emergency consultation

Staging, night operations and specialized resources

+10 Hours: The Organization Starts Operating as a System

UC establishes overall incident objectives

Identify limitations, constraints and critical information requirements

Establish Situation Display and gather supporting facts

Expand resources-at-risk picture / ICS 232

Establish Communication Plan and media-release protocols

Establish Liaison Plan and coordination points

Sampling and SCAT planning

Expand staging as needed

Brief elected officials / agencies and conduct media briefings

Assess whether the Command Post is suitable for a long-term response

This is where the plan shifts from initial response actions toward a sustainable management system.

+24 to +96 Hours: Sustain and Look Ahead

Day 2 — +24

Community meeting timing

Wildlife impacts / infrastructure

Cultural and historical resources

MTS recovery and cargo prioritization, if appropriate

Long-term staffing / demobilization / fatigue

Documentation management

Recovery effectiveness

Waste / disposal and decontamination

Salvage / transfer needs

Claims communication

Mutual aid and out-of-region resources

Inform or convene the RRT

Cost tracking / burn rate

Day 3–4 — +48 / +96

+48: long-term staffing and demobilization

Refine vessel traffic plan

Activate volunteer management as needed

Continue communication with incident-specific RRT

Adjust daily cycle

+96: continue RRT communication

+96: adjust daily cycle as appropriate

A Major Part of Section 9220: Notifications

The matrix identifies connections to:

- RRT / USCG / EPA / states
- Federal and state trustees
- Tribes
- Public health agencies
- County and city emergency managers
- Ports and MTS stakeholders
- Elected officials
- State / local law enforcement and fire
- GRP-specific notifications

Multiple notifications to the same organization are expected and acceptable.

Communications Are Part of the Plan

Strategic messaging

Communication is at the center of a major response

Use rapid, targeted, credible information

Agree early on facts that can be communicated

Explain the response framework and assets being deployed

Address risk, safety, environmental and security issues

Practical expectations

Rapid media outreach

Coordinate federal / state / local / RP messaging

Daily press conferences during major responses

Incident-specific website within 24 hours

Social media / rumor awareness

Brief elected officials and affected communities

The objective is not just information release—it is operational momentum, coordination and public trust.

How to Use It in the Real Response

1. Recognize the incident as major / complex.
2. Pull up the 96-Hour Plan and the milestone checklist.
3. Identify the milestone matching the current response organization.
4. Look at your ICS function and assign the applicable tasks.
5. Integrate those tasks into normal ICS meetings, planning and the IAP.
6. Look one or more milestones ahead for long-lead activities.
7. Revisit as conditions and the organization change.

Area Committee preparedness gives responders the framework; Unified Command manages the incident.

Five Things to Remember

1. It is strategic guidance for major incidents.

2. It is for Command Staff and Section Chiefs—not tactical operations.

3. The milestones are aspirational prompts, not hard deadlines.

4. It works with ICS, the IAP, notifications and communications.

5. Its value is looking ahead and starting important work early.

Questions / Discussion

OPEN COMMENTS

NEXT MEETING

March 10, 2027

Sector Puget Sound

FINAL COMMENTS & CLOSING REMARKS

