

CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR OILS SPILLS & HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE RELEASES IN ALASKA

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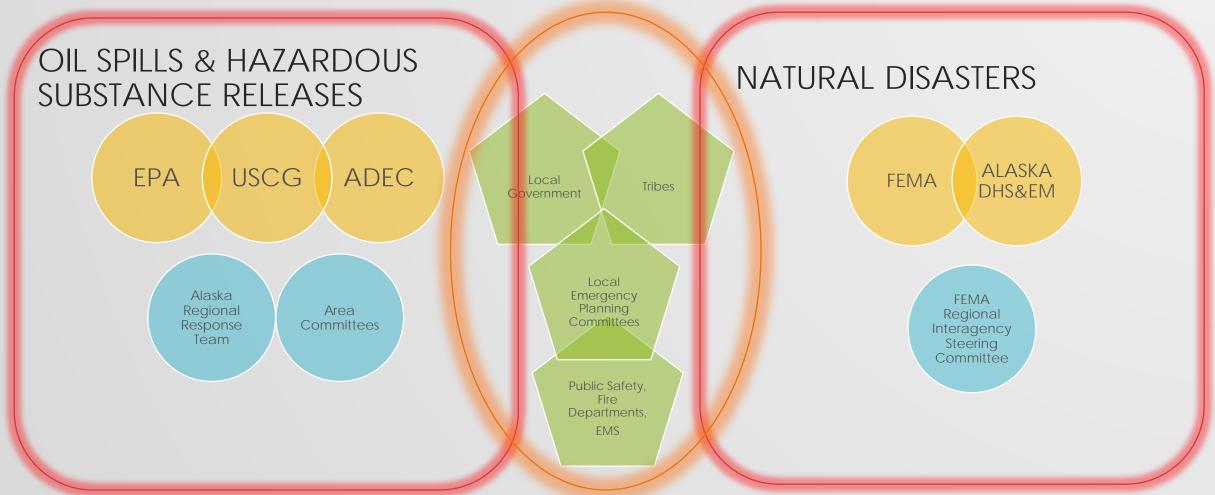




EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS AND EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES AND TRIBES



NATIONAL RESPONSE SYSTEM AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONNECTIONS



Federal (FEMA, EPA, USCG), State (ADEC & DHS/EM) Tribal and local government agency representatives interconnected within both preparedness components

