

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	<i>David Morrison, MPCA All</i>
8:15	Upper Mississippi Resource and Response Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UMR system overview• UMR resources• Agency roles/USCG role• Trustees in the NCP• ACPs, SACPs and Sensitivity Atlases	<i>Morrison, MPCA Mick Hanan, USFWS Bryan Klostermeyer, USCG Mike Coffey, USFWS Ann Whelan, US EPA</i>
9:15	Emergency Spill Response, Booming, and Containment Strategies	<i>Joe Davis, US EPA</i>
10:15	<i>BREAK</i>	
10:30	Emergency Spill Response, Booming, and Containment Strategies (continued)	<i>Davis, US EPA</i>
11:30	Hands-On Practical: Booming Equipment	<i>Davis, US EPA</i>
Noon	<i>LUNCH</i>	
1:00 p.m.	Incident Command System: Structure, Issues & Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ICS overview• Operations section• Wildlife branch• Documentation	<i>Steve Faryan, US EPA Tricia Edwards, US EPA Coffey, US FWS Mays/Tabor, US FWS</i>
2:00	Wildlife Reconnaissance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reconnaissance and recovery• Estimating flock size	<i>Coffey, USFWS Hanan, USFWS</i>
2:30	<i>BREAK</i>	
2:45	Response Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HAZWOPER, wildlife handling, and outdoor work• Boater safety	<i>Jason Suckow, USDA Eric Prufer, USCG</i>
3:30	Disinfection Practices	<i>Edwards, US EPA</i>
3:45	Hands-On Practical: Safety and Field Considerations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PPE demo• Wildlife capture and transport demo	<i>Suckow & Coffey Suckow & Coffey</i>
4:30	Field Preview/Divide into Groups for Field Activities	<i>All</i>
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	All
8:15	Response Track: Containment Structures <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Rigid pipe underflow dam▪ Flexible pipe underflow dam▪ Weir dam▪ Straw bale dam▪ Aeration demonstration	Davis, US EPA (Leader) All
	Wildlife Track: Reconnaissance, Capture, and Rehab <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ “Setting the bar” for sensitive resources▪ Volunteer management▪ Wildlife salvage and morgue▪ Wildlife emergency immediate care▪ Wildlife rehabilitation▪ Alternative capture methods▪ Hazing	Whelan, US EPA Mays/Tabor, US FWS Mays/Tabor, US FWS Coffey/Suckow Coffey/Suckow Suckow, USDA Suckow/Mays/Tabor
Noon	LUNCH	
1:00 p.m.	Response Track: Boom Deployment <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Deflection boom in river▪ Pumps and skimmers▪ Boom across sensitive target▪ “J” booming (still water)▪ Containment boom around vessel▪ Shore deployment of boom	Davis, US EPA (Leader) All
	Wildlife Track: Recovery Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Wildlife recovery operations▪ Encountering boom/issues in crossing boom	Coffey & Suckow (Leaders) All
4:30	Clean-Up, Wrap-Up	All
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

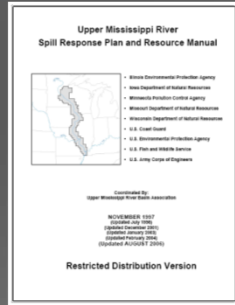
- States: Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin
- Federal Agencies: USACE, USCG, USEPA, USFWS
- Two meetings per year (spring and fall)

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

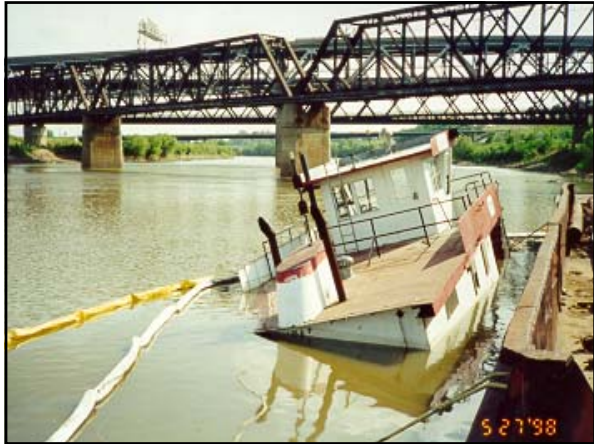
UMR Emergency Action Field Guide

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)





Who Responds to Oil Spills?

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

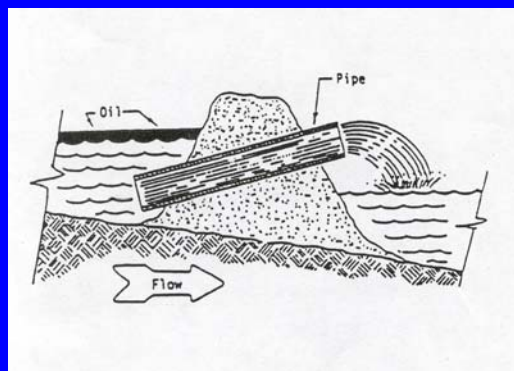
UNDER-FLOW DAMS Design and Construction



Theory of Operation

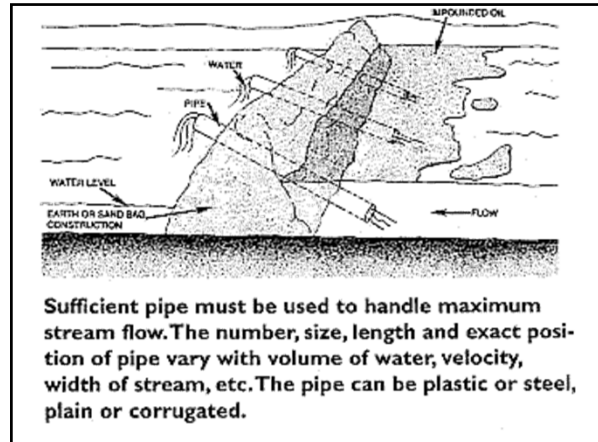
- In small creeks and drainage ways, an under-flow dam can be constructed to contain free floating oil and allow uncontaminated water to pass through the dam.
- The design consists of a length of pipe or culvert placed parallel to the direction of water flow with the upstream end lower than the downstream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



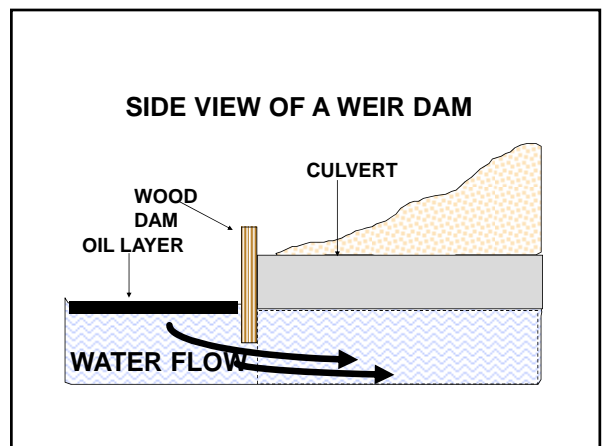
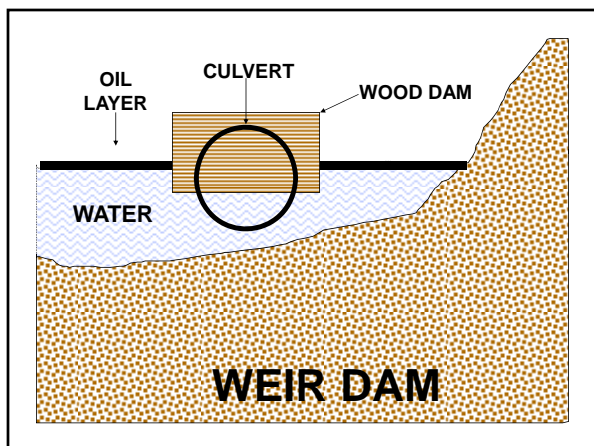
"Took the corner to Quick and Tripped"





