

## Regional Response Team (RRT) Annual Report

<b>Region:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Calendar Year:</b>	<b>2015</b>
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A. Annual Meetings				
	Dates	Locations	# of Attendees	Website for presentations
1.	March 3 – 5	Port Canaveral, FL	85	<a href="https://www.nrt.org/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=54">https://www.nrt.org/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=54</a>
2.	August 18 – 20	Knoxville, TN	85	<a href="https://www.nrt.org/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=54">https://www.nrt.org/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=54</a>
3.				

B. Activations / Notifications											
1.	<b>Dates:</b>	June 26	<b>Event:</b>	Bath Springs Sunken Vessel				<b>ACT</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>NOT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Issue / Concern:</b>	Removal of petroleum product from sunken private vessel									
	<b>Agencies Involved:</b>	EPA, USCG, DOI, USACE, Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA), TN Dept. of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), TN Wildlife Resources Agency									
	<b>Decisions Made:</b>	EPA to refloat vessel, remove petroleum and turn vessel over to Tennessee Wildlife Resources officers									
2.	<b>Dates:</b>	July 5	<b>Event:</b>	CSX Maryville Fire				<b>ACT</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>NOT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Issue / Concern:</b>	Rail car carrying acrylonitrile involved in fire and release of product. Evacuation of up to 5000 residents. Potential multimedia impact. Air and water quality monitoring underway. Responders sent to hospital due to exposure.									
	<b>Agencies Involved:</b>	EPA, USCG, DOI, TEMA, TDEC, USCG Gulf Strike Team									
	<b>Decisions Made:</b>	Briefing provided by EPA FOSC Eichinger. Concern for contamination of nearby waterway. Trustees to provide support identifying resources at risk.									
3.	<b>Dates:</b>		<b>Event:</b>					<b>ACT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>NOT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Issue / Concern:</b>										
	<b>Agencies Involved:</b>										
	<b>Decisions Made:</b>										
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	<b>Issue / Concern:</b>										
	<b>Agencies Involved:</b>										
	<b>Decisions Made:</b>										

C. RRT Exercises			
1.	<b>Dates:</b>	August 26 - 27	<b>Event:</b> Hattiesburg Derailment Workshop
	<b>Agencies Involved:</b>	All RRT 4 state and federal agencies, local response agencies	
	<b>Summary of exercise:</b>	This was a multi-stakeholder workshop. Participants worked through a scenario involving the derailment of a Bakken Unit Oil train developing two Incident Action Plans. Crude Oil Response Awareness training was provided to all participants. The balance of the time was divided into segments which included presentations on various portions of the plans and opportunities for discussion.	
2.	<b>Dates:</b>		<b>Event:</b>
	<b>Agencies Involved:</b>		
	<b>Summary of exercise:</b>		
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	<b>Agencies Involved:</b>		
	<b>Summary of exercise:</b>		

D. Changes in RRT Leadership	
Agency	Personnel Affected
1) Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Gwen Keenan took a new position with FEMA Region 4 and was succeeded by John Johnson
2) EPA	Tony Moore took over the post of Alternate Co-Chair, relieving Jose Negron
3)	

E. Lessons Learned by the RRT (which may help other RRTs)

## **F. Federal, State, and Local Planning and Coordination Efforts**

The Chemical Facility Safety and Security subcommittee carried out its mission to develop standard operating procedures for the implementation of Executive Order 13650 in Region 4. The process of development included participation from all three levels of government. Cross training of federal agencies occurred and cooperative inspections were carried out to promote the proper development of the SOPs. The completed products were delivered to the RRT Co-Chairs, Regional Working Group and the National Working Group.

Hattiesburg Derailment Workshop. August 26 – 27, 2015. The workshop included development of multiple plans ranging from Fire management to Operations and maintenance. These were included in the Incident Action Plan. Participants included local fire and police, County emergency management, State and federal agencies and Canadian National railroad. The RRT participated as well with a notification/briefing provided by the command staff.

Southern Exposure 2015 was a full scale exercise for the integration of organizations at all levels of government and demonstrate the ability to coordinate and conduct response and recovery activities during an incident at Duke Energy's H. B. Robinson Nuclear Power Plant.

Principles of Chemical Emergency Preparedness. CEP Training June 29 July 2 EPA R4 hosted this training of a freshly updated course. Participants included representatives from SERCs and LEPCs from across the region. The course provided participants with an understanding of chemical emergency preparedness, and knowledge on of the preparation of chemical emergency response plans.

Considerable activities involving federal, state and local planning and coordination efforts were carried out by the area committees located in Region 4. A summary pf these activities can be found at the RRT 4 website. While these are not activities sponsored or carried out by the RRT standing members, the document points to the extensive coordination of planning and response that is carried out on a regular basis at the area level.

## **G. Issues or Operational Requirements Which May Require NRT Attention**