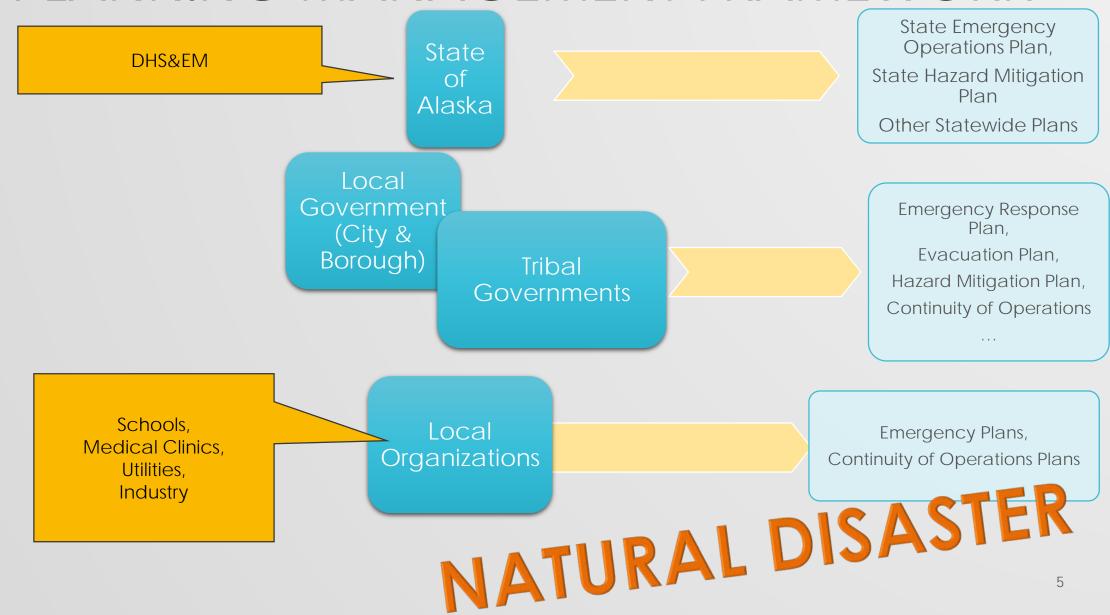


PLANNING MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

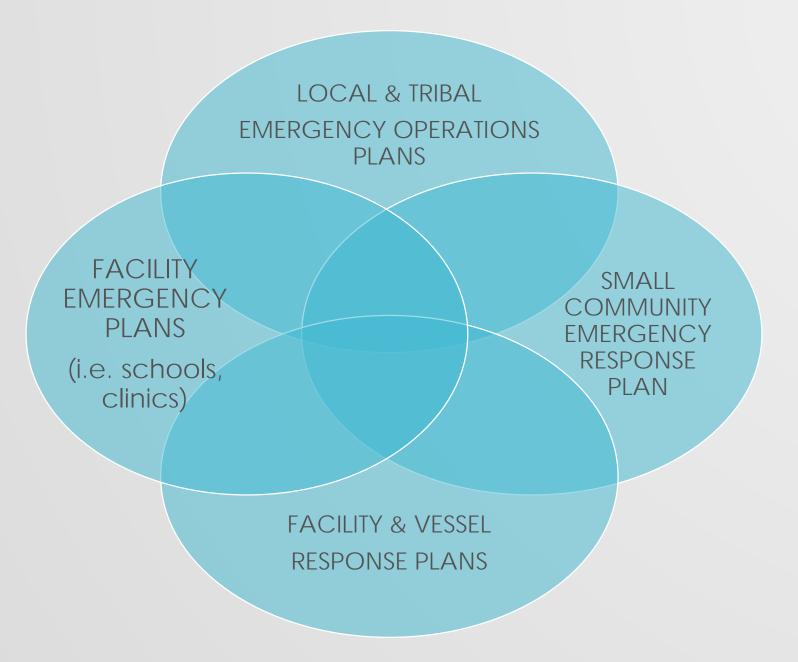
Alaska Federal Agencies & ADEC Regional Regional Contingency Plan Response Team Prince William Sound (coastal) Led by OSC; Composed of Regional & Area Committee Local Stakeholders Alaska Inland Area Contingency (Government, NGO, Industry) Plan Area Committee Tank Farms, **Facilities** Facility Response Plans/ Power Plants, Water Treatment Plants, Vessel Response Plans Vessels Fish Processing, OIL SPILLS Vessels & Fuel Barges



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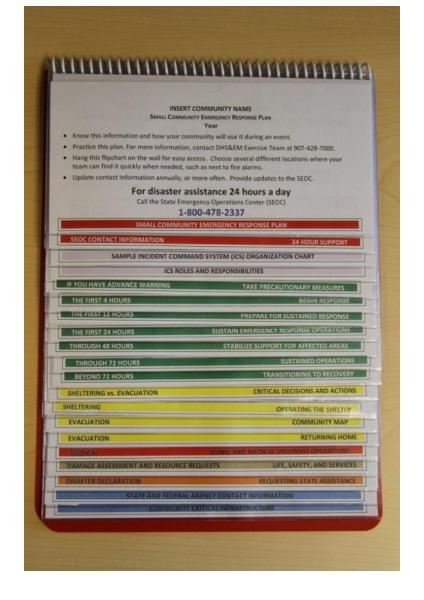
PLANS





SMALL COMMUNTIY EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (SCERP)

- Supplement to Community Emergency Operations Plan
- Quick response tool for first 72 hours
- Prepared by community using online toolkit printed by DHS&EM



Download the Toolkit found at http://ready.alaska.gov/plans/SCERP

For additional information or questions please call DHS&EM SCERP Planning Team toll-free at 1-800-478-2337

WHY PLANNING APPLIES TO ME??



