

**SPILL RESPONSE
COUNTERMEASURES
WORKGROUP NOTES**

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, Bateman Education Center, Chincoteague, Virginia
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Spill Response Countermeasures Workgroup Session

Dave Pugh (USCG) & Billy Martin (USEPA)

- Consultation process for dispersant & in-situ burn pre-authorization
 - Dave – MOU for Corexit will no longer be active as of December.
 - Need to discuss path forward. Update MOU or choose another course – ex. rapid consultation.
 - A new MOU poses challenges.
 - Pros and cons to each side
 - Elisha suggests using what we already have. Tighten up process. Did in 2019 with Delaware Bay prep exercise.
 - Clean up decision making piece
 - Do pre-information sharing
 - MSRC will stockpile new product and destroy old stockpile.
 - Agreed to replace with new product and stockpile on east coast. Dispersant focus has been on the gulf coast.
 - Region 4 did pre-authorization.
 - Need new biological evaluation.
 - Pre-authorization was to involve the states.
 - Have we moved out of needing this?
 - Add timelines if moving to quick turnaround. Limit who has approval power
 - Will MSRC/NRC not stockpile properly if this doesn't exist?
 - Need to work out details of consult.
 - Application / monitoring plans?
 - Smart monitoring applies to new product.
 - 48-hour window for dispersants to be effective.
 - Need to come up with something for FOSC to weigh options.
 - Will MSRC and NRC stockpile dispersants without preauthorization?
 - They have a spray aircraft already on standby in FL and VA, so it is likely that they will keep those resources in place.
 - Need their draft application and monitoring plans.
 - Dave's biggest worry is what the states will say and who there is saying what.
 - What would it take to adjust the process?
 - Have decision checklist
 - Add dispersant protocol?
 - Clean up form. When discussing product, pre-fill with products
 - Look at what MOU says
 - Billy will reach out to RRT coordinators for advice on what they're doing.

- Ask region 6. More aware of issue, what are they doing.
 - 1,2,4,6,9,10
 - Are they doing pre-authorization?
- Group would like to move forward with a new process.
 - Refresh other process, engage states, trustees
- Would be good to show contour lines. Consideration for operational use for concurrence.
 - Need new geographic outline
 - Add average depth limit?
- Frank can have NOAA contracting a biological evaluation
 - Elisha can provide what she has so far

Concluded at 11:18

Meeting Attendance Roster	
Attendee Name	Attendee Organization
Andersen, Ben	DNREC
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