

During an Emergency Spill Response:

Communities may designate one or more people to serve as liaison(s) to exchange information with the Unified Command.

One or more trained representative(s) may be called upon to serve as a “local on-scene coordinator” within the Unified Command.

Help State Historic Preservation Office personnel identify sensitive areas, artifacts, and other cultural resources.

Participate in the Incident Command System on the Regional Stakeholder Committee, or in other positions, as needed.

Use local knowledge to identify: additional areas at potential risk, access routes, staging areas, sensitive resources and habitat, local fish and wildlife species, community resources, etc.

Vessel masters with local knowledge can help in the ICS’s Operations Section.



Long-term Participation After the Emergency Response:

Stay engaged during response and remediation:

Monitor impacted areas for evidence of contaminated fish and/or wildlife.

Share long-term observations by submitting monitoring reports to: monitoring@alaska.gov.



Communities with IGAP (or similar) programs may be able to help with water quality sampling.

Trained Volunteers may assist the Alaska Sealife Center during wildlife rehabilitation. Visit www.alaskasealife.org for volunteer opportunities.

REPORT ALL OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SPILLS:

CENTRAL AK: (907) 269-3063
 NORTHERN AK: (907) 451-2121
 SOUTHEAST AK: (907) 465-5340
 ALL AREAS (AFTER HOURS):
 1-800-478-9300

AND:

VPSO, LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT, OR
 FIRE DEPARTMENT



Preparedness, Response, and Your Community



Effective environmental protection requires teamwork.



*See inside for abbreviations and definitions

Pre-Spill Preparedness and Community Involvement:

Review the Subarea Contingency Plan for your region and the statewide Unified Plan.

<http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/plans.htm>

Attend subarea committee meetings and provide local knowledge during spill response planning sessions. Contact subarea planners (<http://alaskaarrt.org>) for meeting schedules.

Network with Village Public Safety Officers, City Managers, Village Councils, Mayors, Police Chiefs, and Fire Department Chiefs in your community to enhance rapid information sharing during a spill response.

Visit the Alaska Regional Response Team's website to learn about meeting schedules, points-of-contact, proposed response plan changes, and more (<http://alaskaarrt.org>).

Attend community engagement meetings to meet your State & Federal On-Scene Coordinators.

Learn about your nearest local spill response container.

Contact IPP (<http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ipp/>) to comment on vessel- and facility-specific Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plans during public comment periods. See <http://test.dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/PublicData/approvedcontingencyplans.aspx> for renewal schedules.



Training: Take free online courses to learn about the Incident Command System (ICS). <http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.aspx>

During an oil spill or hazardous substance release, human health and *safety is always the top priority*, so volunteers are rarely used for hands-on cleanup. However, ADEC encourages “responsible parties” (i.e. the spiller) to hire trained, local residents to help with minimal risk activities.

HAZWOPER's 24-hour training course is a minimum, and the 40-hour course is preferred. Remain current with 8-hour annual refresher courses.



For more details on any of these topics, visit ADEC/PERP's Community Engagement website at:

<http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/engagement>

Abbreviations & Definitions:

- ADEC – Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
- ARRT – Alaska Regional Response Team
- EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
- Federal On-Scene Coordinator – Leader representing EPA and/or USCG
- HAZWOPER – Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response
- ICS – Incident Command System
- IGAP—Indian General Assistance Program
- IPP—Industry Preparedness Program
- Local On-Scene Coordinator – Leader representing affected communities
- Responsible Party – The “spiller”
- State On-Scene Coordinator – Leader representing ADEC
- Unified Command – Leaders representing the responsible party, ADEC, USCG, and/or EPA, and local communities during an emergency response
- USCG – United States Coast Guard
- VPSO – Village Public Safety Officer