

Regional Stakeholder Committee

Web Resources Project

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What is the Regional Stakeholder Committee?

A group of individuals invited to share their local knowledge with the agency and company representatives that will manage an oil spill response in Alaska.

Overview

1. The RSC is a valuable opportunity for stakeholder engagement in a spill response situation
2. PWSRCAC recognized that instructional materials would help RSC members better understand and prepare for their involvement. A better prepared RSC would benefit ALL parties involved.
3. Materials developed for PWSRCAC website.

Who's involved?

- PWSRCAC
- Representatives from affected communities
- Private landowners and leaseholders
- Federally-recognized Tribes, Native corporations, organizations, and communities
- Special interest groups affected by the incident

Input categories



Project goals

Provide information to RSC members to help them:

- Understand the response structure and processes
- Anticipate or consider potential input
- Plan ahead for RSC participation and methods to connect back to their community

Provide information to Responsible Party about this unique structure



Project development

Key documents

- Regional and Area plans
- Past exercise reports
- Other supporting references

Interviews

Staff & committee input



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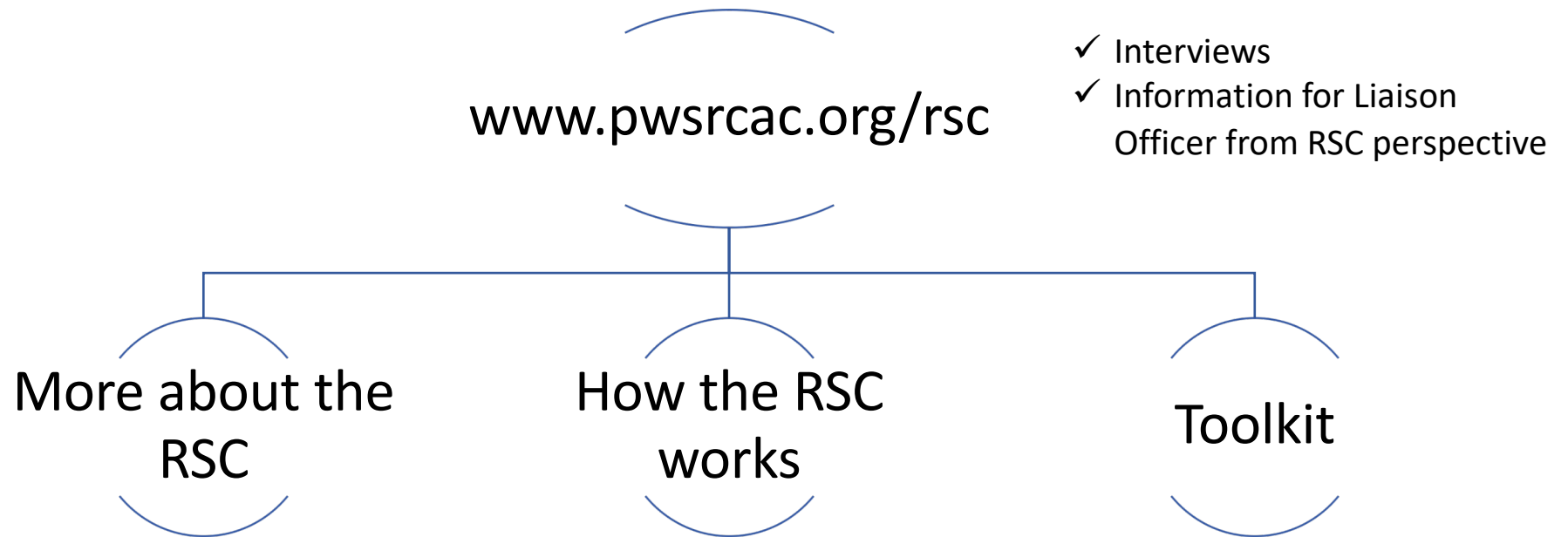
The Regional Stakeholder Committee (RSC) is a group of individuals invited to share their local knowledge with the agency and company representatives that will manage an oil spill response in Alaska. RSC members present issues of local concern and help identify local resources that could be useful to the response.

