

Upper Mississippi River Spill Response & Wildlife Response Training

AGENDA

Tuesday, September 25th

Classroom and Practical Sessions
Ivor Fowler Community Center
710 Main Street, Montrose, Iowa

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter(s)</u>
8:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions	David Morrison, MPCA All
8:15	Upper Mississippi Resource and Response Overview • UMR system overview • UMR resources • Agency roles/USCG role • Trustees in the NCP • ACPs, SACPs and Sensitivity Atlases	Morrison, MPCA Mick Hanan, USFWS Bryan Klostermeyer, USCG Mike Coffey, USFWS Ann Whelan, US EPA
9:15	Emergency Spill Response, Booming, and Containment Strategies	Joe Davis, US EPA
10:15	BREAK	
10:30	Emergency Spill Response, Booming, and Containment Strategies (continued)	Davis, US EPA
11:30	Hands-On Practical: Booming Equipment	Davis, US EPA
Noon	LUNCH	
1:00 p.m.	Incident Command System: Structure, Issues & Implementation • ICS overview • Operations section • Wildlife branch • Documentation	Steve Faryan, US EPA Tricia Edwards, US EPA Coffey, US FWS Mays/Tabor, US FWS
2:00	Wildlife Reconnaissance • Reconnaissance and recovery • Estimating flock size	Coffey, USFWS Hanan, USFWS
2:30	BREAK	
2:45	Response Safety • HAZWOPER, wildlife handling, and outdoor work • Boater safety	Jason Suckow, USDA Eric Prufer, USCG
3:30	Disinfection Practices	Edwards, US EPA
3:45	Hands-On Practical: Safety and Field Considerations • PPE demo • Wildlife capture and transport demo	Suckow & Coffey Suckow & Coffey
4:30	Field Preview/Divide into Groups for Field Activities	All
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn for the Day	

Wednesday, September 26th

Field Sessions
River View Park
Montrose, Iowa

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter(s)</u>
8:00 a.m.	Field Day Intro and Safety Briefing	<i>All</i>
8:15	Response Track: Containment Structures ▪ Rigid pipe underflow dam ▪ Flexible pipe underflow dam ▪ Weir dam ▪ Straw bale dam ▪ Aeration demonstration Wildlife Track: Reconnaissance, Capture, and Rehab ▪ “Setting the bar” for sensitive resources ▪ Volunteer management ▪ Wildlife salvage and morgue ▪ Wildlife emergency immediate care ▪ Wildlife rehabilitation ▪ Alternative capture methods ▪ Hazing	<i>Davis, US EPA (Leader)</i> <i>All</i> <i>Whelan, US EPA</i> <i>Mays/Tabor, US FWS</i> <i>Mays/Tabor, US FWS</i> <i>Coffey/Suckow</i> <i>Coffey/Suckow</i> <i>Suckow, USDA</i> <i>Suckow/Mays/Tabor</i>
Noon	LUNCH	
1:00 p.m.	Response Track: Boom Deployment ▪ Deflection boom in river ▪ Pumps and skimmers ▪ Boom across sensitive target ▪ “J” booming (still water) ▪ Containment boom around vessel ▪ Shore deployment of boom Wildlife Track: Recovery Operations ▪ Wildlife recovery operations ▪ Encountering boom/issues in crossing boom	<i>Davis, US EPA (Leader)</i> <i>All</i> <i>Coffey & Suckow</i> <i>(Leaders)</i> <i>All</i>
4:30	Clean-Up, Wrap-Up	<i>All</i>
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn	

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Upper Mississippi River Response: River System Overview, Response Considerations, and Tools

Upper Mississippi River Spill Response
and Wildlife Response Training

September 25, 2012
Montrose, Iowa

Overview

- Upper Mississippi River (UMR) System Overview and General Response Considerations
- Need for UMR Spill Response Coordination
- UMR Planning and Response Tools

Upper Mississippi River

Resource Setting: Scope and Scale

- 189,000 square miles in basin
- 1,300 miles in total length
- 850 miles navigable, 816 interstate
- Avg. Annual Discharge:
9,200 cfs at St. Paul, MN
205,000 cfs at Thebes, IL



UMR Spill Response Considerations

- Unique Characteristics & Challenges
- Complex Physical System
 - Locks and dams, main channel, side channel, backwaters
 - Flows/spill trajectories variable and hard to predict
- High Value Natural Resources
 - Seasonal concentrations of migratory waterfowl
 - Threatened and endangered species
 - Diverse habitats, National Wildlife Refuges



UMR Spill Response Considerations

- Water Supply Used For
 - Drinking Water
 - Industrial Processes
 - Cooling
- Presence of Commercial and Recreational Vessels
 - Safety considerations
 - Interference with response efforts
- Diverse Potential Pollution Sources
 - Vessels, pipelines, railroads, highway crossings, industrial discharge



Need for Cooperation and Coordination on the UMR

- Multiple Jurisdictions and Agencies
- Potential for Downstream Impacts
- Government-Private Sector Coordination Important
- Need to Target Limited Resources (equipment, personnel, planning, etc.)

UMR Hazardous Spills Coordination Group

Mission

- Facilitate coordination and cooperation among the region's state and federal response agencies.
- Address the special challenges associated with planning and response on a large, multi-jurisdictional river.

Members

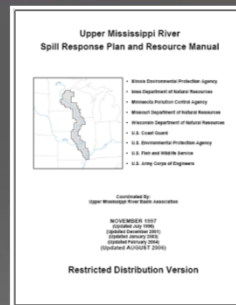
- States: Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin
- Federal Agencies: USACE, USCG, USEPA, USFWS
- Two meetings per year (spring and fall)

UMR Spills Group: Products & Activities

- Forum for discussion, collaboration and advocating perspectives
- UMR Hazardous Spill Response Plan and Resource Manual
 - Created 1991
 - Periodic Updates (next comprehensive update by September 2013)
- Other Products
 - UMR Response Resource DVD
 - Emergency Action Field Guide
- Training classes and exercises – **such as today!**
- Support for related efforts (response strategy development, etc.)

UMR Spill Response Plan and Resource Manual

- A contingency plan to supplement other area and agency plans (R5, R7 area)
- Addresses how state and federal agencies respond to UMR spills
- Includes resource manual appendices with reference information
- Restricted access and public distribution versions (due to contents of appendices in resource manual) – see www.umrba.org for public plan



Response Plan & Resource Manual Contents

Response Plan

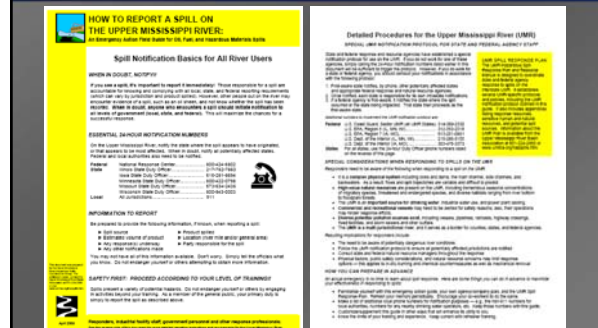
- Public and Private Organization Roles in Response
- Interstate Notification Protocol and Notification Roster
- Response Protocol for UMR Spills
- Incident Command System Implementation Protocol
- Policy on In Situ Burning and COSTAs
- Policy on Bioremediation
- Policy on Vessel Detainment
- State Hazardous Waste Disposal Requirements
- Policy on Coordination with USACE

Response Plan & Resource Manual Contents

Resource Appendices

- Basic river information
 - county lines, locks & dams, USCG & USACE boundaries
- Sensitive human and natural resources
 - water intakes, National Wildlife refuges, sensitive habitats
- Potential sources of spills
 - highway and rail crossings, pipelines, dischargers, commodities transported, tributaries, oil-handling terminals
- Response assets
 - hazmat teams, response equipment, river access points
- Countermeasures
 - in situ burning information and considerations, chemical oil spill treating agents information and considerations

UMR Emergency Action Field Guide



More Planning & Response Tools



- Geographic Response Planning Tools
 - Response Strategies for UMR Metro Areas (Sub-areas): Minneapolis-St. Paul, Quad Cities, and St. Louis
 - Wildlife Refuges and Other Sensitive Areas: UMR Pools 7, 10 and 13; these include initial incident action plan
 - Integrated into Inland Sensitivity Atlas
- Inland Sensitivity Atlas
 - State-wide atlases
 - UMR DVD (atlas information for river corridor)

Oil Spill Emergency

Wildlife Response



Wildlife Response

Topic: National Contingency Plan

Topic: Incident Command System

Topic: Wildlife Recon



National Response System

Three Levels of Contingency Plans under the National Response System:

National Contingency Plan

Regional Contingency Plans – see *Ann's presentation*.

Area (& SubAreas) Contingency Plans

– see *Ann's presentation*.



National Contingency Plan

40 CFR 300.135(j)(2)

On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) notifies Trustees

40 CFR 300.205(c)(2)

Planning & joint efforts to protect sensitive areas

40 CFR 300.210(c)(4)

Wildlife response planning

40 CFR 300.615(c)(2)

Responsibilities of the Trustees under Oil Pollution Act (OPA) – natural resource damage assessment and restoration (NRDAR)

National Contingency Plan

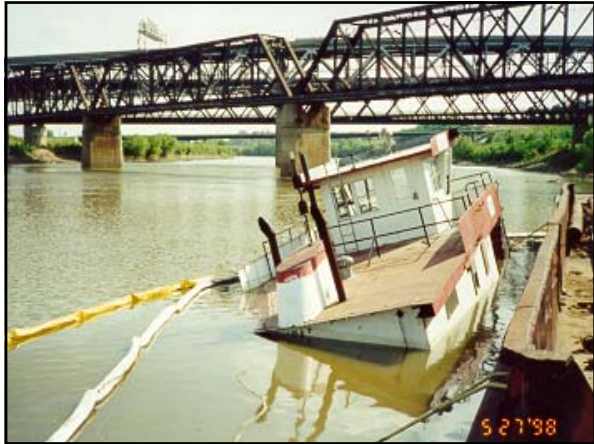
40 CFR 300.210(c)(4)

Wildlife response planning

“Identify and plan for the acquisition and utilization of necessary response capabilities for protection, rescue, and rehabilitation of fish and wildlife resources and habitat.”







Who Responds to Oil Spills?