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



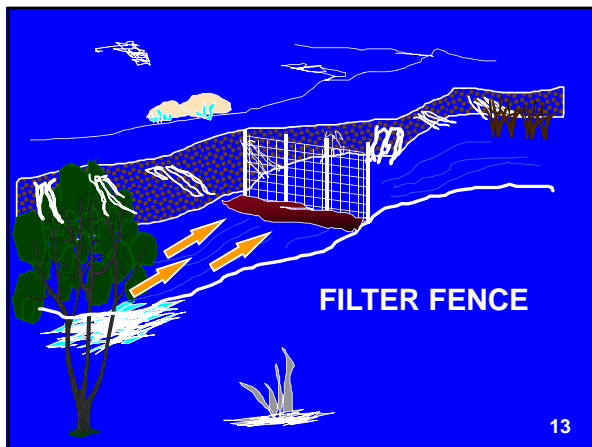
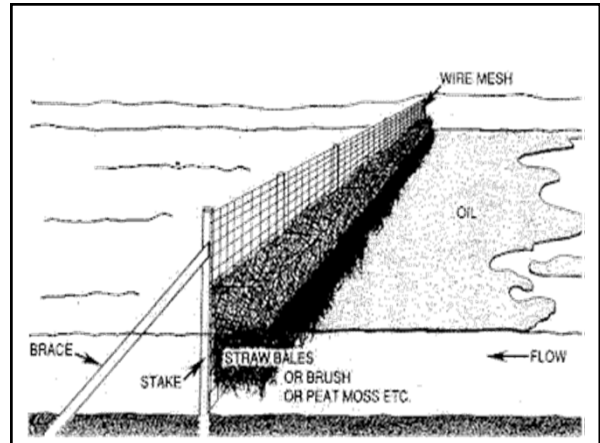
STRAW DAMS



- 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).

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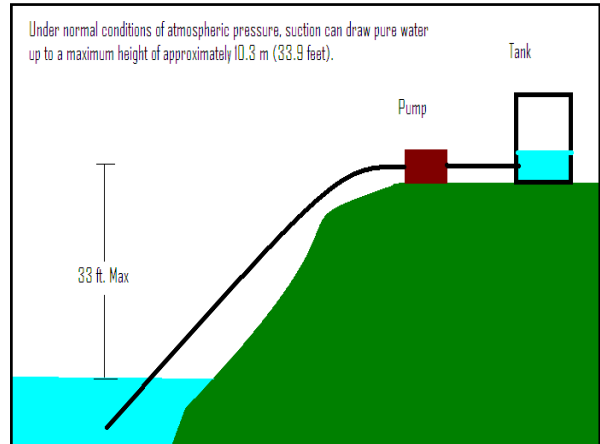
- Constructed using stakes, chicken wire, and straw.
- Used to slow or contain spilled product.



A Word about Pumps...



Under normal conditions of atmospheric pressure, suction can draw pure water up to a maximum height of approximately 10.3 m (33.9 feet).



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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

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 - Pom-Poms
 - Peat
 - Hay

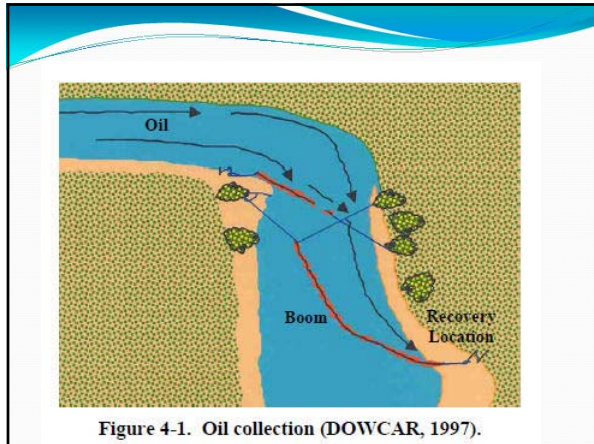


Removal and Remediation

- In-Situ Burning
- Collection and Skimming
 - Washing
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 - Hay
- Dispersants/Encapsulation

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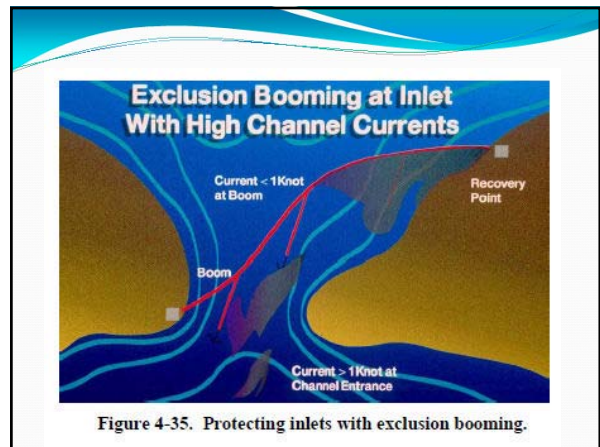
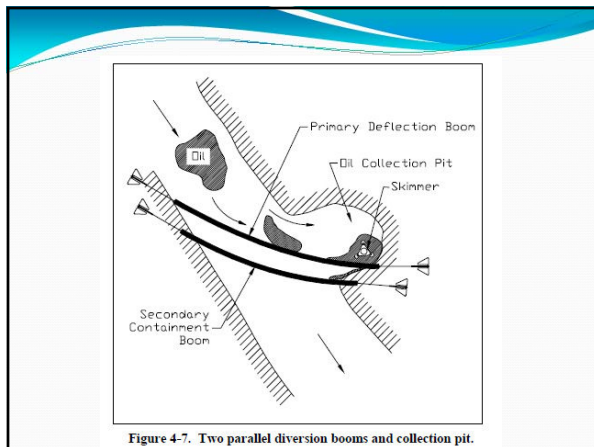
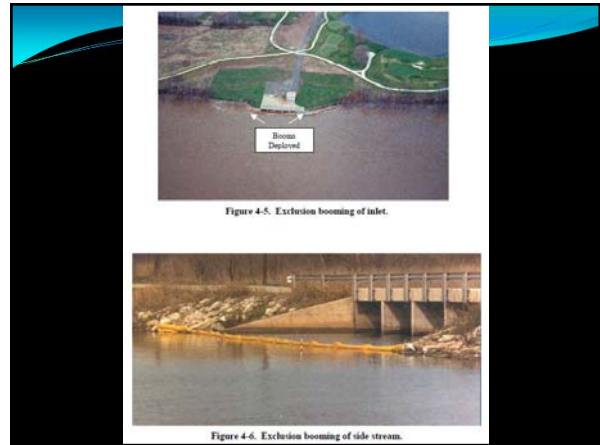
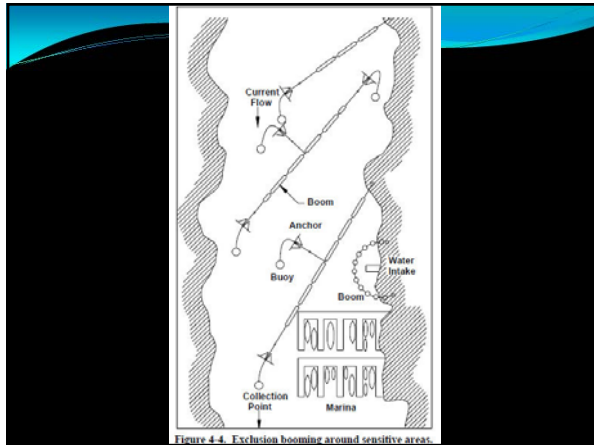