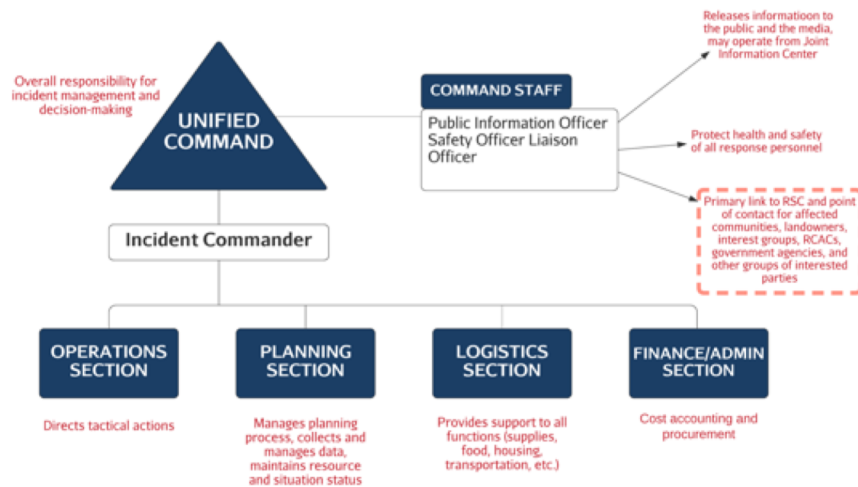
When an RSC is set up, it is a small but important part of a response that can help create a bridge between the response and affected communities or landowners.



An RSC can provide an opportunity for community members to meet with the response decision-makers to discuss concerns or suggestions.

Materials developed





WHAT ARE THE ROLES?	WHO PLAYS THESE ROLES IN PWS?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response Agencies play a lead role in overseeing oil spill response and cleanup. They may provide people and equipment to support the response. They have the authority to make sure the Responsible Party (polluter) fulfills their responsibilities. If a Responsible Party cannot or will not perform their role adequately, a response agency (federal or state) may take over and lead the response on behalf of the government. 	<div> <div>State</div> <div> </div> </div> <div> <div>Federal</div> <div> </div> </div> <p>Other state and federal agencies may participate as response agencies based on incident specifics</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trustee Agencies protect the public trust by protecting resources and recovering damages from the Responsible Party. 	<div> <div>State</div> <div> </div> </div> <div> <div>Federal</div> <div> </div> </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible Party must contain, clean up, and recover spilled oil, pay damages to injured parties, and fund the restoration of damaged resources. They are accountable to the government and the public for civil and criminal penalties. Response Contractors provide equipment and personnel to support spill response. 	<div> <div>Crude oil spills</div> <div> </div> </div> <div> <div>Shippers</div> <div> </div> </div> <div> <div>Fuel spills</div> <div> </div> </div>



Materials developed

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Robert Archibald



Robert Archibald, president of the Council's Board of Directors, has served as a representative of the City of Homer since May 2015. In this interview, he talks about his first involvement with the RSC process during a large-scale spill exercise in 2019.



Donna Schantz



Donna Schantz has been the Council's Executive Director since January 2016 to present. In this interview she speaks about the the Council, why the Council developed these resources, and how the RSC process can be beneficial for response decision makers.



Toolkit



[Template For Note-Taking](#) (PDF 0.3 MB)

Briefings during an oil spill response can be very quick. This template will help you identify details to listen for – and help you ask questions. You can download it to your laptop for digital note-taking or print it out if you prefer handwritten notes.



[Maps For Note-Taking](#) (PDF 0.4 MB)

While a chart should be provided in the room, maps may be useful for note-taking. This document includes a map of Prince William Sound and another that includes the downstream areas of Kodiak and Cook Inlet.



[Checklist - Things To Ask For And Things To Bring](#) (PDF 88 KB)

This checklist will help members prepare for effective participation on the RSC.



[Potential Community Concerns For RSC Members To Consider](#) (PDF 96 KB)

This document lists examples of issues a community may face. These questions will help a community identify information they may want to bring to an RSC, such as concerns their community members may have or resources the community could offer to support the response.



[Common Acronyms For RSC Members](#) (PDF 52 KB)

This is a list of acronyms that are commonly used during oil spill drills and exercises.

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Future efforts related to this work

- Integrate *RSC Invitation Guidance* developed during recent Conoco/Polar shipper's exercise.
- Link to *Coping with Technological Disasters* materials
- Future outreach; Area Committee Meeting, Marathon Shipper's exercise fall of 2021, ????