

EPA's Roles and Responsibilities in Emergencies



Office of Emergency Management

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- Background: When & Where We Respond
- EPA Assets: How We Respond
 - Including Contract Support
- EPA's Responsibilities in National Response Framework
- EPA's National Approach to Response and other HS Preparedness/Readiness Activities

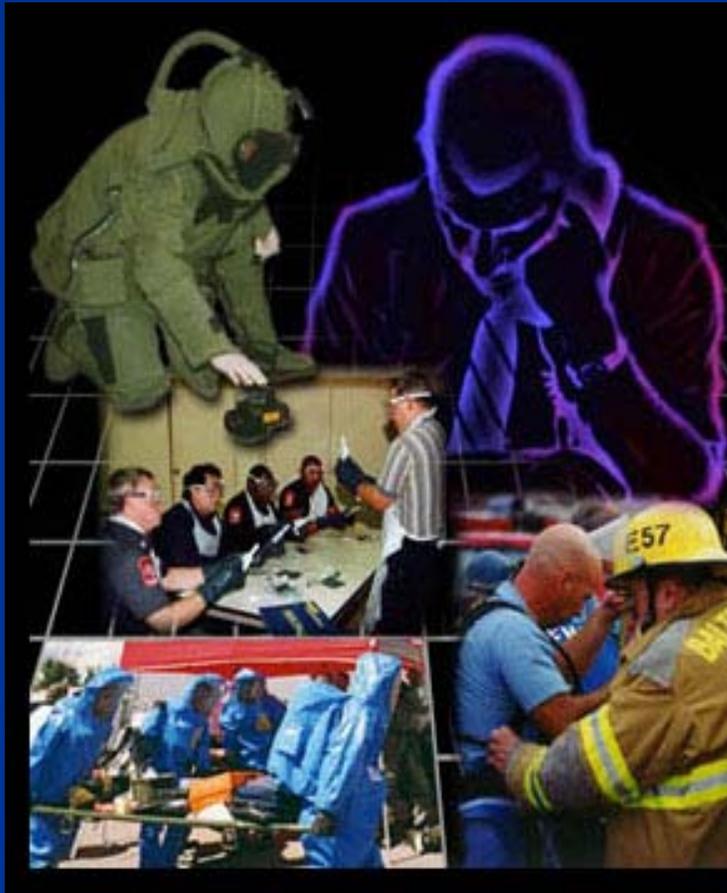
EPA Background

- EPA has had an emergency response program since 1980.
- EPA responded to releases of hazardous substances or oil from any type of site.
- EPA worked under FEMA's lead on natural disasters.









How We Respond

- Responsive, decentralized operations based in the ten regional offices
- 250 EPA On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs) with experience and delegated authority to manage incidents
- Comprehensive program infrastructure
 - intra-agency, interagency and contracted
- Extensive working and planning relationships with local, state and federal responders
- 24/7 scientific and engineering support and state-of-the-art technology



Tetra Tech EM Inc
Weston Solutions
Shaw Environmental

Project Resources Inc.

URS Operating Services

How We Respond Cont.

EPA ER & HS Contracts

- **Emergency and Rapid Response Services (ERRS)**
- **\$300 M Annual Capacity**
- **EPA ERRS Contractors**

Shaw Environmental Group

Earth Tech Inc

CMC Inc

Ferguson Harbour inc

Project Resources Inc

assessment, others)



available to all 10 EPA

■ **National Logistics Contract**



On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs



- National Decontamination Team (NDT)
- Radiation Emergency Response Team (RERT)
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(NCERT)



of radioactive materials









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United States

- Level A Capable

EPA Responsibilities in National Response Framework (NRF)

- EPA and Coast Guard are lead for Emergency Support Function (ESF) #10, Oil and Hazardous Materials Response
- EPA is support for:
 - ESF #3 Public Works and Engineering
 - ESF #4, 5, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15



clearance



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with USACE on debris mgt



EPA's National Approach to Response (NAR) and HS Initiatives

- NAR Purpose – to improve EPA's capability to respond to nationally significant incidents
- Policy document issued by Administrator June 27, 2003
- Clearly defined roles and responsibilities in HQ and Regions
- Full implementation of Incident Command/Unified Command System
- Structured approach for full utilization of Agency resources, including a volunteer Response Support Corps drawn from throughout the Agency
- Increased health and safety protocols for responders
- Policies and procedures to assure consistent use of information technology systems in the field for formatting, review and storage of laboratory data.

EPA's NAR and HS Initiatives cont.

- Homeland Security Focus Areas
 - Water Security (Sector Lead)
 - Internal Preparedness
 - Decontamination
 - Emergency Response
- Participation and support of DHS National Planning efforts



Questions ?

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