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GETTING STARTED: ELECTRONIC CONTINGENCY PLANNING

What is Electronic Contingency Planning?

An electronic contingency plan is an automated system that facilitates contingency planning for emergencies such as oil and hazmat response. An electronic contingency planning (ECP) system lets you access planning tools and references for plan development, use, and maintenance.

What are the characteristics of an electronic contingency plan?

An electronic contingency plan has one or more of the following characteristics:

- Is available on the Internet, a Network, CD-ROM, or a disk;
- Has an interactive table of contents;
- Has hypertext links to other plans and databases;
- Can generate "what-if" scenarios for use in both planning and response; and/or
- Has search capabilities with access to response information, regulations, national standards, and/or maps.

What are the benefits of an electronic contingency plan?

An electronic contingency plan:

- Is distributed at relatively low cost on the Internet, a Network, or a disk;
- Is easily revised;
- Makes plan information more easily accessible for training, exercises, and responses; and
- Allows for easier review and comment by drafters and regulatory agencies.

Are other agencies doing ECP?

Yes. Here are a few examples of NRT member agency ECP efforts. Please visit the following web sites to find examples of NRT member agency plans.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Area Contingency Plans (ACPs) - Please see Regions 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10 electronic contingency plans at <http://www.nrt.org>.

U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) - Please see <http://www.uscg.mil/vrp/acpmap.htm> for examples of Coast Guard electronic ACPs.

Navy - Please see an example of the Navy On-Scene Coordinator plan at <http://www.noscnr.org>.

Can my agency get involved in ECP?

Does your agency prepare plans? Consider preparing electronic contingency plans.

Does your agency work with industry? Consider encouraging industry to prepare and submit electronic contingency plans.

Where can I find electronic tools for spill response and planning?

NRT Publications/Planning and Preparedness

<http://www.nrt.org>

- Geographic Information System (GIS)-based plans, PDF-based plans, HTML-based plans, and Electronic ACP templates
- Coordinating Contingency Planning Factsheet
- The NRT ICP Guidance
- One Plan Factsheet
- NRT-1 Hazmat Planning Guide
- NRT-1a
- Planning for Response Success
- Technical Guidance for Hazardous Analysis

PA on Historic Properties

<http://www.achp.gov/NCP-PA.html>

Coast Guard Marine Safety Index for Oil Response

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/index.htm>

- NCP
- OPA 90
- CERCLA
- MOU among USCG, EPA, and GSA
- MOA among USCG and USAF
- OSRO Guidelines

Spills of Non-Floating Oils: Risk and Response

<http://www.nap.edu/books/0309065909/html>

NOAA Oil Spill Aids

<http://response.restoration.noaa.gov/oilaid.html>

- ESI Maps
<http://response.restoration.noaa.gov/esi/esiintro.html>
- Characteristic Coastal Habits
- Reports on Response Issues
- Response Reports and Case Histories
- Using Maps to Evaluate Environmental Tradeoffs

NOAA Software for Oil Spill Responders and Planners

<http://www.nwn.noaa.gov/sites/hazmat/software/software.html>

- GNOME

- ADIOS
- TAP
- DOGS
- ICS Forms
- Spill Tools
- CAMEO

Oil Spill Web: The International Oil Spill Resource and Info Center

<http://www.oil-spill-web.com/default1.asp>

- Emergency Contacts
- News
- Directory
- Invitations to Bid
- Response Handbook
- NGO Listing

EPA Oil Spill Program

<http://www.epa.gov/oilspill/index.htm>

- Reporting Spills
- Preventing Spills
- Preparing for Spills
- Responding to Spills
- Laws and Regulations
- Publications
- Regional Pages
- Learning Center
- SPCC Guides and Survey
- Oil Related Websites

States/B.C. Task Force

<http://www.elp.gov.bc.ca/eeeb/taskforc/tfhome.htm>

Field Operations Guide 2000

<http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/sgosat/S.G. Volume II.pdf>

Federal Emergency Management Agency

<http://www.fema.gov>

- Federal Response Plan
- State and Local Planning Guidance
- Radiological Emergency Planning

Whom can I contact for more information?

Contact CDR John Weber, the Preparedness Committee Chair, at (202) 267-6716 for general ECP information and the status of the NRT Preparedness Committee's ECP work.

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