

Boston Harbor Geographic Response Plan

Tactics Review Meeting

Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 1pm

MassDEP – 1 Winter Street, Boston

Attendees

Mike Popovich, USCG

Ryan Cox, Boston Line & Service

Elizabeth Hernberg, Sprague

Kingsley Ndi, MassDEP

Ed Anderson, Boston Fire

Margaret LaForest, Quincy City Council

Bob Bell, Quincy Marine Police

Paul Milone, Weymouth Harbormaster

Richard Packard, MassDEP

Elise DeCola, Nuka Research

Caleb Queen, Nuka Research

Agenda

A sub-group of individuals with expertise in boom deployment and spill recovery tactics reviewed the draft tactics developed during the site surveys.

Meeting Summary

Only the sites BH-6 Neponset River to BH-13 Weir River were reviewed. The following changes and revisions were made to each of those GRPs.

- BH-6 Neponset River
 - EX-02c and EX-02e were changed to divert and collect strategies with shoreside recovery locations.
 - Boston Scientific should be added to the contact list.
- BH-7 Quincy Bay
 - May need to insert a larger view for staging areas.
 - We should find out who is in charge of managing the tide gate at Blacks Creek.
- BH-8 Hough's Neck
 - The tide gate at Spring Street is broken.
 - There is a boat ramp located on the northwestern shore of Hough's Neck.
 - Passive recovery/sorbent boom should be deployed directly behind EX-01a and EX-01b.
 - Create 3 deflection tactics at the mouth of Hough's Neck to deflect incoming oil.
 - EX-01b is a possible testing site.
- BH-9 Town River
 - Add an ebb tide strategy to EX-01.
 - Incorporate some of Sprague's strategies.
 - The tide gate is broken.
- BH-10 Fore River
 - Add flood tide strategy to EX-01c and make it a divert and collect tactic.
 - At a divert and collect strategy to be deployed from Evans Road.

- Does Braintree Power Plant have water intakes?
 - On the GRP, change “Weir River” to “Fore River”.
- BH-11 East Weymouth
 - Change name of site to “Weymouth Back River”
- BH-12 Hingham Harbor
 - Note that CB-02b should be lined with sorbent boom due to the size of the culvert.
- BH-13 Weir River
 - Add shoreside recovery to the boat ramp near 5th street.

Sprague and Citgo both contributed their own recovery strategies, some of these will be incorporated into the Boston Harbor GRP.

The next work group meeting will be held in mid-November. An email will go out to the work group when the meeting time and room has been scheduled.