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Proposed Changes to the Regional Stakeholder Committee

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RSC Definition?

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What does the RSC do?

Regional & Area Plans task the RSC with discussion on:

- Local concerns unique to area or population
- Local knowledge of value to responders
- Locally available resources that could aid the response

RSC is beneficial because it:

- Builds trust and working relationship with those affected
- Allows locals to weigh in on response decisions
- May simplify Liaison (LOFR) job duties



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Helping Others Understand The RSC



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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.

The RSC is part of the formal spill response organization described in two levels of government response plans for oil spills in Alaska: the Alaska Regional Contingency Plan and the Prince William Sound (PWS) Area Contingency Plan.

About these resources

The Council developed these background reading materials for anyone who is:

- Participating on an RSC during an oil spill or exercise
- Planning to represent their community on an RSC if there is a spill

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



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ARRT-Initiated RSC Task Force

The Alaska Regional Response Team (ARRT) initiated a task force to address the RSC in August of 2022.

Stated goals:

- Create job aids for RSC process
- Create consistency across Regional and Area Plans
- Align with National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- Work with variety of agencies & parties in Task Force
- Present draft job aid to ARRT tri-chairs (ADEC, USCG, EPA)



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Aligning the RSC with NIMS ICS

Because our response plans were written pre-NIMS ICS, the RSC process is not in alignment with National response doctrine.

Three major changes proposed initially:

- 1) Eliminate expectation for RSC / UC face to face meeting
- 2) Eliminate the "up to one hour" timing for this meeting
- 3) Eliminate Access to Incident Action Plan (IAP)



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Task Force Process

- Have had 6 meetings since group started work in August
- Early meetings included process questions from PWSRCAC
 - *How will a job aid lead to plan language changes?*
 - *Does this task force process require notes be captured?*
 - *How will disagreement among group be captured?*
- Group efforts focused on developing LOFR job aid



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Job Aid Brings Some Definite Positives...

- Addresses timeframe for when RSC will be initiated
- Not just for *significant incidents* but potentially any incident
- Better explanation of LOFR role in process
- Job aid specifically for RSC participants will be useful
- Ideally leads to more consistency across plans



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But Job Aid is Also More Flexible...

Activating the RSC

RSC will be activated for significant events

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The LOFR, in conjunction with the IC or UC, will need to discuss if an RSC is warranted or would be of benefit.



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UC and RSC Face-to-Face Meeting

RSC should have direct access to Unified Command (UC)

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(regarding follow-up meetings) The UC is invited to these meetings to provide updates on the response and receive information from the stakeholders.



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Interval of UC and RSC Meeting

An organization that best meets the criteria and constraints is one that directly connects each day with the Unified Command.

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Meeting reoccurrence is envisioned as one per day, though, a more ad hoc schedule may be determined based on the complexity of working relationship between the UC and information-sharing needs.



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Access to Incident Action Plan

The UC will provide the Incident Action Plan on the same day it is approved.

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The LOFR will work with the PIO and Documentation Unit to prepare information packets for the RSC. This packet will reflect requests for specific information from the RSC. This packet may include the ICS forms listed below.

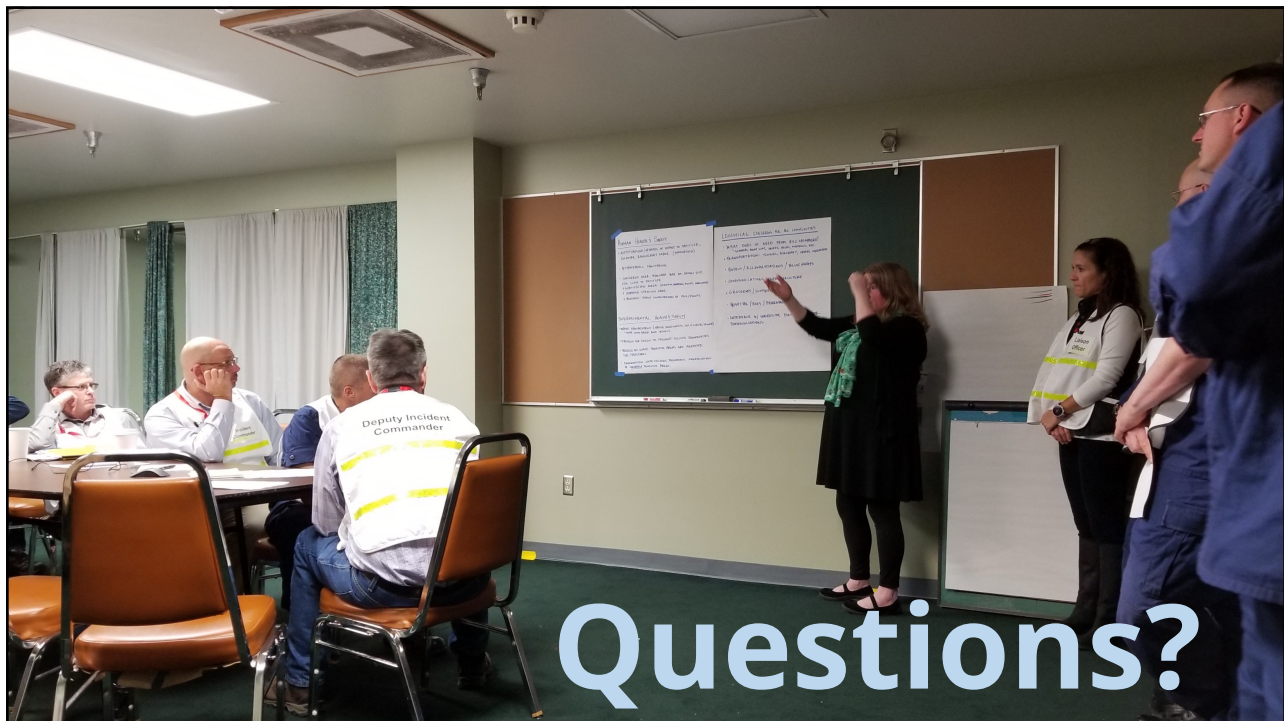


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Task Force Meetings Continue...

- Staff remains committed to Task force process
- Make sure to capture dissenting opinions
- Continue to champion RSC concept
 - Update our web-based tools as required
 - RSC exercise play with 2023 Hilcorp Tanker exercise

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