- The Responsible Party
- The Fire Department/Hazmat Team
- The State
- EPA, Coast Guard, FWS, Pipeline Safety
- Others

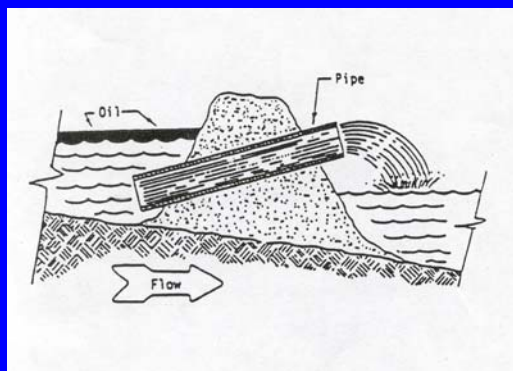
UNDER-FLOW DAMS Design and Construction



Theory of Operation

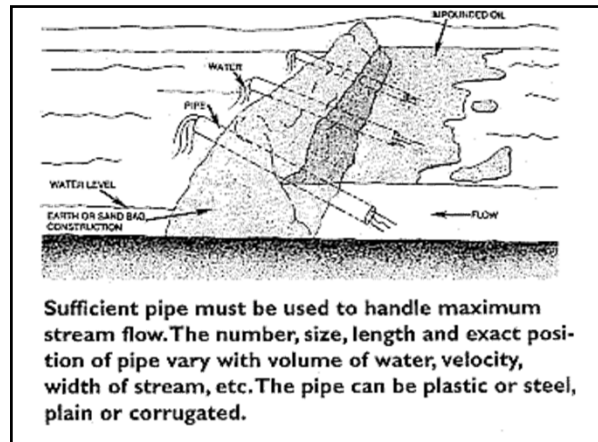
- In small creeks and drainage ways, an under-flow dam can be constructed to contain free floating oil and allow uncontaminated water to pass through the dam.
- The design consists of a length of pipe or culvert placed parallel to the direction of water flow with the upstream end lower than the downstream end. The dam can be constructed with sand bags, shovels, or heavy digging equipment.

Under-flow dams are sometimes called siphon dams



Construction Considerations

- The pipe must be large enough and positioned correctly to allow water to pass without backing up to a depth greater than the dam or surrounding banks.
- Several pipes placed side by side may be used in the dam to carry the required flow.
- An alternate method is to add a valve on the downstream side or a "T" on the upstream side of a level pipe to control the water level.
- Existing culverts can be utilized at some locations along a creek by damming the creek downstream and thereby raising the water level above the top of the culvert.



Factors Controlling Design

- Stream characteristics: flow rate, water volume, stream width, and depth
- Stream access
- Available time
- Available materials
- Available equipment
- Weather: current and forecasted

Steep slopes, wooded and remote



Flat, open, and accessible



Structural Considerations of Dam

Structural Integrity:

- 2 to 1 Slope on bank
- Crest large enough to drive on
- Sand bags or compacted earth and rock

Impermeability:

- Sheet plastic
- Compacted earth core

Materials and Equipment

Materials:

Local materials:

- Dirt (soil)
- Rock
- Sand

Imported materials:

- Same stuff (but, costs more time & money)

Types of pipe:

- Corrugated steel pipe
- Hard PVC pipe
- Flexible corrugated plastic pipe (adjustable)

Materials and Equipment

Equipment:

- Shovels
- Excavators
- Bulldozers
- Bobcat
- Absorbent boom
- Vacuum trucks
- Pumps and hoses
- What ever you can get

'T' Inlet allows for easy cleanout of debris



Designed and Tested for 100 Year Flood





Time Vs. Resources

You have a limited amount of time. Where to get materials and equipment?

- Large home centers
- Garden centers
- Plumbing shops
- Heavy equipment rental centers
- Emergency response contractors



Time Vs. Resources

- The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) may have access to the county road works supply yard. This is a great source for pipe, rock, sand, tools, and heavy equipment!!
- Make a mental note of all the vendors in the area as you are driving to the site. You are likely to find the materials needed to construct an under-flow dam at local stores and shops.

Structural Failures and other Problems



Common Problems in Design

- Outlet of the pipe is too high. This will cause the upstream pool to crest over the dam or flood the adjacent banks.
- Insufficient drainage capacity of the pipes. (Same result as above).
- Drainage pipes too level or too large. This will allow oil to pass through the dam.
- Dam material not wide enough or compacted enough. This will cause the dam to fail catastrophically.



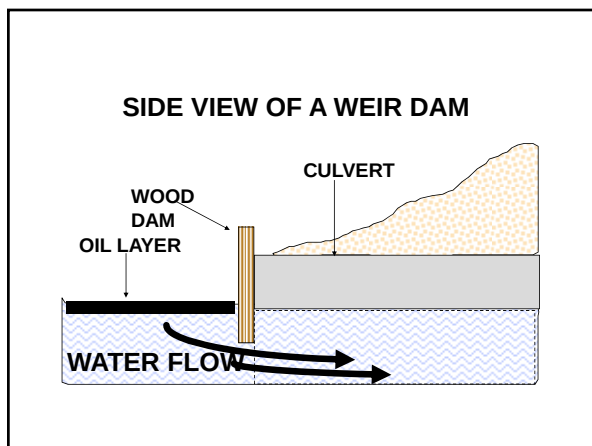
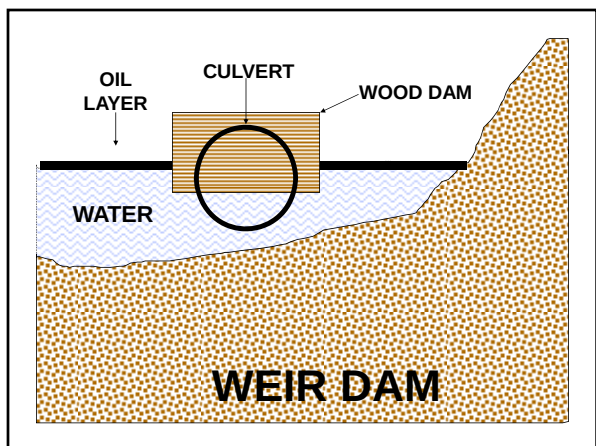
"Took the corner to Quick and Tripped"





WEIR DAMS

- Used to prevent flow of spilled product into or out of a storm sewer culvert.
- Can be used to catch spilled product in an outfall.
- Practical materials: boards, plywood, or any material that can stop flow.



PLYWOOD DAMS



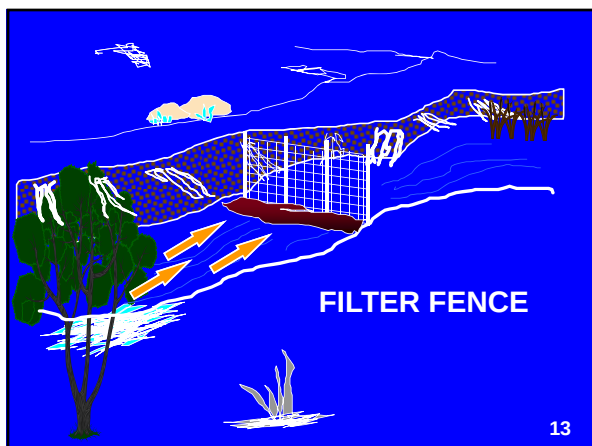
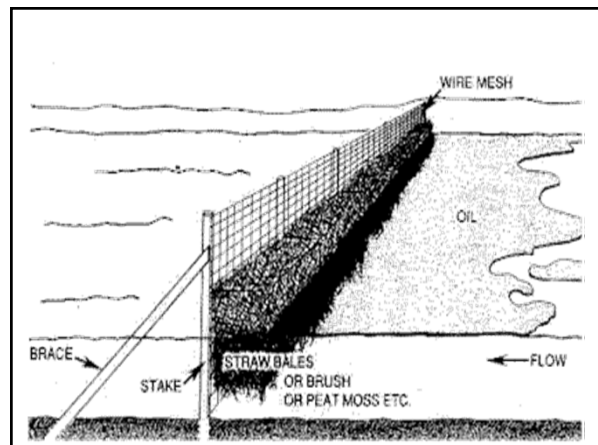
STRAW DAMS



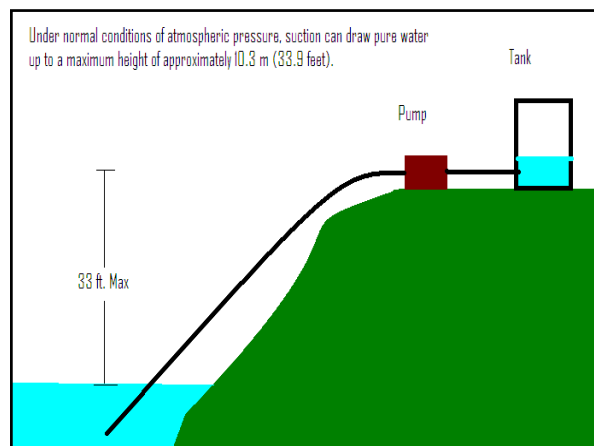
- Used to contain sediment or spilled product.
- Can be used in conjunction with a Peat material.
- Can be an additional media in use with containment or absorbent boom.
- Can generate excess waste (= excessive cost for disposal).

FILTER FENCES

- Constructed using stakes, chicken wire, and straw.
- Used to slow or contain spilled product.



A Word about Pumps...



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EPA R7 Emergency Response and Preparedness

Other Inlands Waters Spill Containment and Cleanup Strategies

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What do you do if you have a Spill?

- Stop the Source of Release
- Contain the Spill
- Make Notifications

NOTIFICATIONS

- National Response Center
800.424.8802
- EPA Region 7
913.281.0991
- EPA Region 5
312.353.2318
- Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources
515.281.8694
- Locals
Emergency Management, Fire Dept.,
Law Enforcement, Local Emergency Planning
Committee

What do you do if you have a Spill?