Diversion booming is used to:

- * Exclude oil from areas that need protection
- * Divert oil to areas of collection

Figure 4.3. Oil collection with diversion booming to shore (DOWCAR, 1997).



Booming Strategies and Tactics

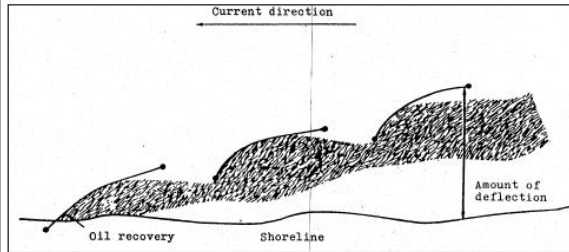


Figure 4-8. Cascade diversion booming (Exxon, 1992).



Figure 4-9. Cascade diversion booms deployed.

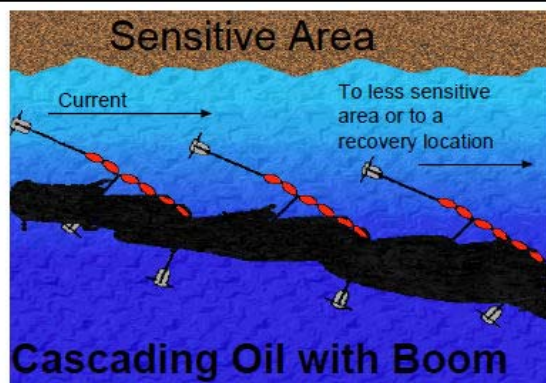


Figure 4-33. Cascaded deflection booms (U.S. Navy, 1991).



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

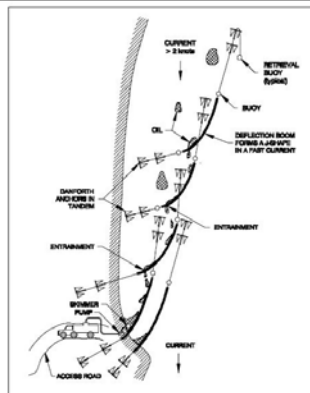


Figure 5-2. Cascade J-shape deflection booming requires more overlap (Coe and Gurr, 1999).

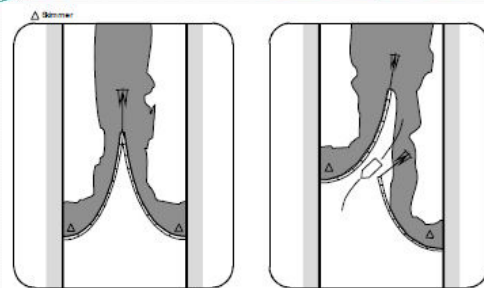


Figure 4-11. Closed and open Chevron booming tactics.



Figure 4-10. Chevron booming.



Figure 4-14. Use of two boats for oil spill capture.

4.2.4 Encircle and Divert

In wide rivers and coastal areas boom can also be used to encircle the large oil patches that move with the current. A patch of oil can be encircled by one boat by using a sea anchor to resist boom movement while the boat circles the oil as seen in Figure 4-12. The oil is then slowly diverted at a velocity less than one knot relative to the surface current into a low current eddy or inlet for skimming. A high level of competency is needed to be able to quickly execute this technique and should only be used as a last resort due to the complexity of the maneuvers required.

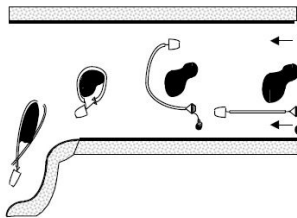


Figure 4-12. Procedure used by one boat to capture oil and divert it to slower waters (Coe and Gurr, 1999).

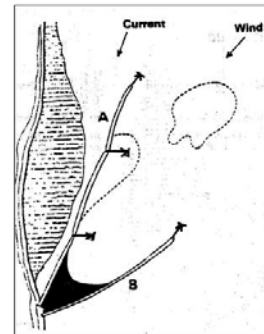


Figure 4-31. Correct booming near shore (National Spill Control School, 1998).

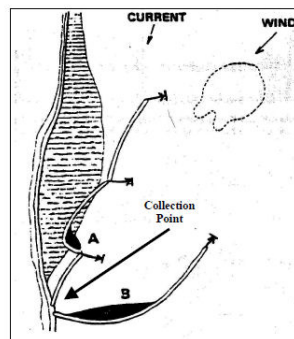


Figure 4-32. Pockets forming as result of incorrect booming. (Note that oil is not arriving at collection point)

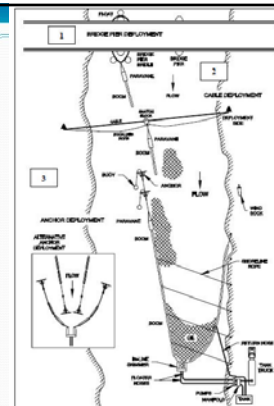


Figure 5-3. Transmountain pipeline tactic.

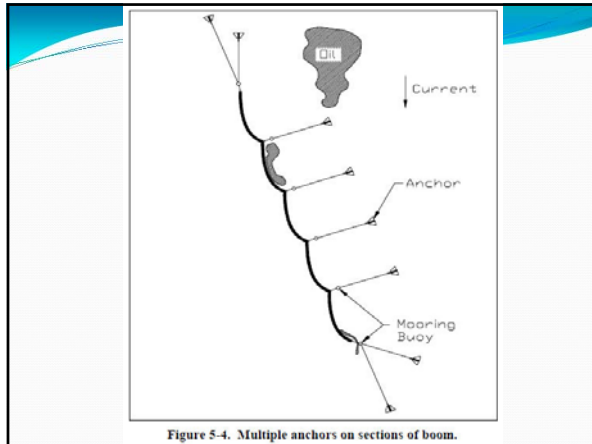


Figure 5-4. Multiple anchors on sections of boom.

