



EMERGENCY RESPONSE WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITY

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Presentation Goals – Federal Response

Topics

Federal-level response

Coordination

Community Interaction





Types/Authorities - Federal Response

Natural Disasters – Stafford Act





Types/Authorities - Federal Response

Hazardous Substances and Chemicals

CERCLA (Superfund)





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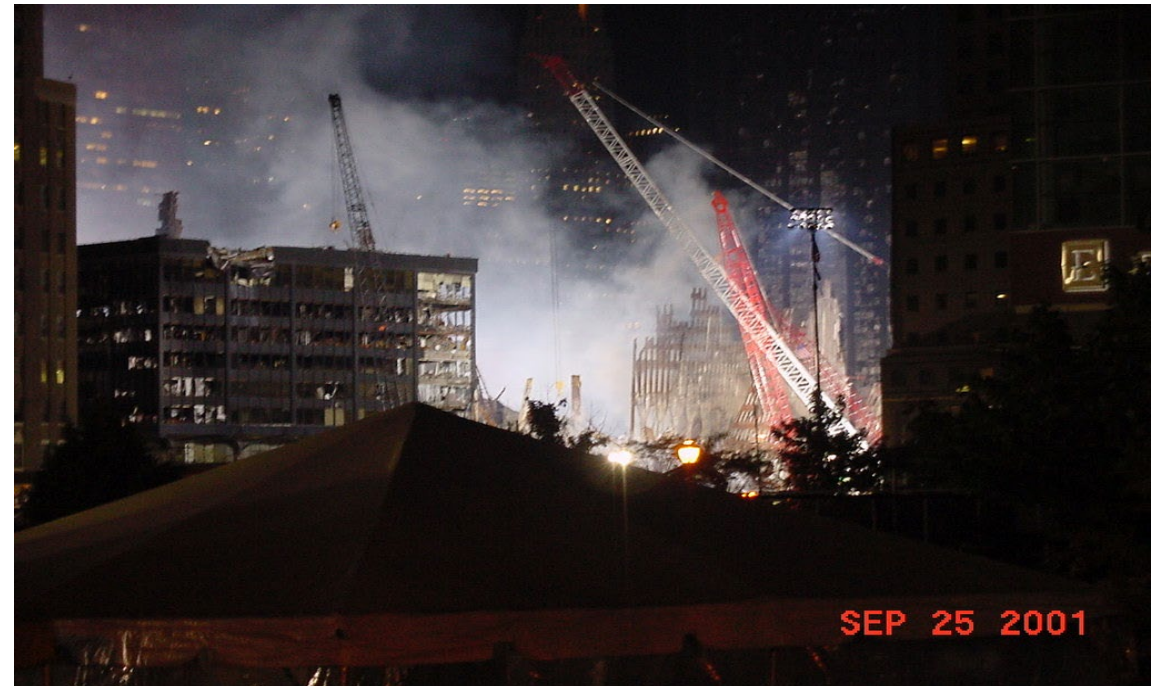
Oil - Clean Water Act / Oil Pollution Act





EPA Response – Basic Overview

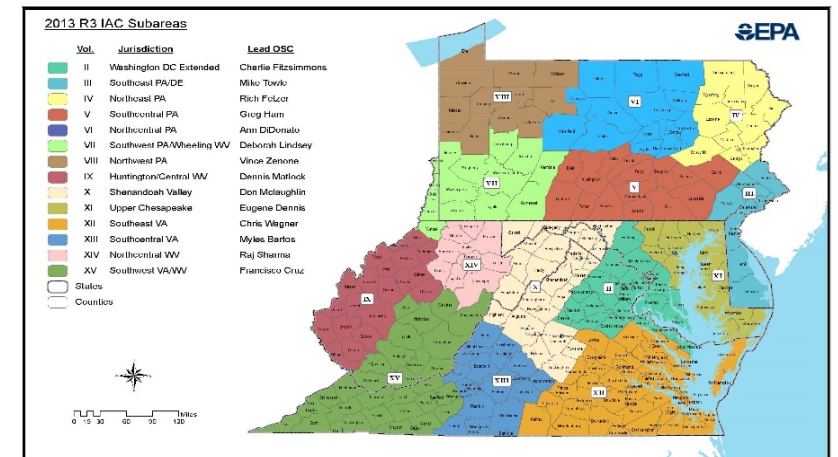
- Duty Officers answer Spill Line 24/7/365
- Dispatch On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs) to emergency incidents requiring immediate response
- Conduct Longer-term Response Actions and Cleanup
- Deploy personnel to disasters