- Stop the Source of Release
- Contain the Spill
- Make Notifications
- Material Clean-up

Removal and Remediation

- In-Situ Burning



REQUIRES APPROVAL FROM THE REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM (RRT)

Removal and Remediation

- In-Situ Burning
- Collection and Skimming



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Removal and Remediation

- In-Situ Burning
- Collection and Skimming
 - Bank Washing





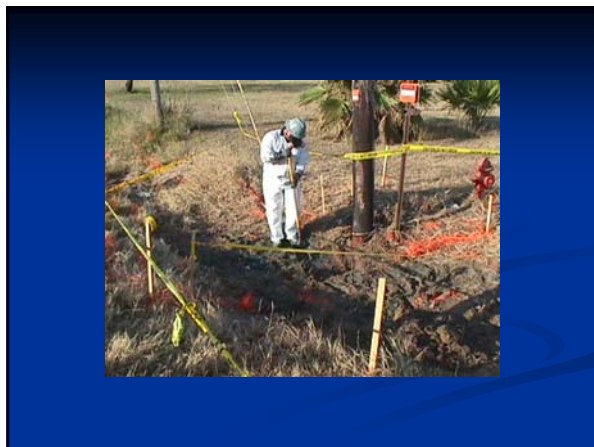
Removal and Remediation

- In-Situ Burning
- Collection and Skimming
 - Bank Washing
 - Oil Herding
 - Leaf Blowers
 - Dragging



Removal and Remediation

- In-Situ Burning
- Collection and Skimming
 - Washing
- Dig and Haul



Removal and Remediation

- In-Situ Burning
- Collection and Skimming
 - Washing
- Dig and Haul
 - **Interception**



Removal and Remediation

- In-Situ Burning
- Collection and Skimming
 - Washing
- Dig and Haul
- Absorption
 - **Pads**



Removal and Remediation

- In-Situ Burning
- Collection and Skimming
 - Washing
- Dig and Haul
- Absorption
 - **Pads**
 - **Sock**



Removal and Remediation

- In-Situ Burning
- Collection and Skimming
 - Washing
- Dig and Haul
- Absorption
 - Pads
 - Sock
 - Pom-Poms
 - Peat
 - Hay



Removal and Remediation

- In-Situ Burning
- Collection and Skimming
 - Washing
- Dig and Haul
- Absorption
 - Pads
 - Sock
 - Pom-Poms
 - Peat
 - Hay
- Dispersants/Encapsulation

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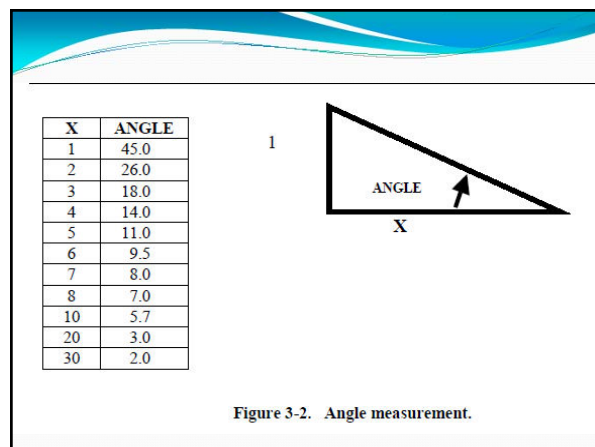
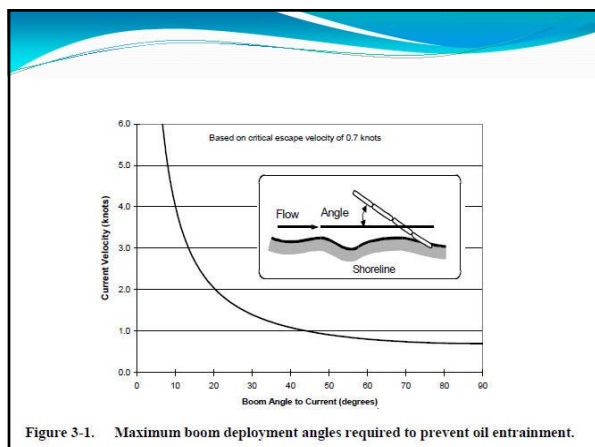
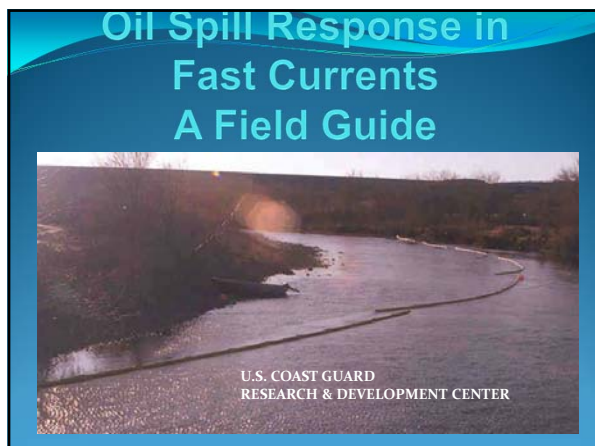
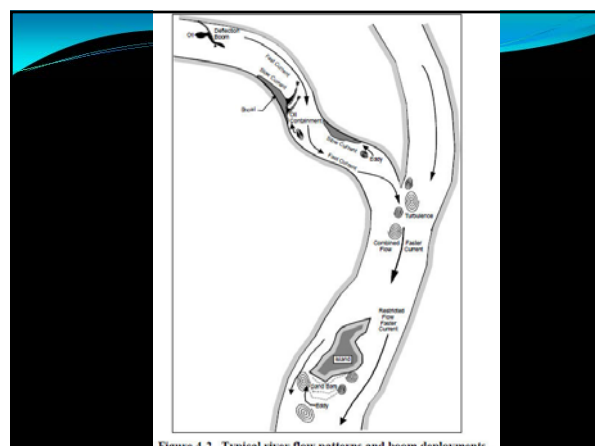
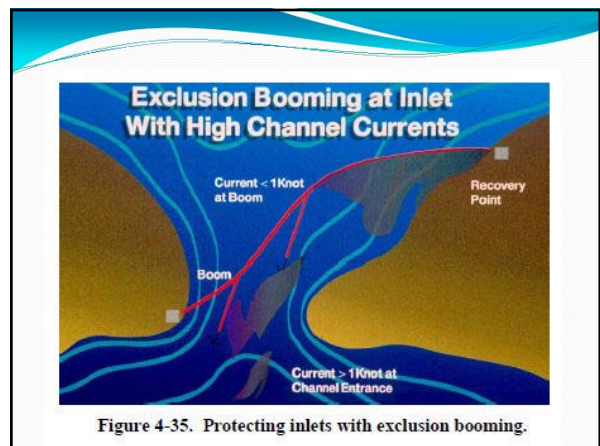
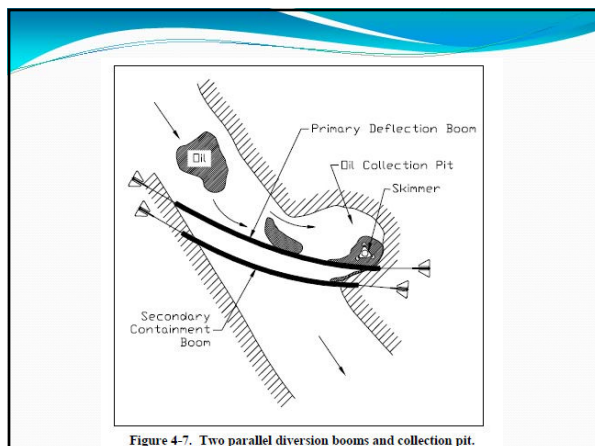
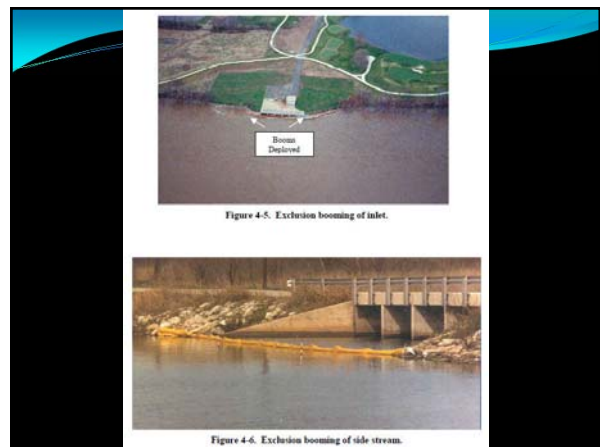
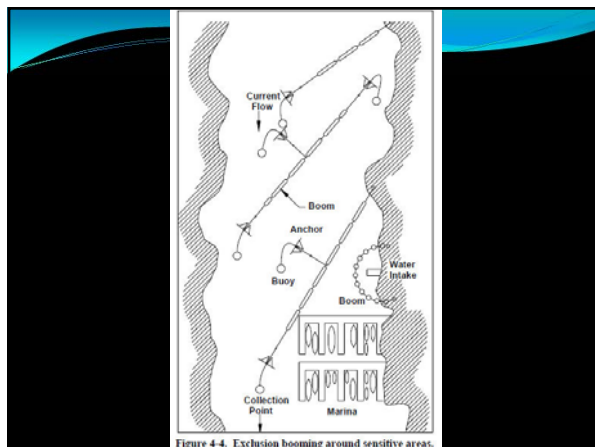
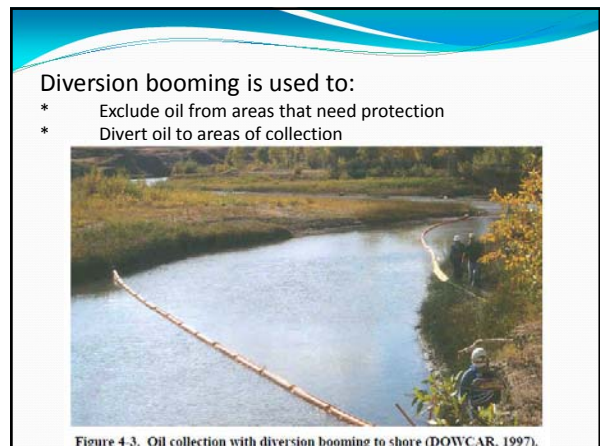
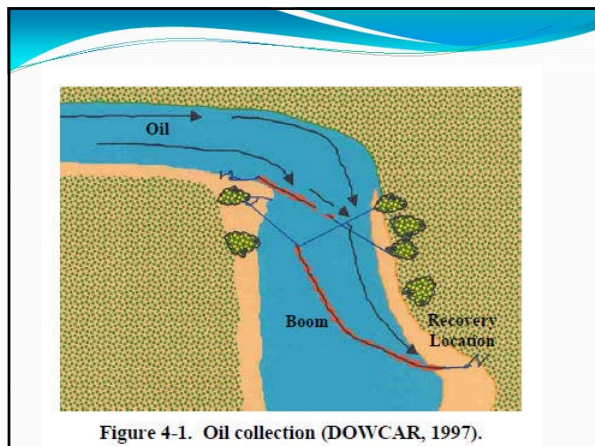


Table 3-1. Current drag force on one-foot boom profile to current.