5.5 Boom Deflectors
 Boom deflectors (see Figure 5-5) allow quick deployment of deflection boom with a long continuous run and only requires one upstream anchor line. They are useful where first response is needed and deployment of multiple anchors or cascade booming is too difficult. The deflectors are placed between each section of boom using 50-foot sections for speeds over 2 knots. A floating arm extends out the downstream side of the deflector body and pushes the boom into the current. The push on the deflector corresponds to the speed of the current and the angle set on the deflector. In faster currents a shallower boom angle and thus less extension of the deflector arm is required. The boom is deflected up to a maximum of 20 degrees into the current. The number of deflectors is based on the number of boom sections and not on the speed of the current or the amount of oil being contained.

A photograph of a boom deflector component. It is a long, cylindrical metal body with a 'Wing' attached to the top. The 'Main Body' is the central part of the cylinder. The wing is a curved arm that extends outwards.

Figure 5-5. Boom deflector.

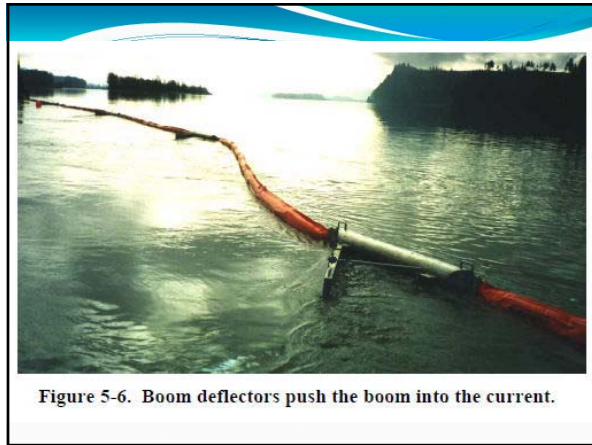


Figure 5-6. Boom deflectors push the boom into the current.

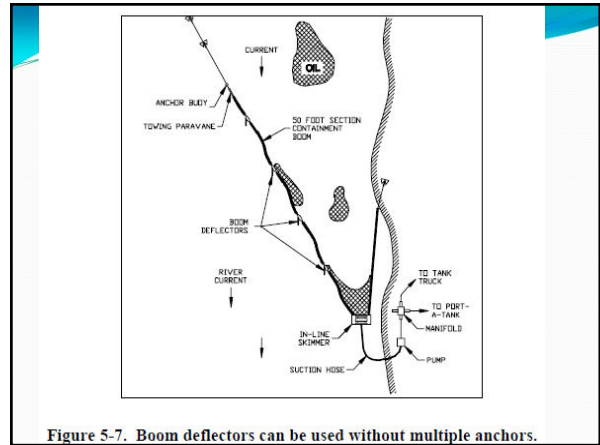


Figure 5-7. Boom deflectors can be used without multiple anchors.



Figure 5-8. Boom vane is quickly assembled.

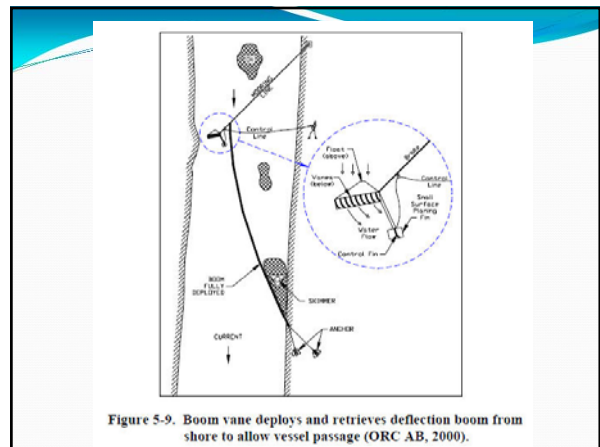


Figure 5-9. Boom vane deploys and retrieves deflection boom from shore to allow vessel passage (ORC AB, 2000).



Figure 5-10. Boom vane deployed in Martha's Vineyard. (Mooring line is attached to point of land in upper right-hand part of picture)

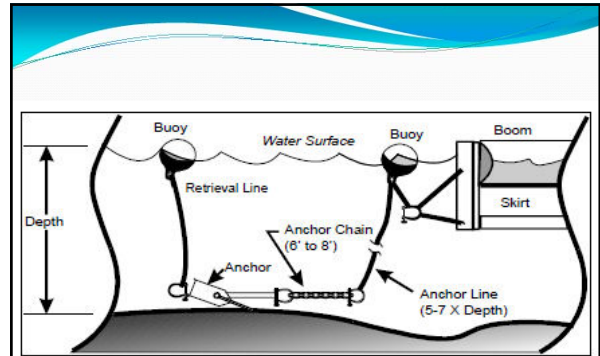


Figure 8-1. Typical boom mooring configuration.

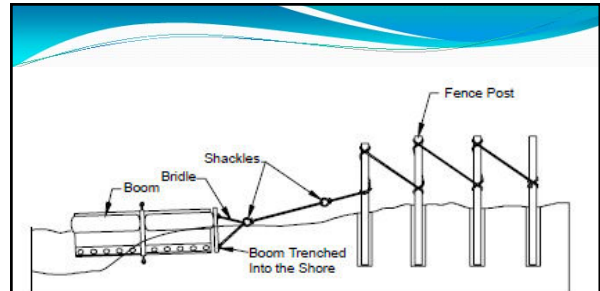
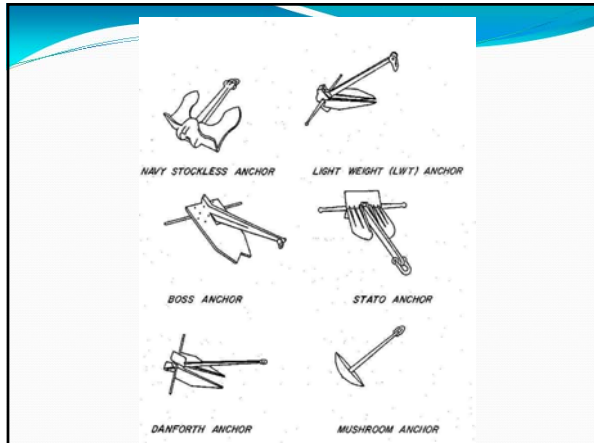


Figure 8-7. Typical shoreline boom mooring system using posts (Alaska Clean Seas, 1998).



Figure 8-9. Multiple booms being anchored (DOWCAR, 1997).

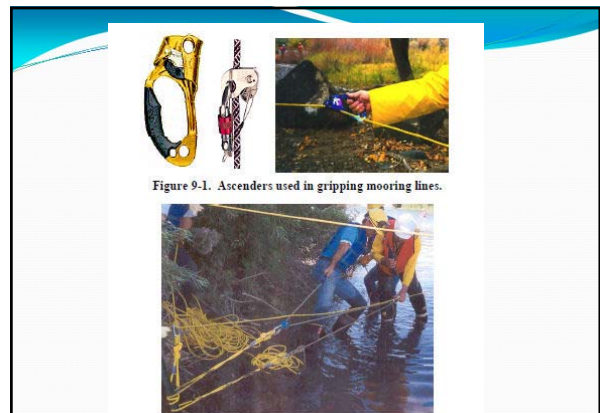


Figure 9-1. Ascenders used in gripping mooring lines.