EPA Response – Plan and Prepare

- Plan and Prepare
- ✓ Exercise and train with response partners
- ✓ Regional Response Team
- ✓ Outreach into subareas and communities





EPA Response - Assess and Evaluate

- OSCs evaluate and assess releases of hazardous substances and discharges of oil i.a.w. National Contingency Plan
- Objective: Determine if incident warrants federal action and if a responsible party is not completing appropriate actions





EPA Response - Action

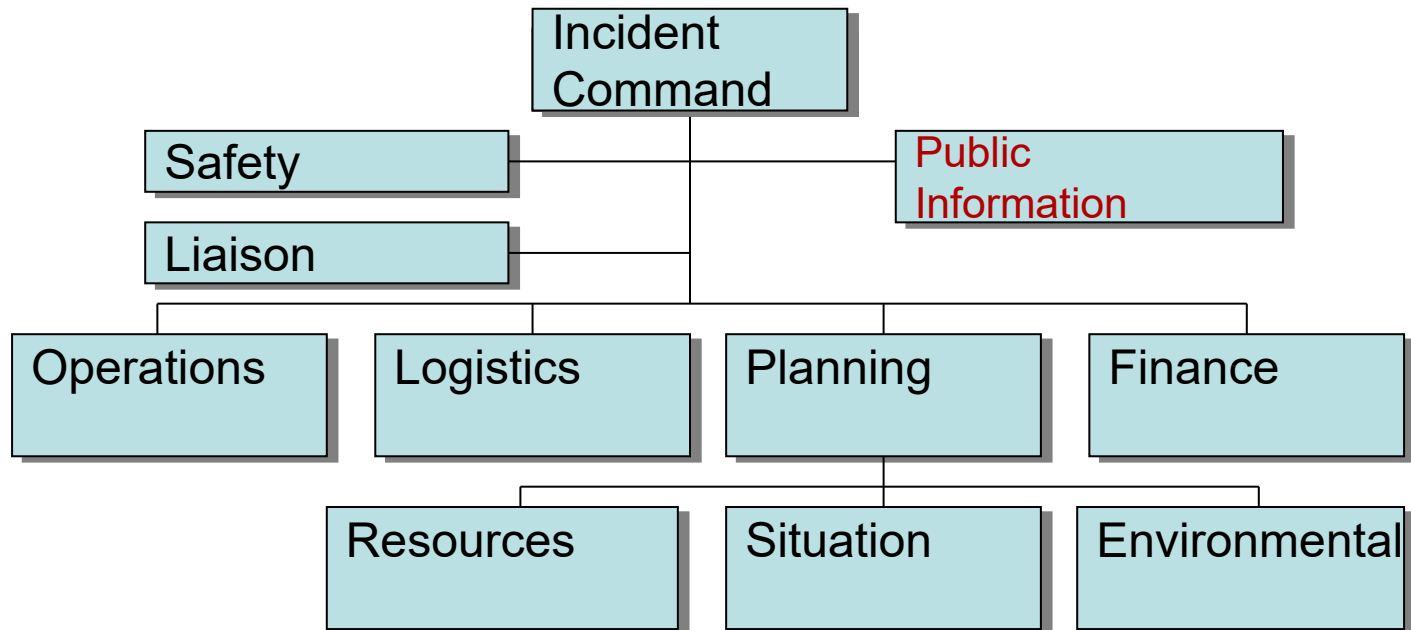
- OSCs have authority to initiate response action in emergency situations (EPA managers approve planned actions and costs)
- OSCs direct the response actions and coordinate with State and Local authorities





EPA Response - Communication

- Public Information is Important
- Emergency: Public Information Officer/Spokesperson
- ✓ Traditional – fact sheets, press events, public meetings
- ✓ Today – add in Social Media





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