



Regional Response Team 3

# State/Commonwealth On-Scene Coordinator Reports











# Delaware, SOSC Report – May 2024

### **Notable Cases / Events**

• Key details (location, date, product, etc.) Any significant insights gleaned from recent responses / exercises. Delaware City Refinery, 29 May, 15 Bbl Hibernia Crude, Wetlands impacted • Buckeye Terminal, Christina R., 12 Sept., 200Bbl #6, **Barge Overfill Exercises / Training Significant Agency or Organizational Updates** • Key details (location, date, purpose, etc.) Note any organizational changes, new/departing personnel, etc. (if applicable).

**Best Practices / Lessons Learned / Challenges** 

Maryland, SOSC Report – December 2024	
<ul> <li>Notable Cases / Events</li> <li>11/14 - Derailed locomotive at CSX coal pier with 300 gallon fuel spill</li> <li>9/27 - M/V SSI DEFIANT, discharging oil</li> <li>9/15 Med Waste Incident on the Atlantic Coastal Beaches</li> <li>7/27 - 122' M/Y Lovebug capsized &amp; Sank at the mouth of Rhode River</li> <li>6/27 - Fire at an Electric Scooter repair facility in College Park</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Best Practices / Lessons Learned / Challenges</li> <li>Nov. 4-6 National Port Partners Safety Summit</li> </ul>
Exercises / Training • Oct. 14-18 attended Shipboard FF Command School in Virginia Beach	Significant Agency or Organizational Updates • New hire Robert Hornbacher, Division Chief in the Office of Emergency Preparedness & Response

# Pennsylvania, SOSC Report – December 2024

### **Notable Cases / Events**

- 279 NRC Report s 160 Responses
- Venango County Crude oil discharge into Allegheny River
- Franklin County Poni Acid reaction w/ nitric vapor release
- Lancaster County Transformer oil release
- Columbia County Wilburton Coal Fire

## **Best Practices / Lessons Learned / Challenges**

- Local stakeholder coordination during and about incidents
- Determining threats and risks to communities during incidents.

# **Exercises / Training**

- Hazmat Technician for ER Team Members
- Pocono NASCAR Race
- Beaver Valley & Susquehanna Steam and Electric power plant exercises

## **Significant Agency or Organizational Updates**

• N/A

# State Name, SOSC Report – May 2024



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# Virginia (DEM), SOSC Report – DEC 2024

### Notable Cases / Events

- Hurricane Helene Response (Sept/Nov 2024) Aftermath of Helene... numerous locations of lost chemicals
- Brunswick County Abandoned Materials (Sept/Nov 2024) Over 5,000 containers of lab chemicals abandoned in old college
- Mecklenburg County Industrial Fire (July 2024) Response to an industrial fire involving large quantities of agrichemicals

## **Exercises / Training**

### • VESTEx 2024 (May 2024)

This Functional Exercise (FE) included approximately 375 participants including 29 localities over the two days and various locations.

#### • VOPEX24 (July 2024)

This six-hour Functional Exercise included over 450 participants. The purpose of this exercise is to evaluate player actions for a nuclear power plant-related incident.

## **Best Practices / Lessons Learned / Challenges**

• Trends

Unintended chemical reactions Acquisition of materials determined to be hazardous Alternative energy source issues (batteries, CNG)

#### Best Practices

Continued use of unmanned aerial platforms for information Working with local/state/federal partners to continually refine process

### **Significant Agency or Organizational Updates**

• Andy John has assumed the role of Deputy State Coordinator (Field Operations Bureau).

#### • To Date:

Notification to Virginia EOC – 963 VDEM HM Intervention – 305 Regional HM Team Activations – 21 Notifications from NRC - 594



# Virginia (DEM), SOSC Report – DEC 2024



Incident: Helene Response, Grayson County, 10/14/24 Photo credit: VDEM



Incident: St. Paul's College, Brunswick County, 07/24 Photo credit: VDEM

# Virginia DEQ, SOSC Report – December 2024

# Notable Cases / Events

- Key details (location, date, product, etc.)
  - South Hill Warehouse Fire (7/6/24) Pesticides (including 2,4-D)
  - Wilderness Water Treatment Plant Odor (8/21/24) mineral oil
  - Eastern Shore Medical Waste (9/15/24) plastics, needles, feminine hygiene products
  - Tropical Storm Helene (9/27/24) Federal disaster declaration for 37 counties; ESF 3 and ESF 10 ops

# **Exercises / Training**

- Key details (location, date, purpose, etc.)
  - Virginia Area Committee Meeting, Hampton (8/20/24)
  - Port of Virginia Marine Firefighting Command School, Virginia Beach Fire Training Center (10/14/24 – 10/18/24)
  - National Port Partners Summit, Norfolk (11/5/24 11/6/24)
  - Virginia Area Committee Meeting, Eastern Shore (11/19/24)

# Best Practices / Lessons Learned / Challenges

- Any significant insights gleaned from recent responses / exercises.
  - Use of incident-specific webpages to build public trust
  - Use of COV's Incident Management Assistance Team to support response
  - Use of FEMA Mission Assignments to augment state resources and operations
  - Conducting a comprehensive After Action Review (AAR) of significant incidents to identify opportunities for improvement and enhancement.

# Significant Agency or Organizational Updates

- Note any organizational changes, new/departing personnel, etc. (if applicable).
  - John Giese was promoted to Director of PREP/ Communications / H&S
  - Elizabeth "Beth" (never "Liz" unless you're Frank)
     Lohman returned to DEQ as Manager of Office
     Pollution Response & Emergency Preparedness
  - $\circ~\mbox{Currently}$  recruiting a Central Office vacancy

West Virginia, SOSC Report – December 2024	
<ul> <li>Mercury spill - 6/13/2024 - Williamson WV, Homeowner found mercury seeping out of the ground in yard. WVDEP responded, contacted the EPA for assistance. Multiple Drums of soil excavated.</li> <li>HAM Landfill Tire Fire - 8/3/2024 - Peterstown WV, Shredded tires at landfill caught fire, WVDEP Responded to assist Local Authorities. Air Monitoring request to EPA for surrounding Community.</li> </ul>	Best Practices / Lessons Learned / Challenges • Challenges Update: WV has a response contractor vendor list; we have found that this speeds up the cleanup process.
Exercises / Training • Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Station Annual Training Northern WV Panhandle, State Preparedness Two Responders through Haz-Mat Technician, and a multitude of response training. (ICS,NIMS,RCRA,DOT)	<ul> <li>Significant Agency or Organizational Updates</li> <li>No Organizational Updates</li> <li>WVDEP FACTS: 08 May – 10 December 2024</li> <li>Spill Reports Vetted - 1792</li> <li>Emergency Response Events - 34</li> <li>Household Hazardous Waste Sites - 93</li> <li>Hazardous / Non-Haz Waste disposed - 23,851 LBS</li> </ul>

# West Virginia, SOSC Report – December 2024