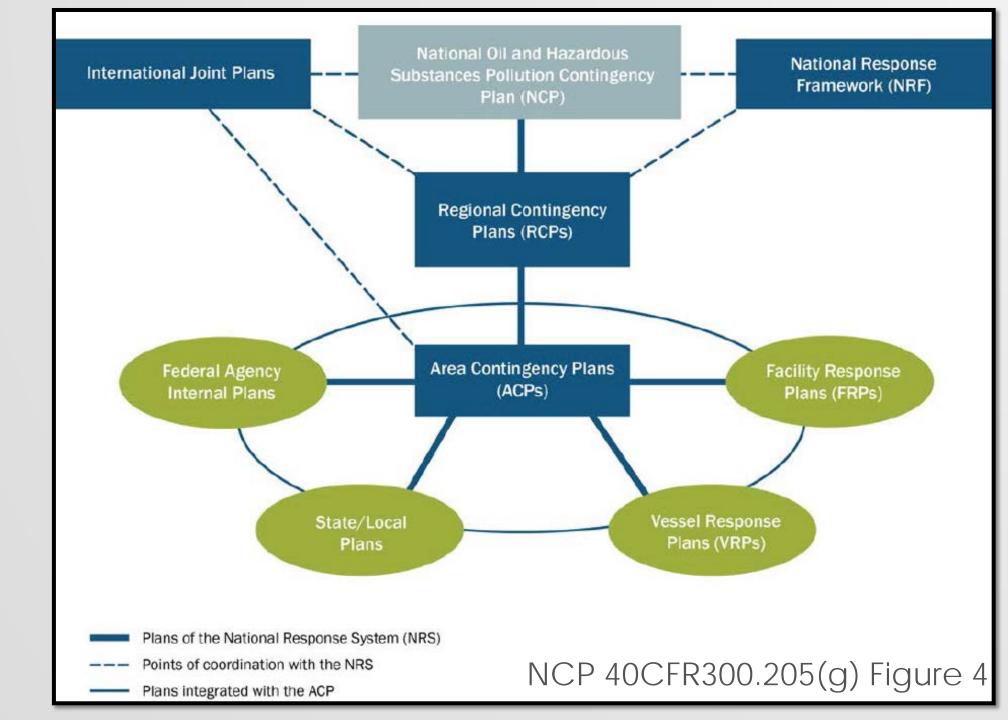


WHY DOES THIS MATTER TO YOU?

- Currently, there may be more than one Emergency Plan in your community, which may serve different purposes.
 - These plans are vital for seeking federal funding grants, because they show that pre-disaster planning is important in your community.
- Potential responders and emergency managers should:
 - Become familiar with your community's plans;
 - Know where they are and who maintains them;
 - Get involved in updating and exercising these plans.
- Community planning committees/groups should meet and discuss how to integrate and streamline these plans, when possible, to make the plans operational and usable.
 - Plans provide guidance and not just dust-collection on a shelf

INTRODUCTION

- National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Response Plan (NCP)
 - Federal Government's Blueprint for pollution responses
- Alaska Regional Contingency Plan (RCP) describes jurisdictional authorities, provides <u>GUIDANCE TO PLANNERS</u>, includes regional NCP directives as well as applicable MOUs/MOAs
- Area Contingency Plans (ACPs) are developed to directly <u>SUPPORT RESPONSE OPERATIONS</u> and planning. They are organized by ICS section.



Regional Contingency Plan

- Planner Centric
- Region-wide policy issues
- Updates: ARRT

Area Contingency Plan

- Responder Centric
- Area resources and procedures
- Updates: Area Committee

RCP/ACP ORGANIZATION

REGIONAL CONTINGENCY PLAN

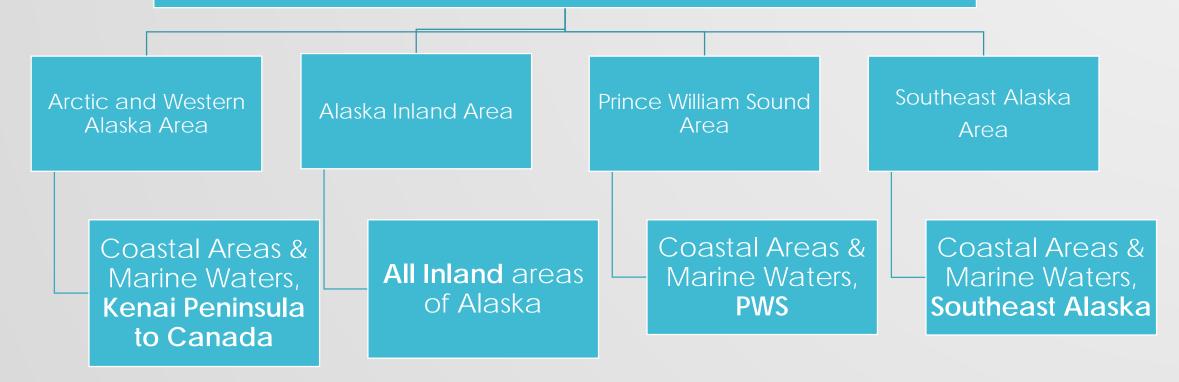
- Organized to match national precedence
- Sections focus on Alaska-wide policies as managed by Alaska Regional Response Team
- Maintains catalog of applicable MOU/MOA for planners and responders
- Provides guidance to Area Planners

