



<p>Mount Hope Bay Geographic Response Plan (MHBGRP) Project Kick-off Work Group Meeting</p>	<p>June 6, 2012 - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Heritage State Park 200 Davol Street Fall River, Massachusetts, 02720 Telephone: (508) 675-5759</p>
<p>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 sites in the Mount Hope Bay region within Massachusetts. The project is being funded by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) through the Massachusetts Oil Spill Act. GRP projects have been completed for the Cape and Islands, Buzzards Bay, the North Shore, Boston Harbor, and the South Shore regions of Massachusetts. Nuka Research and Planning Group, LLC has been contracted by MassDEP to facilitate the Planning Group and the GRP development process.</p>	
<p>Planning Group Membership and Purview: The Mount Hope Bay GRP Work Group is being formed to provide oversight to the process of selecting sites and developing tactics for GRPs along the Mount Hope Bay shoreline within Massachusetts, between Dighton to the North and Fall River and Swansea to the South. Members of the Mount Hope Bay 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 (USCG), and NOAA (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.</p>	
<p>Purpose of Meeting: 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.</p>	
<p>Agenda</p>	
<p>9:00 AM Introductions and Opening Comments Rich Packard, MassDEP 9:30 AM Project Overview Elise DeCola/Mike Popovich, Nuka Research 10:00 AM Role of GRPs Within Area Contingency Plan & Spill Response.....MSTC Sean Baker, USCG 10:15 AM Establishing Oil Spill Protection Priorities Steve Lehmann, NOAA 11:00 AM GRP Development Process & Project Timeline.....Mike Popovich 11:30 AM Comments and Suggestions Group 11:45 AM Review Action Items Sanne Schneider, Nuka Research 12:00 PM Adjourn</p>	
<p>Work Group Website http://grp.nukaresearch.com/MHBgroup.htm</p>	
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