

Department of Environmental Conservation

# New York State Report to the Regional Response Team

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation** 

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# **Organizational Changes**

NYSDEC Spill Response Program now reports through:

- Spill Response & Coordination, DER – <u>Kevin Hale</u>, Sec. Chief – 518-402-9583, <u>kevin.hale@dec.ny.gov</u>

- Emergency Management Unit (EMU) – <u>Matt Franklin</u>, Director – 518-857-9462, <u>matt.franklin@dec.ny.gov</u>

Hugh Cirrito – New DEC RSE for Long Island 631-444-0321

Jeff Vought – Passed away 11/16/17



#### **Basic Stats – Calendar Year 2017**

- We are divided into 9 Regional Offices + Central Office in Albany

- NYSDEC received 11,559 spill reports total - 1,670 in NY City

- We initiated 459 State funded emergency cleanups statewide

- Vessel sinkings (pleasure craft), vessel groundings, vessel frozen in St. Lawrence Seaway lock, saddle tank spills, haz mat cargo events, home fuel spills, utility spills

# Tank Overfill – Bayside Terminal, Brooklyn

- March 30, 2017: 27k diesel fuel spill into Gravesend Bay from Bayside Terminal – Tank Overfill
- RP mopped up paved areacleaned beach-dug soil on tank tops







# **Con Ed Transformer Spill – East River**

- May 7, 2017 – Con Ed transformer malfunctioned, cracked open, and spilled 30k

dielectric fluid onto ground, East River - Spread widely – much public attention

River cleaned up – Most of oil in ground removed – Needs long term remediation DEC/Con Ed doing 2C plan





### Con Ed Feeder Leak – Fresh Creek, S.I.

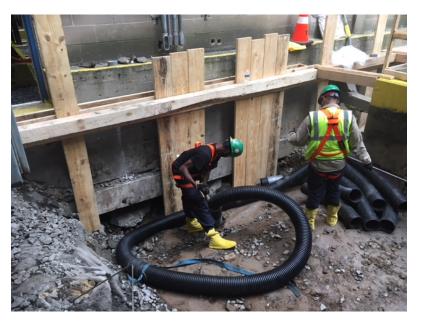
- Feeder had small leak since 7/13
- Finally found on 6/26/17 on shore of Fresh Creek, in Fresh Kills landfill complex
- -Excavation with small caisson to do repair work in tidal zone
- Cable repaired in 8/17
- Total DF lost: 10,000 gals.





#### Con Ed transformer spill – 65 St. sub-station

- 9/8/17 Transformer #8 at 65 St Substation Manhattan malfunctioned and ruptured – Leaked into ground – 13.5 k DF capacity
- Transformer removed 9/17 6.5k DF recovered so far-soil removal and monitoring wells placed in area – remedial investigation continues under DEC supervision





#### **Steinway Subway Tunnel Oil Seepages**

- 12/00 #6 FO seep reported DEC
- did cleanup 2001-09-15k recovered
- 2014 Seep came back DEC found a potential tank leak source on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. RP cleaned up on surface – Seep disappeared.
- 4/18 Seep back! DEC inspects and works with NYCT on getting oil removed – May be new source involved





### **NYSDEC's New Drone Fleet**

- 20 pilots trained - more coming

- Drones have cameras/sensors

- Used in S.I./Texas/Puerto Rico

- If need from DEC, contact Matt Franklin in Albany





# **Upgrading our Radio Capability**



- NYSDEC is getting multi-band Motorola ATX 8000 radios for comms with other agencies
  - Working with NYCEM, FDNY, and NJDEP
- Looking for other partners who have agency interoperability channels on their two-ways (VTAC, UTAC, etc)
- Doing this to increase comms with people on scene/IC/UC situations

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# **Thank You**

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