AREA CONTINGENCY PLAN

- Organized to match USCG policy and EPA planning guidance, which intentionally resembles the Incident Command System Structure
- Sections focus on specific ICS organizational areas (ex: Operations, Planning, Finance)
- Maintains catalog of available resources/capabilities for responders
- Provides relevant response guidance/tactics/policies/procedures

Regional Plan

Guidance to Area Committees, as appropriate, to ensure inter-area consistency and consistency of individual ACPs with the RCP and NCP.



ALASKA'S
AREA
COMMITTEES
AND AREA
CONTINGENCY

PLANS





PURPOSE OF THE AREA PLANS AND CHALLENGES

- Responder-friendly & operationallyfocused
- Modernized for web-based resources and mobile access
- Optimizing available planning resources
- Sustainable plan management
 - Efficient hyperlink management
 - Focused efforts by statewide or areasponsored subcommittees or workgroups
- Future Goal: ADA-Accessibility of Plan and websites;
- HTML plan format

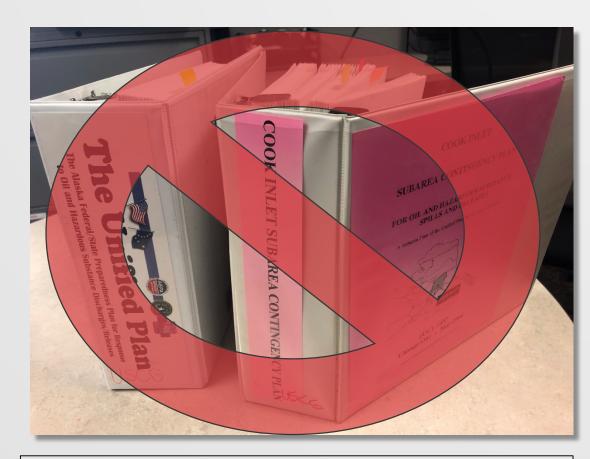
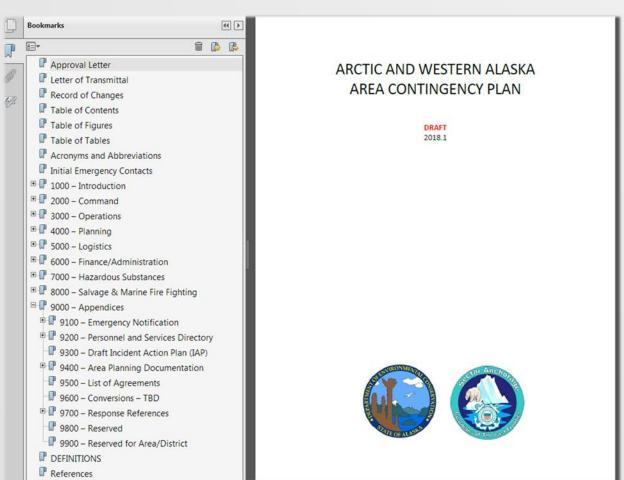


Image of superseded Unified Plan & Cook Inlet Subarea Plan

VERSION 2018.1 OF THE ARCTIC AND WESTERN ALASKA AREA CONTINGENCY PLAN

- ACP Organization mirrors ICS structure supporting Response Operations
- Chapter & Section layout consistent with USCGrequired format