Velocity (knots)	Boom Drag Force (pounds)			
	Draft 0.5 Feet	Draft 1.0 Feet	Draft 1.5 Feet	Draft 2.0 Feet
0.5	0.7	1.3	2.0	2.7
1.0	2.7	5.3	8.0	10.7
1.5	6.0	12.0	18.0	24.0
2.0	10.7	21.3	32.0	42.6
2.5	16.7	33.3	50.0	66.6
3.0	24.0	48.0	72.0	95.9
3.5	32.6	65.3	97.9	130.6
4.0	42.6	85.3	127.9	170.6
4.5	54.0	107.9	161.9	215.9
5.0	66.6	133.3	199.9	266.5
5.5	80.6	161.2	241.8	322.5
6.0	95.9	191.9	287.8	383.8
6.5	112.6	225.2	337.8	450.4
7.0	130.6	261.2	391.8	522.3





Booming Strategies and Tactics

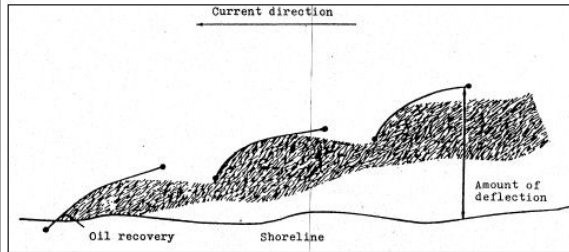


Figure 4-8. Cascade diversion booms (Exxon, 1992).



Figure 4-9. Cascade diversion booms deployed.

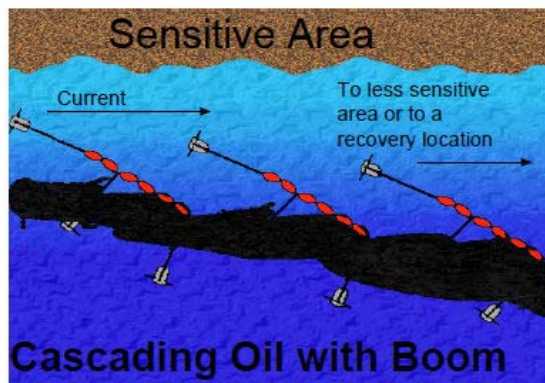


Figure 4-33. Cascaded deflection booms (U.S. Navy, 1991).



Figure 5-1. Deploying cascade boom in a narrow river (DOWCAR, 1997).

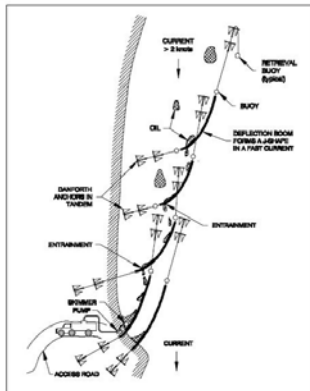


Figure 5-2. Cascade J-shape deflection booms requires more overlap (Coe and Gurr, 1999).

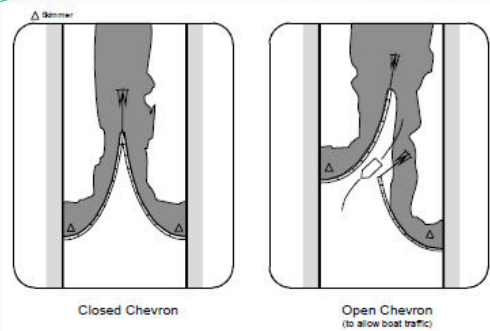
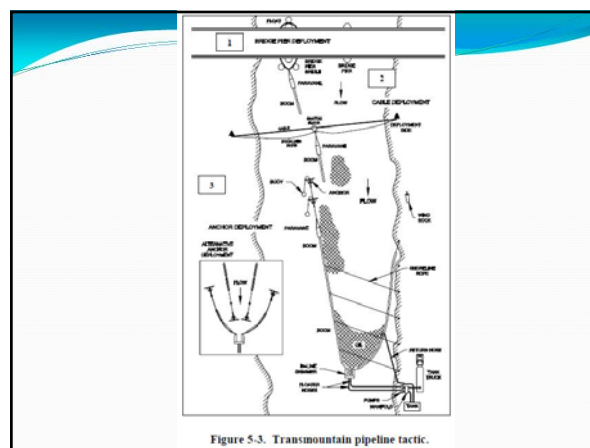
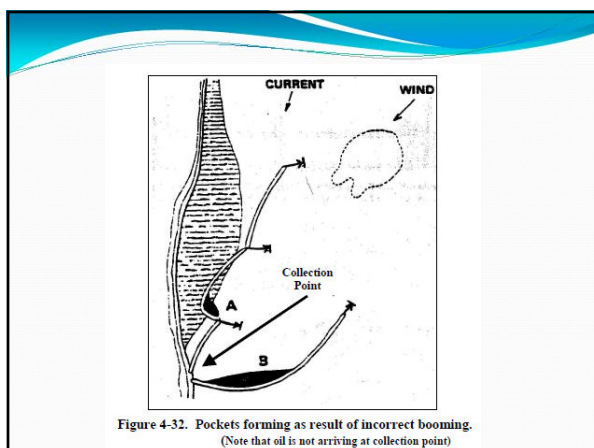
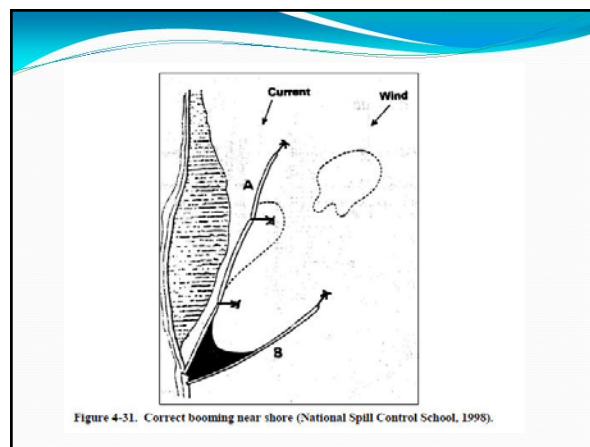
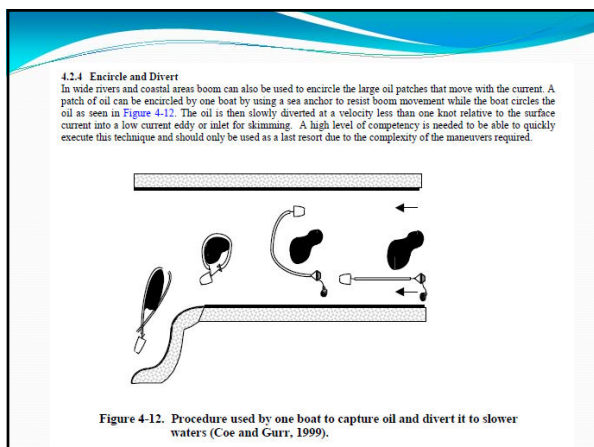
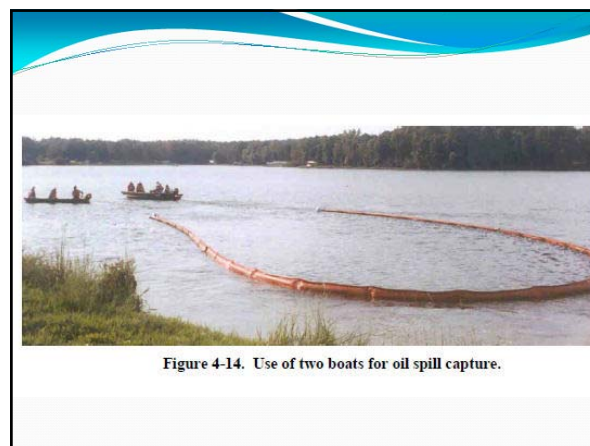
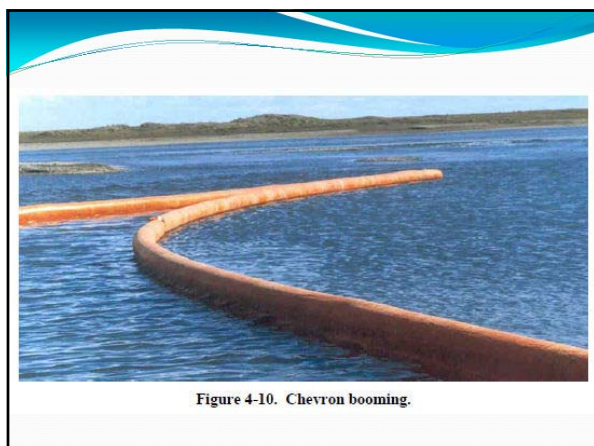


Figure 4-11. Closed and open Chevron booming tactics.



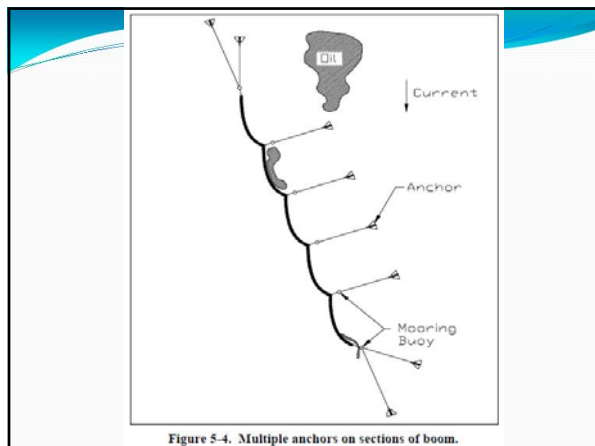


Figure 5-4. Multiple anchors on sections of boom.

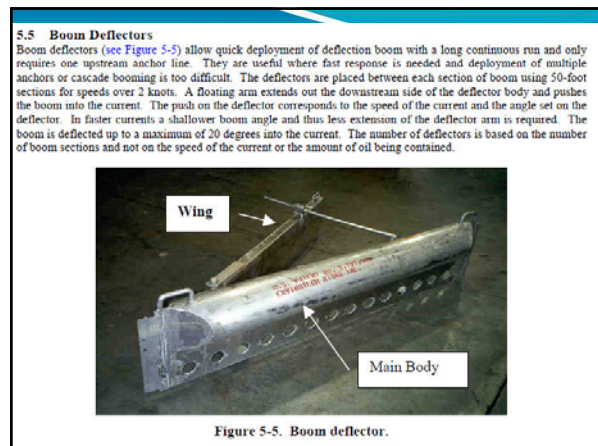


Figure 5-5. Boom deflector.