Figure 9-2. Ascenders in use for tightening lines (DOWCAR, 1997).



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	0.08	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	247	1,231	2,188	3,419	4,923
5	137	249	1,235	2,196	3,433	4,943
10	139	255	1,250	2,222	3,471	4,999
20	146	283	1,310	2,338	3,688	5,139
35	151	309	1,378	2,414	3,772	5,233
40	158	337	1,431	2,506	3,948	5,385
45	179	374	1,607	2,856	4,463	6,427
50	193	414	1,741	3,094	4,835	6,982
55	213	451	1,915	3,404	5,319	7,659
60	274	1,094	2,462	4,376	6,838	9,846
70	400	1,599	3,596	6,297	9,996	14,394
80	788	3,150	7,068	12,400	19,668	28,350
85	1,569	6,304	14,131	25,104	39,334	56,705
89	7,834	31,523	70,530	125,370	195,800	281,281

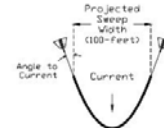


Figure F-1. Projected boom sweep.

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		Boom Required for 100-foot Profile to Current (feet)	Anchors if Placed Every 50 feet (number)
				Angle (degrees)			
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 F-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 (3), 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.										
*Notes: 1. If total tension on the boom (9), exceeds the tensile breaking strength of the boom or the mooring system cannot provide the required holding force (10), then several actions can be chosen: Use a more shallow boom, decrease sweep width, or use a larger catenary angle which could cause entanglement 2. Mooring loads and total boom tension can also be reduced by using additional mooring points along the length of deflection boom, however, the maximum boom tension and mooring line loads cannot be easily calculated.											
Column #	(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)
Example	10.5	35	35	0.5	15.7	549.8	15	8.2	4508	2254	354



Incident Command System (ICS) implementation, Structure, Issues

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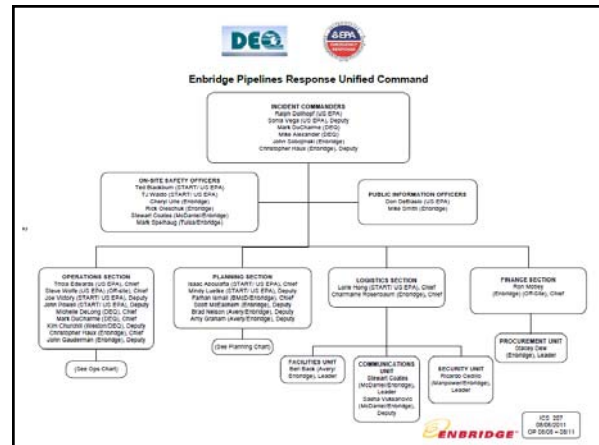
USE of ICS

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 Wi, 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

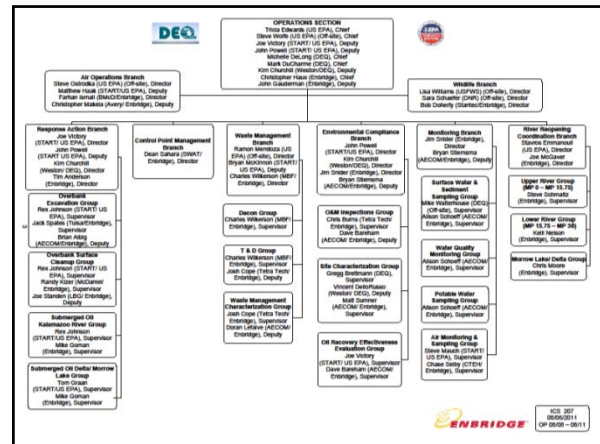
- Unified Command
- Achieve Objectives for each organization
- Flexibility to expand and contract
- Trained Incident Management Personnel to support response
- Support and Logistics and Safety for responders:
- Liaison with State and Local Emergency Management and Federal Partners
- Cost Control, Record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

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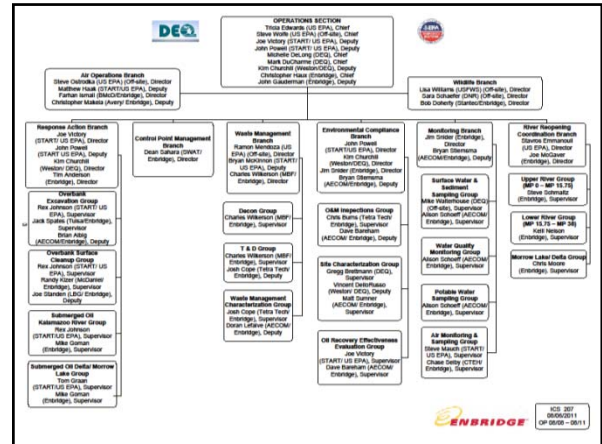
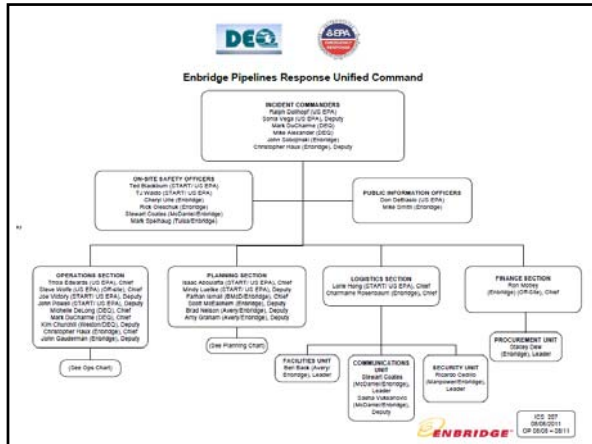


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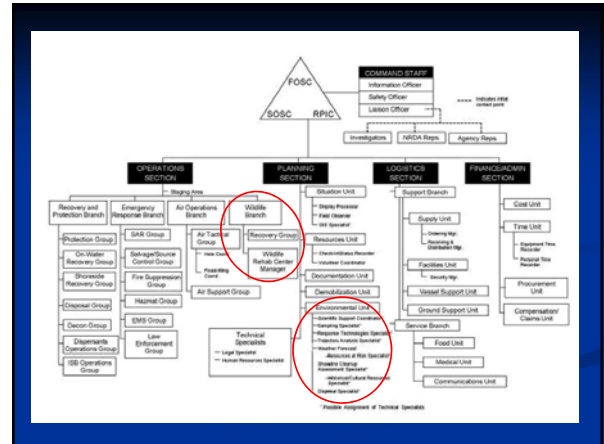
- Identify Functions
 - Containment, Treatment, Disposal, etc.
- Develop Manageable Work Units (Org Chart)
 - Span of Control
 - Divisions, Groups, Branches, etc.

