



Arctic and Western Alaska Area Committee

Geographic Response Strategies (GRS) Subcommittee Summary

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COMMITTEE CHAIR(S): LT ANDREW RATTI (USCG), MIKE DONNELLAN (ADEC)

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES: CONDUCT ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS AND COMPLETE ON-SITE EVALUATIONS AND UPDATES OF EXISTING ACP GEOGRAPHIC RESPONSE STRATEGIES, OR CREATE THEM, AS NEEDED, TO ENSURE MAXIMUM EFFICACY FOR FIELD RESPONDERS.

COMMITTEE CHARTER: THE GRS SUBCOMMITTEE IS DIRECTED TO ASSES AND VALIDATE THE RELEVANCE OF ALL RESPONSE STRATEGIES WITH VALIDATION BEING CONTINGENT UPON ONSITE AND SITUATIONAL DATA. FURTHERMORE, ALL ACP GRS ARE TO BE COMPARED AGAINST ALL INDUSTRY GRS TO ENSURE A CONSISTENT RESPONSE EFFORT WHILE REDUCING STRATEGY REDUNDANCIES. ALL ACP GRS ARE TO BE TESTED WITH INDUSTRY EXPERTS, NOTING DEFICIENCIES, AND UPDATED AS NEEDED.

COORDINATING SUBCOMMITTEE(S): EXERCISE AND TRAINING, REGULATOR
COORDINATION ADVISORY AND ACP ADMINISTRATION

ONGOING PROJECTS:

GRS TRANSITION FROM PDF FORMAT TO GIS LAYER

PROJECT SUMMARY: ARCTIC AND WESTERN ALASKA GRS HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN MAINTAINED AS A SERIES OF INDIVIDUAL PDF FILES. TO MODERNIZE THIS SYSTEM, INCREASE FUNCTIONALITY FOR RESPONDERS, AND ENABLE REGULAR UPDATES, GRS ARE BEING TRANSITIONED TO AN INTERACTIVE SCALABLE GIS LAYER. THE GOAL IS TO CREATE A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE ON NOAA'S ARCTIC ERMA WEBSITE THAT WILL CONTAIN THE INFORMATION ON THE LEGACY PDFs. THIS LAYER WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FOR FIELD PERSONNEL WHO MAY LOSE INTERNET CONNECTIVITY WHILE TRAVELING IN REMOTE ALASKA. GIS SPECIALISTS ARE STILL FINALIZING THE GRS LAYER BEFORE POSTING FOR PUBLIC ACCESS.

PROJECT BENEFITS: INCREASE EFFICIENCY, ALLOW PUBLIC ACCESS OF GRS DATA, ALLOW DOWNLOAD OF RELEVANT GRS FOR ALL FIELD PERSONNEL

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 2022

UPDATE ACP GRS INFORMATION FROM ALL VALIDATION EFFORTS IN 2022

PROJECT SUMMARY: SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL UTILIZE NEW "ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS FOR PROPOSED GRS UPDATES" TO PROCESS BACKLOG OF PROPOSED CHANGES. THIS WILL UTILIZE FIELD COLLECTED DATA FROM INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO UPDATE GRS IN THE ARCTIC AND WESTERN ALASKA. A USER GUIDE AND UPDATE PROPOSAL FORM ARE BEING CREATED TO FACILITATE SUBMITTAL OF NEW PROPOSED CHANGES TO GRS.

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