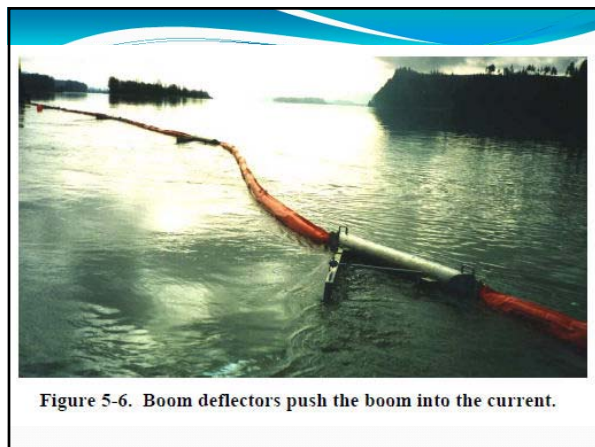


Figure 5-6. Boom deflectors push the boom into the current.

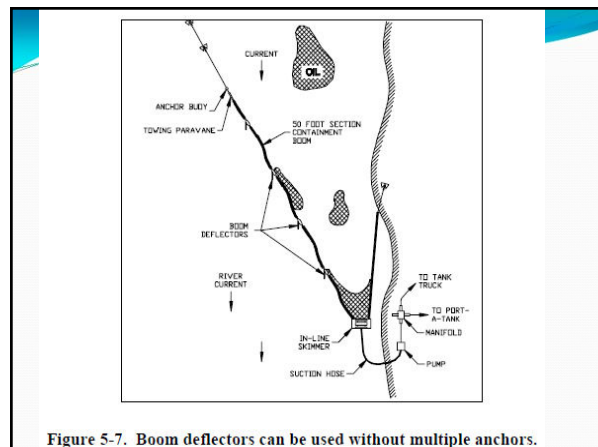


Figure 5-7. Boom deflectors can be used without multiple anchors.



Figure 5-8. Boom vane is quickly assembled.

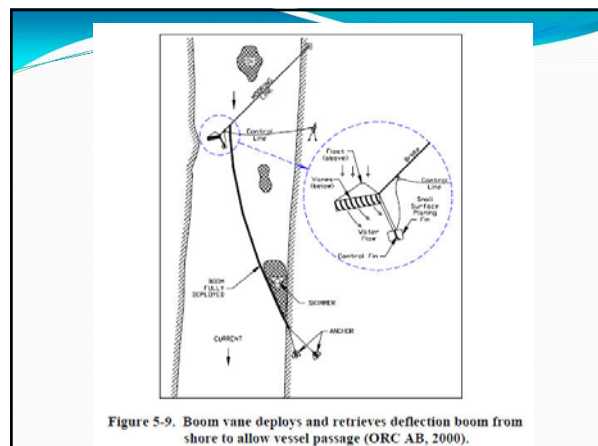


Figure 5-9. Boom vane deploys and retrieves deflection boom from shore to allow vessel passage (ORC AB, 2000).

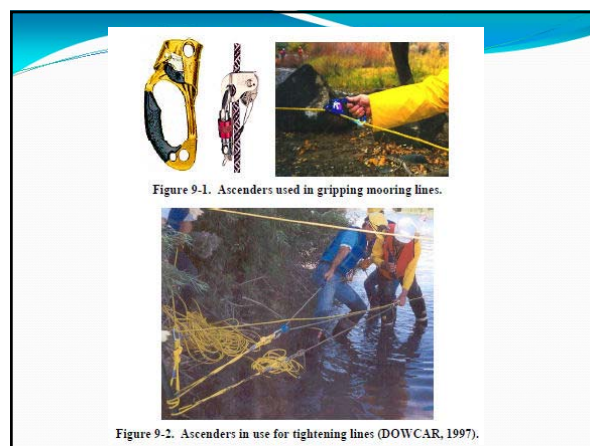
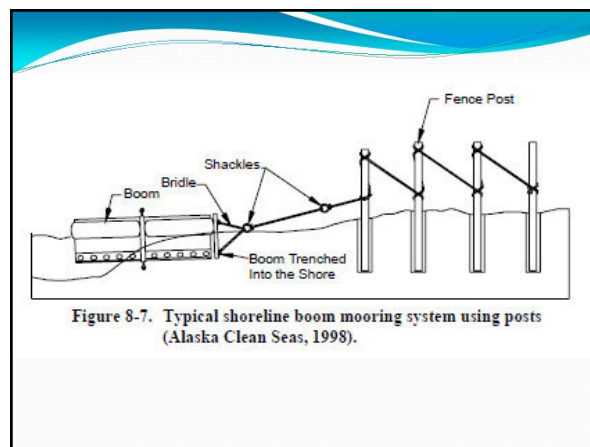
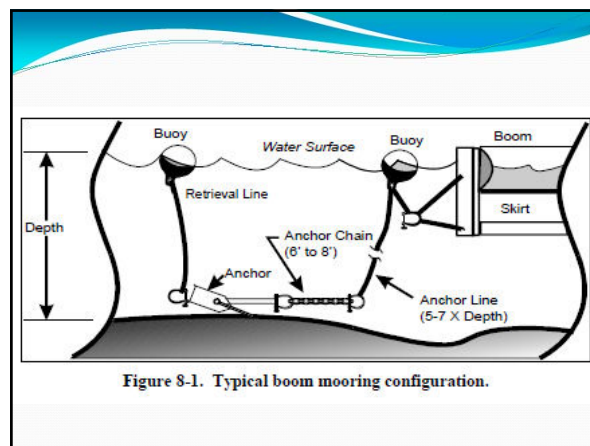
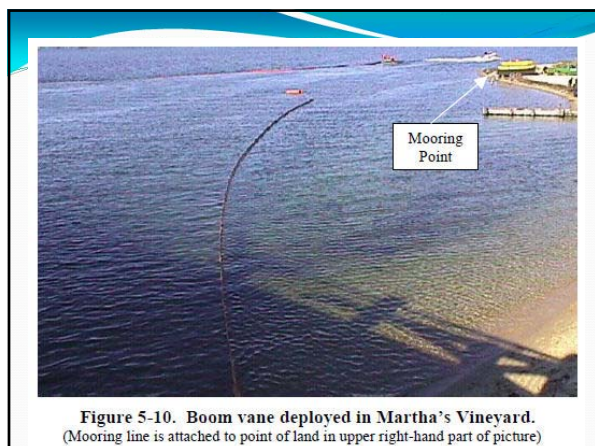




Figure 8-12. A 12-inch draft boom is too much for this boat and motor.

Table 8-3. Pounds of force per foot of boom (towed from end).

Skirt Depth (inches)	Current (knots)									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4	0.03	0.11	0.24	0.42	0.66	0.95	1.30	1.69	2.14	2.65
6	0.04	0.16	0.36	0.64	0.99	1.43	1.95	2.54	3.22	3.97
8	0.05	0.21	0.48	0.85	1.32	1.91	2.59	3.39	4.29	5.29
12	0.06	0.32	0.71	1.27	1.98	2.86	3.89	5.08	6.43	7.94

Table F-2. Mooring line loads.

Mooring Line Angle (degrees)	Each Mooring Line Tension (pounds force)					
	1 line	2 lines	3 lines	4 lines	5 lines	6 lines
0	137	347	1,231	2,188	3,419	4,923
5	137	349	1,235	2,196	3,432	4,943
10	139	355	1,250	2,222	3,471	4,999
20	146	385	1,310	2,338	3,638	5,139
35	151	400	1,358	2,414	3,772	5,235
50	158	435	1,451	2,556	3,948	5,485
60	179	714	1,607	2,956	4,463	6,427
45	193	714	1,741	3,094	4,835	6,962
50	213	824	1,915	3,494	5,319	7,459
60	274	1,094	2,482	4,376	6,838	9,846
70	400	1,599	3,596	6,197	9,996	14,394
80	708	1,750	5,068	8,760	12,688	18,150
85	1,549	4,374	14,131	23,104	30,374	44,485
88	7,834	11,345	30,530	55,970	78,880	107,581

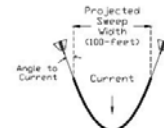


Figure F-1. Projected boom sweep.

Table F-1. Current chip log and maximum boom deflection angle.

Time to Drift 100 Feet (seconds)	Velocity (ft/sec)	Velocity (m/sec)	Velocity (knots)	Max Boom Deflection Angle (degrees)	Boom Required for 100-foot Profile to Current (feet)	Anchors if Placed Every 50 feet (number)
6	16.7	5.1	10.00	4.0	1,429	30
8	12.5	3.8	7.50	5.4	1,071	22
10	10.0	3.1	6.00	6.7	857	18
12	8.3	2.5	5.00	8.0	714	15
14	7.1	2.2	4.29	9.4	612	13
17	5.9	1.8	3.53	11.4	504	11
20	5.0	1.5	3.00	13.5	429	10
24	4.2	1.3	2.50	16.3	357	8
30	3.3	1.0	2.00	20.5	286	7
40	2.5	0.8	1.50	27.8	214	5
60	1.7	0.5	1.00	44.4	143	4
86	1.2	0.35	0.70	90.0	100	3

Table G-1. Mooring Line Force Worksheet

Column #	Instructions
1	Estimate maximum current in the waterway using tidal current tables or a chip log Table F-1.
2	Determine the maximum deflection angle allowed for that current using Table F-1 or Figure 3-1.
3	Determine what projected deflection width is required per boom (not boom length) or Table G-2.
4	Select a boom draft based on equipment available, weather and drag considerations.
5	Determine drag force per projected foot width of boom using Table G-3.
6	Calculate Total Boom Drag Force by multiplying column (3) times column (5).
7	Estimate Boom Catenary Angle (smaller angles are better but higher boom and mooring tension result).
8	Determine the Tension Force Multiplier using Table G-4.
9	Total Tension is calculated by multiplying column (6) by column (8) (this assumes two end moorings. Note 1).
10	Force on each mooring line: divide column (9) by 2 (end moorings). Note 1&2.
11	Determine total length of boom required for projected sweep width desired (2), using the maximum deflection angle (2) and Table F-1 or G-2. Additional anchors along the boom, boom deflectors or shoreline tie backs will usually be required for boom lengths greater than 100 feet depending upon the conditions.

