The Role of the Spill Management Team in oil spill response and planning

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New Regulations for oil facilities in 2016

- Require certain inland oil facilities to have a spill contingency plan submitted by 1/1/16

- Plan content and format are defined in regulations
Key components of plan

- OSRO (approved spill cleanup company)
- COFR (proof of ability to pay for an oil spill)
- QI (Qualified individual, a person that can enact the plan)
- Stated method of Incident Management
  - US Coast Guard or US EPA handbook
Key Components of plan cont.

- **Spill Management Team (SMT)**

  "Spill Management Team" means the personnel identified in an oil spill contingency plan to staff the organizational structure that will manage response implementation and is able to **fully integrate into an Incident Command/Unified Command structure**, as required by the National Contingency Plan and the California Oil Spill Contingency Plan.
Incident Command System

- Management tool
  - Contains Chain of Command
  - Span of Control
  - Common Terminology (standardized)
  - Manages by Objectives
  - Allows different groups to work together in an organized manner
  - Recognized nationwide and internationally.
ICS position qualifications

- There are training criteria for all ICS positions.
- Higher level positions generally require training and experience.
- ICS can be confusing if not practiced on a regular basis.
- It is often difficult for a company to maintain their own complete SMT.
During Spills, Regulatory Agencies Expect:

- Organized Management
  - Incident Command System
- Command Post Infrastructure
  - Internet, Intranet, printing, projection, etc.
- Personnel Capability (Command Post)
  - Trained personnel
  - Availability 24/7 AND long term capability
- Personnel Capability (Field Level)
  - Contractor management
WHAT DOES THE SMT DO?

- The team staffs the organizational structure a company has identified to manage response plan implementation. (Spills and drills)
- The team provides operational oversight of field response personnel.
- Think of a SMT as a project management team.
Spill Management Team (SMT)

**Generally, team of personnel who manage a response.**

Think of the SMT as a Project Management Team

The SMT has overall management responsibilities when responding to an incident.
“Planning P” is the guide to the processes and steps involved with ICS planning for an event or incident.
Drill Requirements

- In addition to having a SMT ready to respond to real spill events, each year a facility must conduct a drill to test their plan.
- The drill is attended by OSPR and credit is given for objectives that are outlined in regulations.
SMT OPTIONS

- Company can use own employees to form a SMT.
- Company can hire a contractor to fulfill the SMT role. (requires documentation)
- Company can use own employees and supplement with a contractor to form a complete team. (requires documentation)
GMS Spill / Incident Management Team

- The GMS Team has a demonstrated record of success in working with multiple federal, state, and local agencies during major spill responses.

- GMS team members have worked together in industry-led drills, SONS (Spills of National Significance) drills, and in response to more than 300 significant incidents nationwide.

- GMS currently has full time staff in CA and provides SMT services for Facilities and Vessels throughout the state.
Questions?