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RRTII NOAA Report Out

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1. a. **Notable Cases** (brief summary for each incident):

b. Training & Readiness Highlights:

- i. Due to covid, all in person classroom training has been placed on hold, however, NOAA will be offering vSCAT training, 3 half days and one day of field training will be required. Will be sending out emails to USCG Sectors NY, Del Bay, Maryland NCR, Virginia and North Carolina to inquire about interest.
- ii. RRTIII CNRDA Workgroup finalized the following documents and on 1 December, forwarded to Executive Committee for their approval:
 1. Section 7 Consultation Guidance and Form for Coastal Zone. (A similar document will be initiated for the inland area with the intent of combining the coastal and inland zones into one document and adopting it as Version 2 into the RRT3 by the May meeting. If it is not manageable to make it into one document, the group will keep inland separate).
 2. Tribal Engagement document
 3. Oil Spill Response Quick Reference Guide for Tribal Leadership pamphlet

c. Exercises:

NOAA did not host any exercises during this time period.

d. Other Highlights:

- On 19 January, USCG Sector Delaware Bay will be hosting an Offshore Wind Farm Workshop. Industry representatives from three windfarm companies will discuss their respective proposed projects. BOME and BESSE will also be attending and presenting. Issues to be addressed include project status, locations, risk assessment. Jerry Conrad, Sec Del Bay is the poc.

iii. **Changes in Leadership**

- i. Aaron Rodgers, New Emergency Response Division Director
- ii. Steve Lehmann, New England SSC retired

- iii. William Whitmore, New NOAA SSC for New England
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e. Future Events / Meetings:

- i. NOAA tentatively planning to host a Science of Oil Spills course, 4-8 April at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center, Grasonville, MD.
- ii. RRTIII Meeting, 17-19 May, Blackburg, VA