Location #	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
Location or Scenario Description	Max Current (knots)	Max Deflection Angle (degrees)	Projected Deflection Width (feet)	Boom Draft (feet)	Force per Foot of Boom (pounds/ft)	Total Boom Drag Force (pounds)	Boom Catenary Angle (degrees)	Tension Force Multiplier (x)	Total Tension on Boom (pounds)	Force on Each Mooring Line (pounds)	Total Length of Boom Req (feet)
Boat Mooring	Table G-1	Table G-2	Table G-2	Table G-2	Table G-3	(3) x (5)	Table G-4	(6) x (8)	(9) x 2 (end moorings)	Table F-2	
Example	2.5	35	35	0.5	15.7	550.5	15	3.2	1,761	880.5	350.4



Incident Command System (ICS) implementation, Structure, Issues

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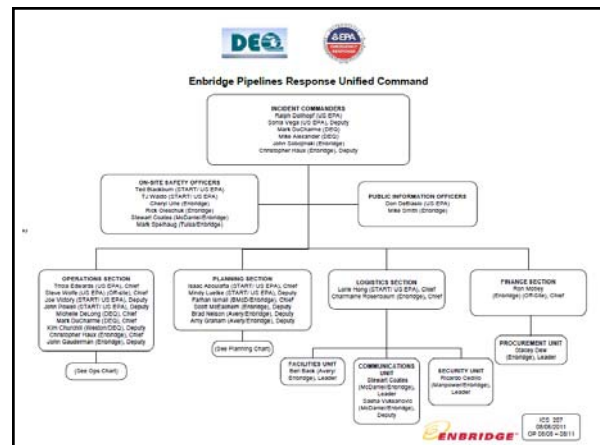
USE of ICS

Since 2001, EPA response program has responded multi-regionally to a number of nationally significant events in support of other lead agencies.

- ❑ FEMA/NYC DEM at World Trade Center
- ❑ Capitol Hill Sgt. at Arms at Anthrax Attacks
- ❑ FEMA and NASA at Columbia Shuttle Response
- ❑ FEMA at Katrina and other hurricanes
- ❑ USCG at BP-DWH
- ❑ Recent Pipeline releases with Enbridge Kalamazoo River , West Shore Pipeline Jackson Wj, West Shore Pipeline Palos Hts, Illinois

ICS Implementation

- ICS is a flexible, scalable structure that provides standardized processes, procedures, organization structure and common terminology
- Built around five major management functional areas: Command, Planning, Operations, Logistics and Finance



Why use Incident Command

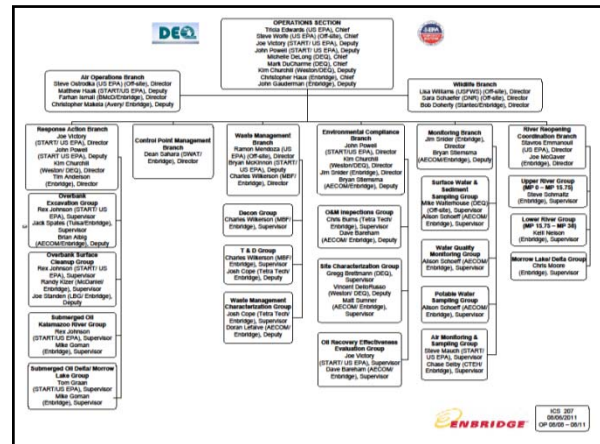
- Unified Command
- Achieve Objectives for each organization
- Flexibility to expand and contract
- Trained Incident Management Personnel to support response
- Support and Logistics and Safety for responders:
- Liaison with State and Local Emergency Management and Federal Partners
- Cost Control, Record Keeping, Efficiency

Issues/Disadvantages

- Availability of Personnel
- More layers, paperwork,
- Paralysis by Analysis
- Top Heavy Organizational Structure
- Communication
- Personality Conflicts
- Texas Ranger –“One Ranger One Riot”

Operations Section

- Ensure that all operations are properly managed
- Ensure that operational objectives established by the IC are carried out effectively and efficiently
- Coordinate with other ICS staff to ensure adequate operations support
- Serve as a key contributor to the operational planning process
- Revise tactics and resource utilization to meet objectives, as needed
- Ensure that response activities with the Ops Section are properly documented



Focus of Operations Section

- Objectives
 - Developed by the IC/UC
 - Convey the desired outcome of Command
- Strategies
 - The direction selected to accomplish incident objectives
- Tactics
 - Clearly outline the task(s) to be accomplished, where, when, and with what resources

ICS Structures

- Identify Geographical Area's and Functions
 - Groups (functional) = Containment, Treatment, Disposal, etc.
 - Divisions (geographical)= Div A River Mile Marker 1 to Mile Marker 5
- Develop Manageable Work Units (Org Chart)
 - Span of Control
 - Divisions, Groups, Branches, etc.
 - Branch's used to maintain Span of Control



OPERATIONS

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Focus of OPS

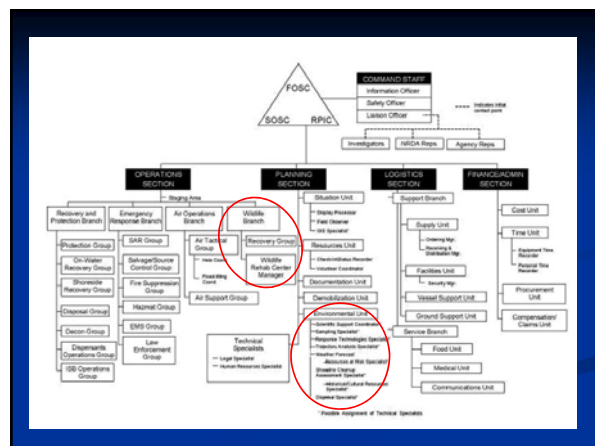
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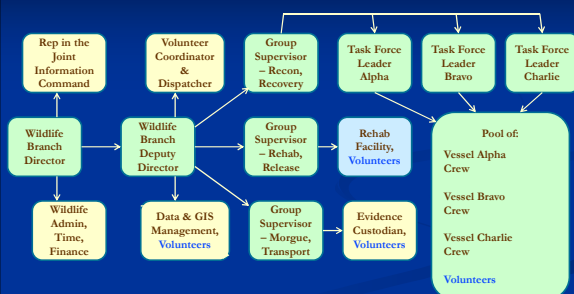
- Coordinate closely with other Command and General Staff
 - Planning / Logistics / Resources / Liaison / IC / PIO
- Look forward
 - Demobilization Plan

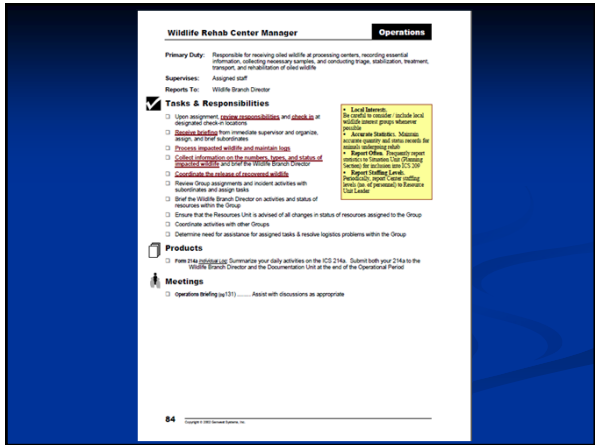
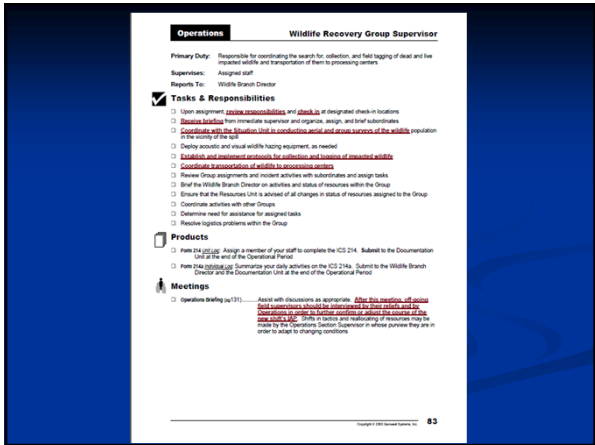
Wildlife Response

Incident Command System



Wildlife Branch Organization Scheme





▶ Wildlife Recon



- Are there concentrations of birds or other wildlife in the affected area or attracted to the affected area?
- How many of what species?
- What percentages of the colonies or flocks are oiled?
- What is the degree of oiled plumage?
- Observations on excessive preening, panting, feeding, caring for young. Not all birds need to be immediately recused even if oiled.
- Any dead around? - *see Craig's & Justin's presentation.*
- Recommended capture techniques. - *see Jason's presentations.*
- Recommended approaches to avoid nesting impacts, prevent escape or chasing into the oil.
- How engaged is the public and citizen groups? - *see Craig's & Dan's discussion.*

- Sensitive environmental area maps
- Local knowledge Hotline reports
- Car, boat, aircraft surveys
- Shoreline and beach walks
- Stay organized – set up divisions and segments



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Surveys for birds and marine mammals present during an oil spill can provide estimates of the potential impacts of a spill on individuals or populations in the area. Standardized protocols and skilled observers provide invaluable information for immediate evaluation and response, as well as long-term planning or mitigation for impacted species. Surveys should be started as soon as possible after a spill occurs and continue as long as needed to monitor the effects on the surveyed populations.

Surveys are conducted using Distance Sampling Techniques (Buckland et al. 1993). The boat travels along a transect line at speeds between 8 and 12 knots during surveys. Birds in the nearshore environment tend to be distributed relative to the depth of water, therefore transect lines are generally positioned parallel to the coastline at increasing increments away from the shore. Surveys may include nearshore, offshore, or bay/estuarine components and should be adapted to the coastline or bathymetric configuration of the area being monitored to allow population or density estimates of the various species within the area. The goal in determining the transect design is to efficiently and effectively sample areas in and around the spill site which represent areas of potential impact and/or which potentially contain birds at risk of oiling.