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

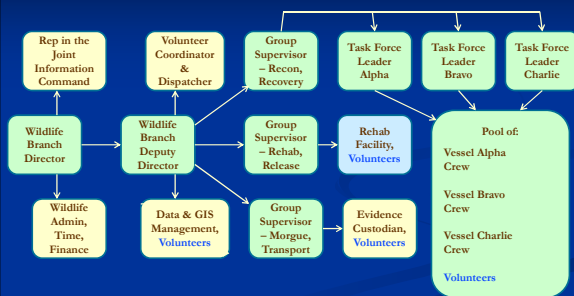


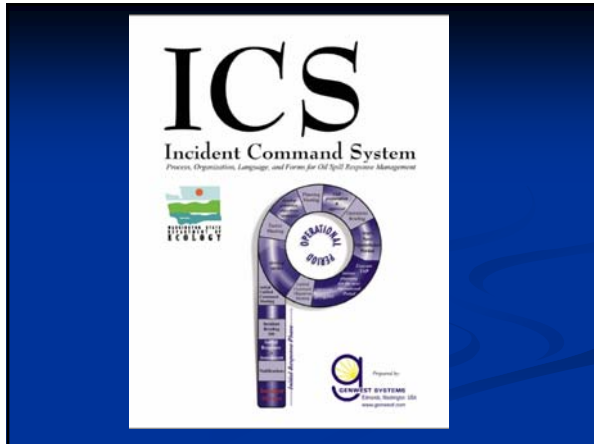
Wildlife Response

Incident Command System



Wildlife Branch Organization Scheme





Wildlife Branch Director **Operations**

Primary Duty: Responsible for monitoring wildlife issues during the spill response

Supervises: Assigned staff

Reports To: Operations Section Chief

Tasks & Responsibilities

- Upon assignment, **assume responsibilities and check in** at designated check-in location.
- Coordinate** with immediate supervisor and organize, design, and brief subordinates.
- Coordinate** with other staff and report requirements to the **Wildlife Branch Director** at the end of the shift and report results to Situation Unit Chief.
- Develop the Wildlife Branch portion of the IAP.
- Display wildlife handling resources as submitted to the IAP.
- Assign the resources within the area engineering and operations wildlife rescue and rehabilitation operations. Coordinate and coordinate activities of groups within area, including those engaged by the responsible party.
- Identify and resolve** any logistic problems that impede injury, transportation, veterinary services, treatment, rehabilitation, storage, etc.
- Review Assignments from ICC 214 for Directors (Groups within Branch). Modify lists based on attachment, current conditions.
- Brief Operations personnel in accordance with the IAP and assign specific tasks to Division/Group assignments.
- Supervise Branch Operations.
- Resolve logistic problems.
- Report resource needs, tactical requirements, hazardous situations, modifications to the IAP and significant events to Operations Section Chief.

Products

- Form **ICC 214 (IC-214)** Review ICC 214 from Operations Section Chief (before responsibility, along with the Personnel Unit Leader, IAP products). Review assignments, IAP, Situation Planning Section Planning Meeting.
- Form **ICC 214 (IC-214)** Assign a member of your staff to complete the ICC 214. Submit to the Documentation Unit at the end of the Operational Period.
- Form **ICC 214 (IC-214)** Summarize your daily activities on the 214s. Submit to the Operations Section Chief and the Documentation Unit at the end of the Operational Period.

Meetings

- Operations Briefing (IC-214) Assist with discussions as appropriate.

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Operations **Wildlife Recovery Group Supervisor**

Primary Duty: Responsible for coordinating the search for, collection, and field tagging of dead and live trapped wildlife and transportation of them to processing centers

Supervises: Assigned staff

Reports To: Wildlife Branch Director

Tasks & Responsibilities

- Upon assignment, **assume responsibilities and check in** at designated check-in location.
- Review** from immediate supervisor and organize, assign, and brief subordinates.
- Coordinate** with the Situation Unit in accordance with the IAP and the Wildlife Recovery Group Supervisor's responsibilities.
- Verify activities and visual wildlife trapping equipment, as needed.
- Coordinate** and assign resources to the collection and transport of trapped wildlife.
- Coordinate** transportation of wildlife to processing centers.
- Review Group assignments and incident activities with subordinates and assign tasks.
- Brief the Wildlife Branch Director on activities and status of resources within the Group.
- Ensure that the Resources Unit is advised of all changes in status of resources assigned to the Group.
- Coordinate activities with other Groups.
- Determine need for assistance for assigned tasks.
- Resolve logistic problems within the Group.

Products

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Meetings

- Operations Briefing (IC-214) Assist with discussions as appropriate. **How the progress of collection and transportation of wildlife is coordinated by the Wildlife Recovery Group Supervisor is addressed in the IAP.** Coordinate activities with other Groups.

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Wildlife Rehab Center Manager **Operations**

Primary Duty: Responsible for receiving, holding, processing, releasing, recording essential information, collecting measure samples, and conducting triage, stabilization, treatment, transport, and rehabilitation of oiled wildlife

Supervises: Assigned staff

Reports To: Wildlife Branch Director

Tasks & Responsibilities

- Upon assignment, **assume responsibilities and check in** at designated check-in location.
- Coordinate** with immediate supervisor and organize, assign, and brief subordinates.
- Process** oiled wildlife and maintain logs.
- Collect information on the condition, injury, and status of oiled wildlife.
- Coordinate** the status of oiled wildlife.
- Review Group assignments and incident activities with subordinates and assign tasks.
- Ensure that the Resources Unit is advised of all changes in status of resources assigned to the Group.
- Coordinate activities with other Groups.
- Determine need for assistance for assigned tasks & resolve logistic problems within the Group.

Products

- Form **ICC 214 (IC-214)** Summarize your daily activities on the ICC 214s. Submit both your 214s to the Wildlife Branch Director and the Documentation Unit at the end of the Operational Period.

Meetings

- Operations Briefing (IC-214) Assist with discussions as appropriate.

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Wildlife Response

Wildlife Recon



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



Boat Survey Methodology for Oil Spill Response

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Introduction
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 affected population.

Survey Types
Surveys are conducted using Distance Sampling Techniques (Buckland et al. 1991). 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 entrance 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.

Boat and Navigation
Boats used during an oil spill response to survey for birds and marine mammals should allow an unobstructed view of the water within a 180° 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 area, 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. Tracks are subdivided into 1- or 2-km segments for recording data. The positions of sick and dead birds are marked with GPS coordinates.

Data Collection
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 bird and marine mammal identification, and, preferably, in distance sampling techniques.

Birds and Mammals Data are recorded on audio cassettes for later transcription. 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 behaviors (such as diving). All birds detected are recorded, including flying birds for most species.

Fig. 1. Sample
p. 1 of 1

OILED BIRDS DATA FORM												
DATE	TIME	GPS	WIND	WAVE	CO.	TRANSECT	000000	000000	000000	000000	000000	000000
LOCATION	TIME	GPS	WIND	WAVE	CO.	TRANSECT	000000	000000	000000	000000	000000	000000
CNTR	11:00:05	11	10	5	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
CNTR	11:00:15	11	10	5	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
CNTR	11:00:25	11	10	5	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
WELB	11:00:30	11	10	5	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

CODES: Degree of oiling: 1 = light, 2 = moderate, 3 = heavy
Behavior: P = excessive preening, B = excessive bathing, BU = buoyancy loss, D = postures of diving, S = sick, HD = Healed, OT = other (describe further in notes)
O = present on water near bird(s); Y = yes, N = no



Bird Capture Guidelines for Oiled Birds In the Mississippi Canyon 252 Response

General rules for identifying what birds should be captured and what birds should not.

