Boston Harbor Geographic Response Plan (BHGRP) Project

Kick-off Work Group Meeting

April 27, 2010 - 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
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Project Overview:
GRPs are oil spill response plans tailored to protect a specific sensitive area from oil spill impacts. These response plans are map-based strategies that can save time during the critical first few hours of an oil spill response. They show responders where sensitive areas are located and where to place oil spill protection resources. The purpose of this project is to develop GRPs for approximately 25 sites around Boston Harbor, from Chelsea to Weymouth. The project is being funded by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) through the Oil Spill Act. GRP projects have been completed for the Cape and Islands Region, Buzzards Bay area, and the North Shore of Massachusetts. Nuka Research and Planning Group, LLC has been contracted by MassDEP to facilitate the Planning Group and the GRP development process.

Planning Group Membership and Purview:
The Boston Harbor GRP Work Group is being formed to provide oversight to the process of selecting sites and developing tactics for GRPs along the Boston Harbor shoreline. Members of the Boston Harbor Work Group represent state and federal agencies, local governments and organizations, stakeholder groups, the oil industry, and spill response professionals. The Work Group is co-chaired by MassDEP, the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Boston (USCG), and NOAA Office of Response and Restoration (NOAA). Work Group meetings will be held approximately two to three times over the life of this project. The Work Group process is open to the public and public participation is welcomed and encouraged.

Purpose of Meeting:
This is the kick-off meeting of the Boston Harbor GRP Work Group. The meeting will be used to introduce the project to all participants, to solicit additional participation in all phases of the project, and to disseminate preliminary site selection information for review and input from Work Group members and their constituents.

Agenda

10:00 AM Introductions and Opening Comments ..... Rich Packard, MassDEP

10:15 AM Project Overview ..... Elise DeCola, Nuka Research

10:40 AM Role of GRPs Within Area Contingency Plan…….LCDR Pamela Garcia, USCG

10:50 AM Establishing Oil Spill Priorities …… Steve Lehmann, NOAA

11:15 AM Implementing GRP During a Spill Response .....Mike Popovich, US Coast Guard

11:30 AM Site Selection, Surveys & Tactics Development..... Elise DeCola

11:45 AM Comments and Suggestions …….....…… Group

11:55 AM Review Action Items ...……..…… Sanne Schneider, Nuka Research

12:00 PM Adjourn

Work Group Website

http://grp.nukaresearch.com/Bgroup.htm
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