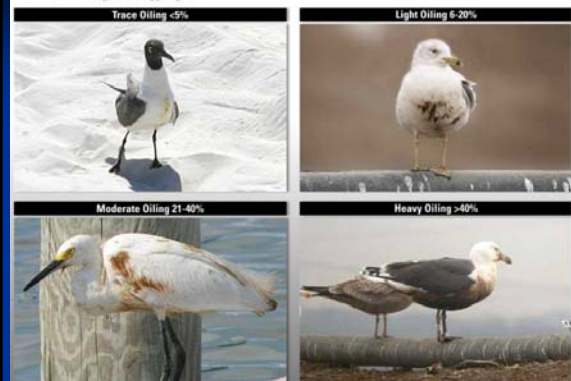
Boats used during an oil spill response to survey for birds and marine mammals should allow an unobstructed view of the water within a 130° arc forward of the observers. Small boats that allow observers to pick up dead and sick birds are preferred. The survey route and transect design is established just prior to the survey to accommodate the specific areas, issues, and species of concern for a particular spill. A Global Positioning System (GPS) is used for navigation and to record the boat's trackline for analysis. Transects are subdivided into 1- or 2-km segments for recording data. The positions of sick and dead birds are marked with GPS coordinates.

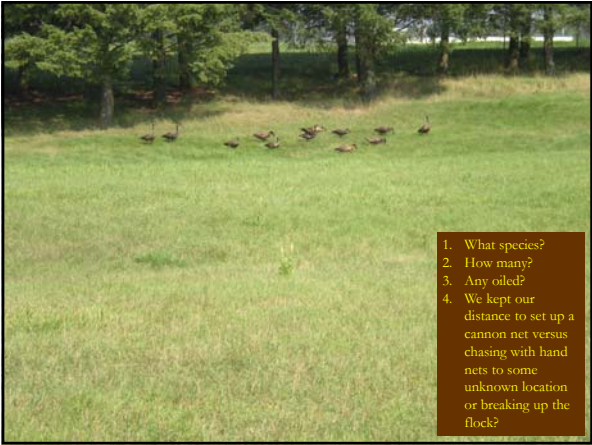
Survey methods generally follow those of Ralph et al. (1995). One or two observers stand near the bow of the boat where they have a clear view of the ocean and scan a 180° arc from port to starboard. The driver can assist observers as navigation duties permit. Observers should be skilled in seabird and marine mammal identification, and, preferably, in distance sampling techniques.

Birds and Mammals. Data are recorded on audio cassettes for later transcribing. For each individual or group of birds or mammals detected during the survey, the observers record the species, number of individuals, their perpendicular distance from the transect line, and behavior (such as diving). All birds detected are recorded, including flying birds for most species.

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1. What species?
2. How many?
3. Any oiled?
4. Did we chase them into waters with oil by getting too close or having the radio too loud?



1. Just two people.
2. No extra noise.
3. Single file.
4. Watch your step.
5. Document oiling.
6. Leave quickly.

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Counting Birds

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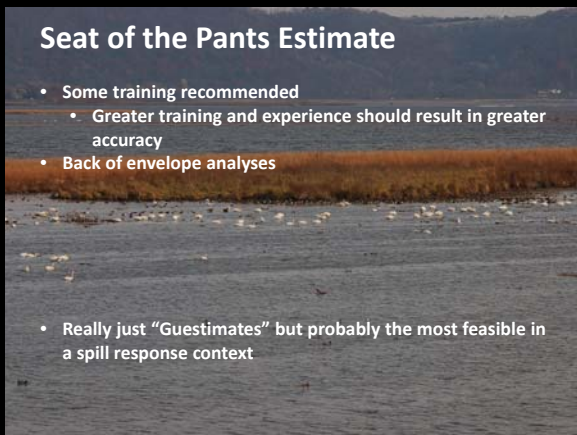
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Statistical Estimate



- Rigorous study design
- Sufficient training
- Appropriate analyses
- Not feasible in a spill response context?

Seat of the Pants Estimate



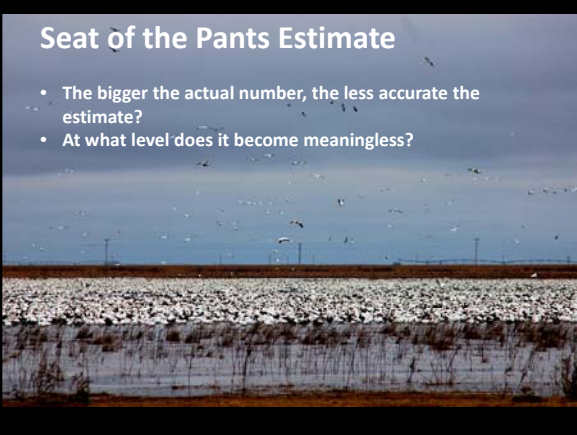
- Some training recommended
 - Greater training and experience should result in greater accuracy
- Back of envelope analyses
- Really just "Guestimates" but probably the most feasible in a spill response context

Seat of the Pants Estimate



- Don't try to count individual birds
- Count in groups of 10, 20, 50, 100, etc. and extrapolate

Seat of the Pants Estimate



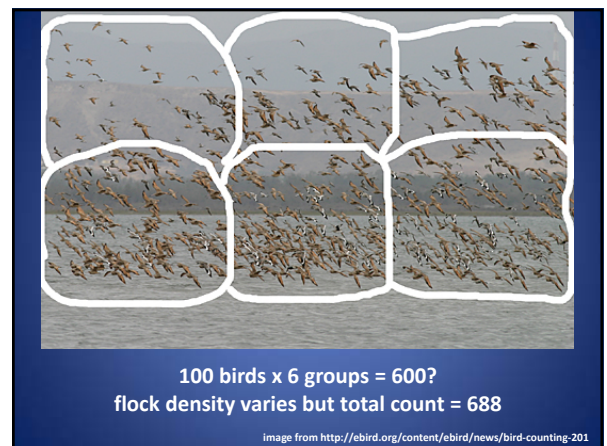
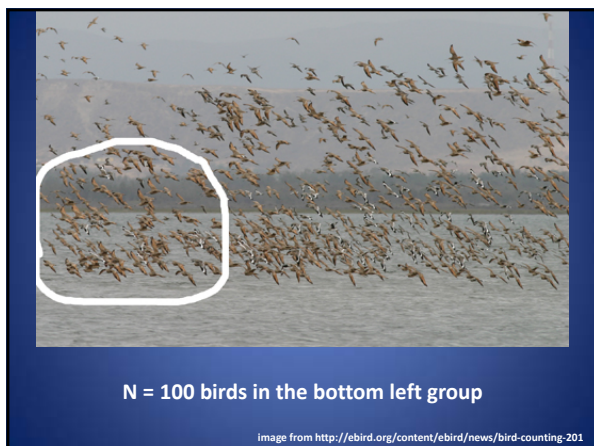
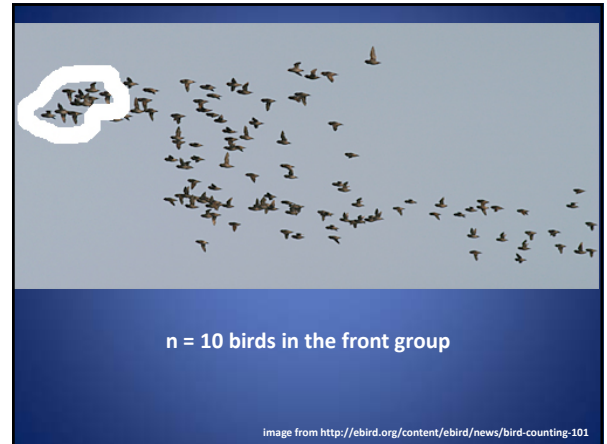
- The bigger the actual number, the less accurate the estimate?
- At what level does it become meaningless?

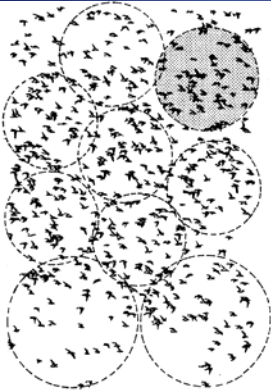


$n = 10$ birds in the front group
 10×6 groups = 60 total birds?

actual count = 66 birds

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$n = 50$ birds in the upper right group

50×9 groups = 450 total birds?

actual count = 491 birds

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$N = 25$ birds in the front left group

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25 birds $\times$ 6 groups = 150 total birds?

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$n = 206$ total birds
2-dimensions (width and depth)
groups in back have more birds per group

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$N = 100$ birds per group
group size gets smaller to account for depth of field

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approximately 2,000 birds

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n = 42 birds



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n = 59 birds



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Sandhill cranes in Nebraska



Coots and diving ducks on the Upper Mississippi River



Online Resources



Upper Mississippi River Spill Response & Wildlife Response Training

Response Safety

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OSHA Regulatory Standard The General Duty Clause

29 CFR 1903.1 Basis for .120 and 242 FW 6

EMPLOYERS MUST: Furnish a place of employment free of recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees.

Employers must comply with occupational safety and health standards promulgated under the **Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.**



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29 CFR 1910.120

Developed to require employers to protect hazardous waste site and emergency response personnel from known and possible site hazards

- Education and training
- Hazard recognition
- PPE
- Specific training requirements for various operational levels
- Medical Monitoring




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•HAZWOPER covers the following operations,

- ⇒ Clean-up operations required by a government body
- ⇒ Corrective Actions covered by RCRA
- ⇒ Voluntary clean-up operations
- ⇒ Operations involving hazardous waste (TSD)
- ⇒ Emergency response operations for releases
- ⇒ Response/Recovery operations per Oil Spill Contingency Plan




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HAZWOPER – OSHA Requirement 1910.120 (e)

General oil spill response (No respirators)

- Site workers – minimum 24 hrs instruction off site and one day actual field experience.
- Supervisors (may) require more training (40 hours and 3 days field experience)
- Annual refresher training. ALL need 8 hours.



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LEVEL D - PROTECTION:

THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTE LEVEL D PROTECTION:

1. Coveralls or suitable work uniform
2. Gloves (Optional, as applicable)
3. Boots/Shoes, chemical resistant, steel toe and shank
4. Boots outer, chemical resistant (disposable)
5. Safety glasses or chemical splash goggles
6. Hard hat (Optional, as applicable)
7. Face shield (Optional, as applicable)
8. Escape mask (Optional, as applicable)



Level D Modified

- Used primarily to combat heat stress concerns – extensively for DH (MC 252) Oil Spill
- Typical Components:
 - Tyvek pants or Tyvek suits tied off at the waist
 - Boots
 - Booties
 - Disposable Gloves
 - Duct tape – boots duct taped to pants to form a seal



PPE CONSIDERATIONS

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN PROCURING PPE:

- ✓ Age of the Equipment
- ✓ Chemical Resistance
- ✓ Cleanability
- ✓ Comfort
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Design
- ✓ Durable
- ✓ Flexibility
- ✓ Temperature Resistance
- ✓ Visibility

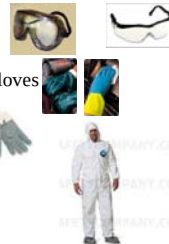


The actual properties of the hazard must be known to make a decision on the specific type of equipment to be used!