Generally speaking, oil "matted" surface feathers of surface feeding birds (i.e., gulls) do not typically put a bird at risk of hypothermia or hyperthermia. A general rule is that if the oil has penetrated the feathers to the skin and causes the birds waterproofing, then the bird may be vulnerable. However, surface matted waterproofing does not impair waterproofing. The following guide can be used for birds in the Gulf Coast region.

Evaluating unusual or stress induced behavior of oiled birds:

Oiled birds that are experiencing distress to the skin or discomfort will likely focus on immovably oiled feathers. This is an indication that they are in some level of distress. If a bird with oiled oil on its feathers is observed exhibiting consistent pressing behavior, then capture should be attempted.

Important: Remember that all birds press on and off throughout the day. Your indication of distressed behavior is consistent pressing focused on an oiled area.

Surface Feeding Birds (gulls, cormorants, double-crested cormorants):

These species will often pre-emptively oil on their feathers during oil spills. If you are faced with large amounts of oil that covers any feathered area approximately 50% or more of the entire body, then they should be captured. Birds can get some small spots of oil on their feathers. These small spots of surface oil typically do not cause distress to the birds. If these birds are not exhibiting intense pressing behavior, then these birds should be left in the field.

Diving Birds (cormorants, boaters):

These birds are highly vulnerable to hypothermia when oiled. One of these species oiled with distress oil on them should be captured. Oil may be difficult to identify on these dark-feathered species. The bird's behavior may indicate their need to be captured. If these birds are spotted consistently pressing or showing signs of heat stress (singing) or hypothermia (shivering and wetting), they should be captured.

Plumage Diving Birds (cormorants, boaters):

These species on the side of getting wet and waterproofed when plunging for fish. If they have oil on their feathers. A general rule is that if 50% of their feathers or more are wet to the skin, then they should be captured.

Small Shorebirds (sandpipers)

Small shorebirds are highly vulnerable to hypothermia and predation by predators once they become oiled and weak. Oil on their feet and legs tends to get smeared to both feathers and any wings they waterproofing. This oil smears makes them unable to fly through turbulence. An individual with a spot of oil (oil-soaked or larger) that has clearly penetrated the feathers to the skin should be captured. Birds with small spots of surface matted but not exhibiting signs of distress should be left alone.

Large Wading Birds (herons, egrets, spoonbills, ibis)

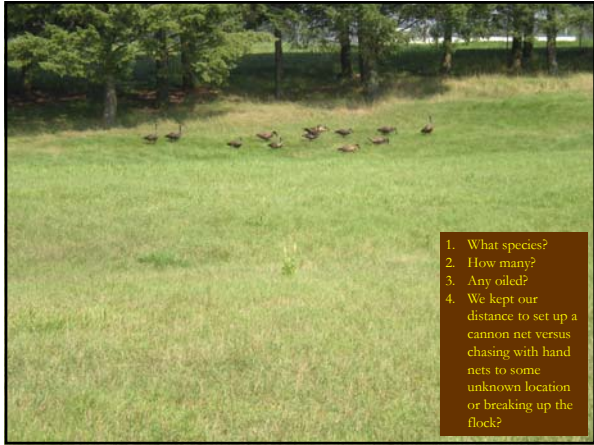
Large wading birds only need to be captured if over 20% of their body is oiled. Many of these birds will get oil on their legs and tops of their wings and tail feathers. They are usually flighted, and most likely are OK. If the body is oiled over 50% of the total body, then capture should be attempted.

Group Capture (e.g., nets, noose mats)

If numerous birds are captured in the process of capturing oiled birds, any oiled and non-oiled birds should be released immediately. This is because of the high risk of hypothermia in transporting a normal bird to his and oiled oiled birds should be transported for one unit if they are contaminated with oil, have clear loss of waterproofing (i.e., due to displacement), or seem ill or injured.



Remember:
Evidence preservation.
Chemical analysis integrity.



1. What species?
2. How many?
3. Any oiled?
4. We kept our distance to set up a cannon net versus chasing with hand nets to some unknown location or breaking up the flock?





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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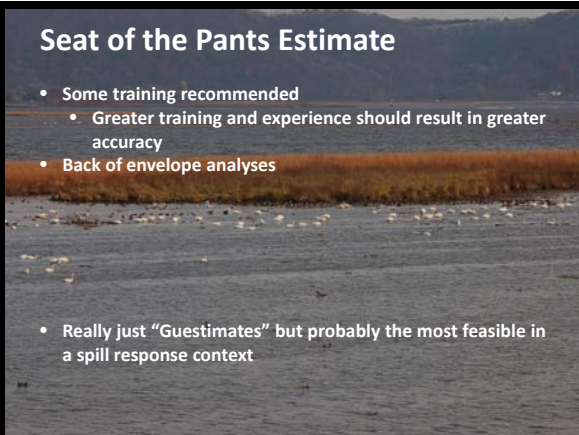
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Statistical Estimate



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

Seat of the Pants Estimate



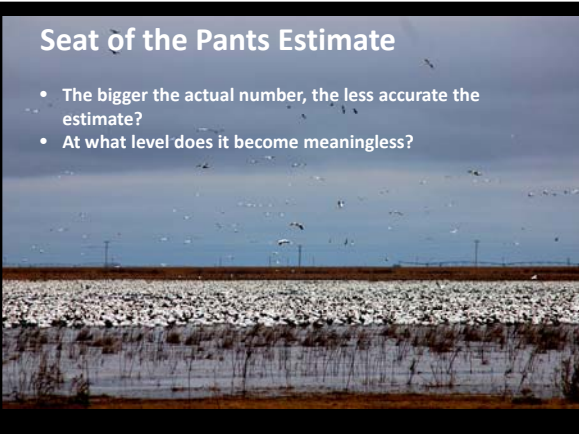
- Some training recommended
 - Greater training and experience should result in greater accuracy
- Back of envelope analyses
- Really just "Guestimates" but probably the most feasible in a spill response context