Oil Spill Contingency Plan

Handling Wildlife

- Eye/Face Protection
- Chemical resistant gloves
- Leather Gloves
- Disposable coveralls
- Boots



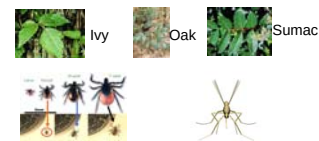
At most USFWS/USDA spill sites, level C and D PPE will require either **cleaning** (typically with water, soap, or removal agent) or **disposal**.

- The complexity of Level A and B decon requires a high level of training, equipment, and supplies which are not typically utilized in the natural resource setting by Agency Responders



Other Protection Needs

- Poison Vegetation
- Insect Protection
- UV Protection
 - Sunscreen
 - Sunglasses
 - Sun hat
- PFD
- Hydration
- Hearing Protection



Other Agency Specific Regulations That May Apply

- Aircraft
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Firearm Use and Safety
- Hazardous Materials Operations
- Law Enforcement
- Motor Vehicles and Equipment
- Noise Control/Prevention of Hearing Loss
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Pyrotechnics, Rocket Net Charges, and Incidental Explosive Materials
- Respiratory Protection
- Watercraft
- Wildlife Disease Surveillance and Emergency Response
- Wildlife Handling and Inspections



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PHYSICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND SAFETY HAZARDS

Physical, environmental, and safety hazards include a wide range of potential exposures

Many hazards exist at a spill or hazardous waste site

They may include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confined Spaces • Critters • Electricity • Excavation • Fire and Explosion • Heat and Cold • Noise | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radioactivity • Slips, Trips, and Falls • Steam • Struck-By Hazards • Vehicle Operations • Water Bodies (Ponds, Lagoons, Swamps, Open Water) |
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Water Bodies

Hazards around water bodies may include:

- drowning
- partially solidified surface
- corrosive or toxic materials
- gases or vapors

The precautions that should be used include:

- using protective equipment such as life jackets, safety belts, or life lines
- wearing protective clothing if material could cause injury if contacted or inhaled (e.g., rubber boots, waders, etc.)
- limiting access
- training workers
- Others? Please name a few!



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Heat stress is probably one of the most common illness at a spill or hazardous waste site. **Regular monitoring and other protective measures are vital.** Individuals react to heat in different ways.

Some factors which predispose someone to heat stress include:

- Lack of physical fitness
- Age
- Lack of fluid intake
- Alcohol and drug use
- Sunburn
- Diarrhea
- Infection



Heat stress is caused by a number of interacting factors, including environmental conditions, clothing, workload, and the individual characteristics of the worker



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COLD

If the body is overexposed to cold, the following problems could occur:

Frostbite

Symptoms: numbness of hands, feet, or face

Cause: prolonged exposure to cold environments

Treatment: frostbitten tissue should be gently warmed and not exposed to further cold



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Slips, Trips, and Falls

- Are common causes of injuries at spill sites
- Prevention is the key to avoiding injuries such as broken bones or injured backs
- Avoid wet rocks or oily floors
- Don't climb up the fall line on steep slopes
- Avoid climbing over equipment



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Vehicle Safety

The following procedures for vehicular safety should be followed:

- **seat belt** use required
- only **trained** operators for boats, ATVs/UTVs, trucks, etc.
- do not leave any **unattended** unit running
- transport equipment being loaded or unloaded should have **brakes set and wheels chocked**
- heavy equipment operators must use **seat belts** for the roll-over protection system to be effective
- **traffic pattern** at site must be controlled
- exhaust in closed areas could cause a **carbon monoxide hazard**



Noise

At a **hazardous** waste site, the noise may exceed the allowable level

Repeated exposure to excessive noise may cause **permanent hearing loss** and may be **stressful** for the worker

Excessive exposure to noise is a **primary cause of hearing disorders**

High-volume sound is also linked to **high blood pressure, stress, insomnia, anxiety, headaches, and ulcers**

Although the harmful effects of noise vary among individuals, **noise levels above 85 to 90 decibels** should be **considered dangerous**



- Equipment used at oil / Hazmat Spills that may / do produce hazardous noise:

- Rocket net launchers
- Air cannons
- Airboats
- Pyrotechnics and explosives
- Etc.

Critters



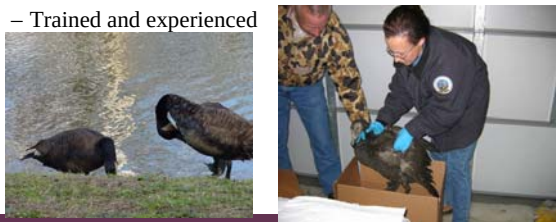
WILDLIFE OPTIONS WITHIN SPILL AREAS

- Observation / Planning
- Deterrence
- Capture



Wildlife Handling

- Safety – for you and the animal
- Minimize stress – for you and the animal
- Efficiently (right tool, right time, right place)
 - Trained and experienced



Wildlife Disease Exposures

- Evaluate Risk
 - Animal species, pop. densities, behavior
 - Handling: bites, bodily fluids, dissections
 - Biogeography: season, climate, biomes
- Protect yourself
 - Use appropriate PPE type for hazard
 - Use situational awareness
- Literature/References
 - Check CDC: latest surveys and reports

Wildlife Capture Techniques - Nets

- Long handled
- Throw
- Mist
- Drop nets



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Wildlife Capture Techniques - Nets

- Air Cannon
- Rocket Nets
- Cannon nets
- Bow nets



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Capture Techniques – Coda Nets



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Wildlife Capture Techniques - Traps



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Traps - Modified Soft Catch Footholds

Padded Footholds –
Methods developed
and tested by USDA-
WS-NWRC to safely
capture birds.



Used to catch wading
birds in feeding and
loafing areas.

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Other Capture Methods - Chemical

- **ALPHA CHLORALOSE** – chemical immobilization of birds (primarily ducks and geese). Used effectively during ATHOS spill.
- Selectively bait oiled birds and remove for cleaning.
- Restrictions during hunting seasons – emergency exemptions authorized



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Hand Capture of Wildlife



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Visual Harassment of Wildlife



- Lasers
- Effigy
- Scarecrow/scarryman
- Mylar tape
- Kites
- Balloons

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Acoustic Harassment of Wildlife



- Pyrotechnics
- Propane Cannons
- Sirens
- Natural Sounds

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USFWS / USDA Primary Objective.....

....Minimize impacts
to
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QUESTIONS?



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Oil Spill Clean Up



Boat Crew Safety

Protective Equipment



- Level D
- Lifejacket
- Safety Glasses
- Safety Toe Boots
- Radio
- Gloves



Boat Operations

- Do not Overload
- Weight distribution
- Mindful of objects in the water
- Mindful of gear inside the boat.
- Driving style



Stop Aquatic Invaders: Boat Disinfection at Spills

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Aquatic Invasive Species can dramatically alter ecosystems



Additional Concerns with Spreading Invasive Species

- **Economic**
 - A Cornell University study reports that invasive species on land and water already cost the United States \$148 billion annually.
- **Recreation**
 - Invasive species such as the sea lamprey, ruffe, and round goby can harm native fish, such as lake trout, walleye, yellow perch and catfish.
 - They threaten a national sport and commercial fishing industry that supports 81,000 jobs in the Great Lakes.
- **Public Health**
 - Some invasive species may cause significant health problems.
 - e.g. South American strain of human cholera bacteria found in ballast water tanks of ships in the port of Mobile, Alabama

And one more...

- **Law/Policy**
 - Executive Order 13112 (1999) directs agencies to prevent the spread of invasive species in their work
(<http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/laws/execorder.shtml>)

Aquatic Invasive Species can hitchhike on boats and equipment



General Precautions:

- Remove all visible mud, plants, fish/animals.
- Eliminate water from all equipment before transporting anywhere.
- Clean and dry anything that came in contact with the water.
- Do not release or put plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.

For large spills, boats and equipment may be brought in from far away



Guidance Available



Disinfection Techniques

Methods	Procedures	Positives	Negatives
Heat + Air (Drying in hot sun/air)	300° (88° F) 24 hours minimum (time of temp contact period crucial) (exposure to hot sun/air while dry)	Chemical free Effective, but only if properly done under ideal conditions	Time consuming Weather/temperature criteria critical to reliable results
Heat + Water Spray &/or immerse	60C (142° F) contact time 10 minutes (time and temp contact crucial) (source of very hot water needed)	Chemical free Same as above	Must maintain high water temp/contact, hotter than normal tap or carwash
Heat + Water Spray &/or immerse	70C (158° F) contact time 1 minute (time and temp contact crucial) (source of super hot water needed)	Chemical free Same as above	Must maintain very high water temp/contact, hotter than normal tap or carwash. Risk of burns
Virkon Aquatic	Follow product directions for proper mixture and minimum contact time. (immerse in solution, apply directly, or spray-on with pressure washer & rinse)	Environmentally friendly Designed for aquatic use Quick inactivation time Sewer compatible	Follow MSDS directions for health risks and use personal protective gear ppg. when mixing Corrosive in concentrate form Chemical based
Quaternary Ammonium+Water (family of products)	Follow product directions for proper mixture and minimum contact time. (immerse in solution, apply directly, or spray-on with pressure washer & rinse)	Effective, user friendly Low health risks Sewer compatible	Chemical based Follow MSDS directions for health risks and use ppg.
Chlorine + Water	Mix 200 mg/liter water for 20 minutes. (immerse in solution, apply directly, or spray-on with pressure washer & rinse/neutralize thoroughly)	Widely available Effective	Follow MSDS directions for health risks and use personal protective gear ppg. Highly Corrosive

Disinfection / Inspection Stations should be set up

- Required by Montana at Yellowstone River Spill
- Different from decontamination procedures
- Procedures are fairly readily available



SE MI ACP Proposal

- Section of ACP drafted (e.g. 3290 Disinfection)
 - Purpose and need
 - Disinfection Plan distinct from Decontamination Plan
 - Disinfection Group
 - Inspection and disinfection station
- Job Aids – ACP Appendices
 - Inspection Checklist
 - Draft Disinfection Plan with equipment list
- Presented at Area Committee Meeting, under review
- Welcoming input or other examples
- Will share when finalized (e.g. RRT website)

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