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



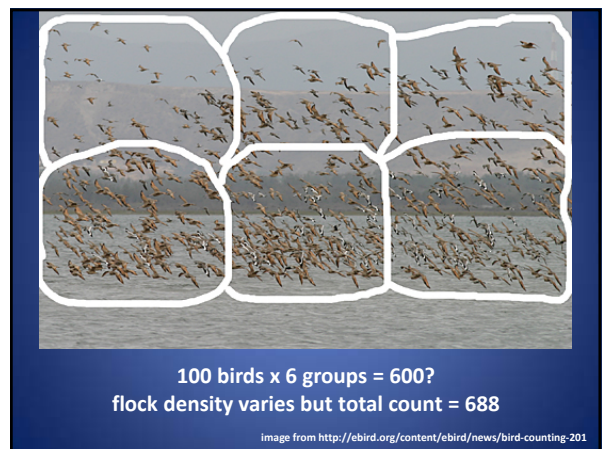
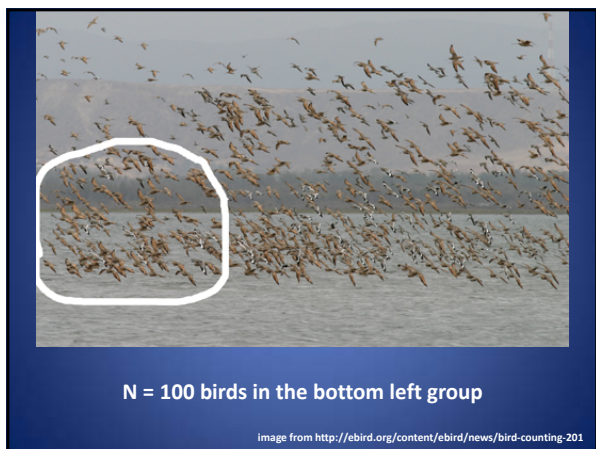
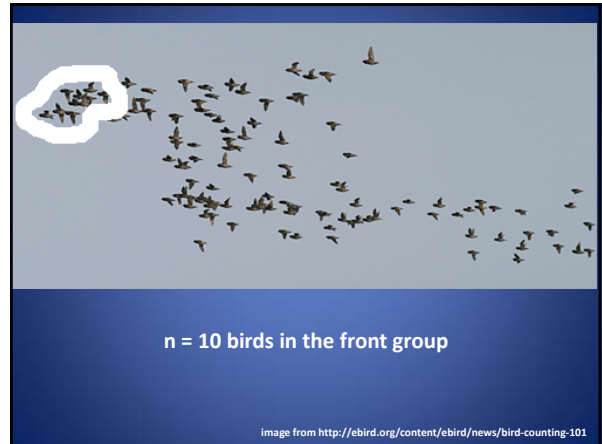
- The bigger the actual number, the less accurate the estimate?
- At what level does it become meaningless?

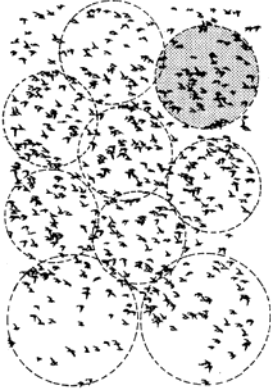


n = 10 birds in the front group
10 x 6 groups = 60 total birds?

actual count = 66 birds

image from <http://web.uct.ac.za/depts/stats/ada/pdf/cwac-info4.pdf>





n = 50 birds in the upper right group

50 x 9 groups = 450 total birds?


actual count = 491 birds

image from <http://web.uct.ac.za/depts/stats/adu/pdf/cwac-info4.pdf>



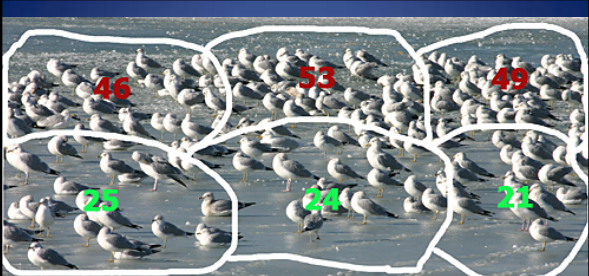

N = 25 birds in the front left group

image from <http://ebird.org/content/ebird/news/bird-counting-101>



25 birds x 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

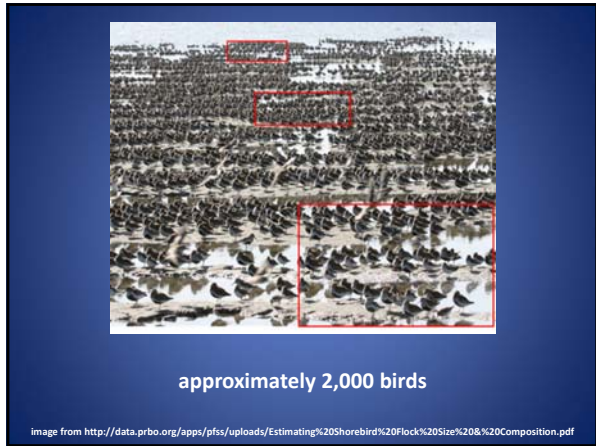
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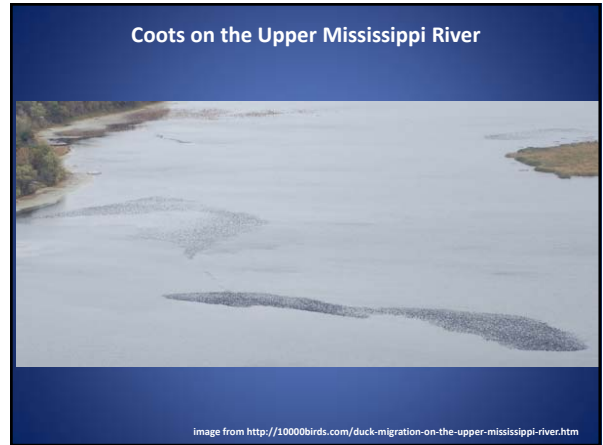


N = 100 birds per group

group size gets smaller to account for depth of field

image from <http://data.prbo.org/apps/pls/uploads/Estimating%20Shorebird%20Flock%20Size%20&%20Composition.pdf>





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

MONTROSE, IOWA
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HAZWOPER

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)





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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





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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!



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Oil Spill Contingency Plan

Handling Wildlife

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







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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**


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Other Protection Needs

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




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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

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!



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

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

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



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**

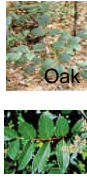
Although the harmful effects of noise vary among individuals, **noise levels above 85 to 90 decibels** should be **considered dangerous**



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

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

Critters



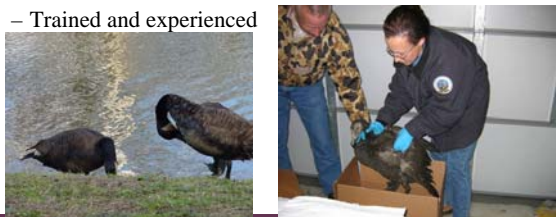
WILDLIFE OPTIONS WITHIN SPILL AREAS

- 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-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
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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



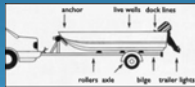
Additional Concerns with Spreading Invasive Species

- Economic
 - A Cornell University study reports that invasive species on land and water already cost the United States \$1.48 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



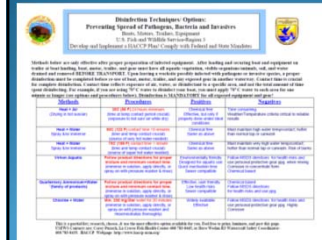
General Precautions:

- 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

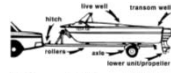


Guidance Available



CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS

WATERCRAFT CHECK POINTS



- Anchor
- Ladder
- Spare tire
- Bow
- Lanyard net
- Hatch
- Outboard motor
- Lure rack
- Rod holder
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WORKING TOGETHER WITH BOATERS
TO PROTECT OUR WATERS
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Disinfection Techniques

Methods	Procedures	Positives	Negatives
Heat + Air (Drying in hot sun/air)	300 (84 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	80C (182 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	Max 200 mg/liter water for 20 minutes (immerse in solution, apply directly, or spray-on with pressure washer and re-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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