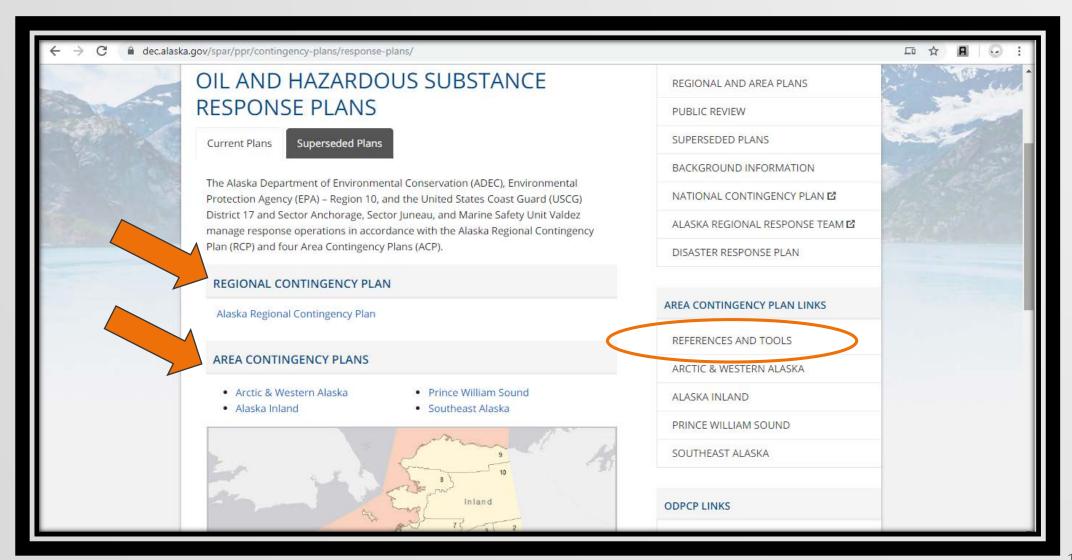


DRAFT VERSION 2018.1

- Utilize web-based external references in place of ACP narrative to focus plan content on operational guidance
- AWA and AK Inland ACPs reflect today's actual agency resourcing: ensures appropriate, sustainable and efficient level of effort to maintain responder relevance (example: community profiles)
- Community Profiles deleted in favor of DCRA on-line database
- Collaborative work to ensure alignment (as applicable) AK Inland and AWA plans
- Regional policy/operational concepts recommended for permanent relocation to AK RCP
- Plan reviewed and then re-reviewed to ensure consistency, correct grammar and tense, remove repetitive language and concepts, improve readability, and ensure technical accuracy

ADEC WEBSITE

 https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/con tingency-plans/response-plans/





REFERENCES AND TOOLS WEBPAGE

- Centralized location for ACP references and tools
 - Optimizes the use of hyperlinks used by 4 different ACPs
 - Allows single location for frequent update and maintenance of information and hyperlinks
 - Information on the References and Tools Page is not owned by any one Area Committee or ACP signatory agency
- AC-owned documents and resources are maintained on each Area's webpage

Area Plan References and Tools

Incident Occurs

Responder notes inconsistencies/ updates and provides to Area Committee for revision

Responder Identify Role/Location

Responder uses ACP for role & location specific information throughout response

OUTREACH: HOW TO BE INVOLVED IN PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS

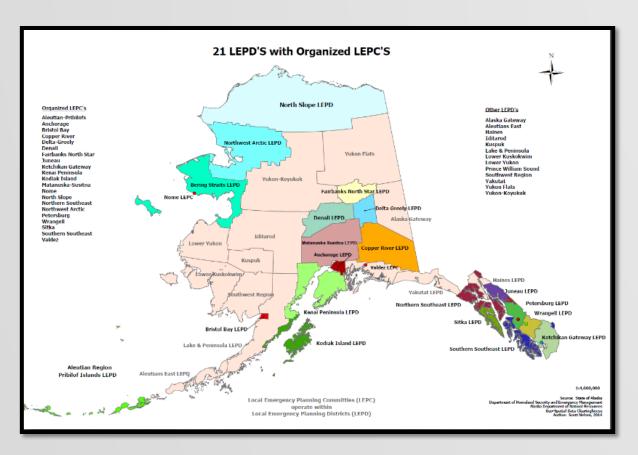
AREA COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

- A. ACP development
- B. ACP publishing and distribution
- c. ACP evaluation
 - Once the ACP is distributed, the AC should establish a mechanism for evaluating its effectiveness. The AC should participate in after-action analyses of relevant incidents and exercises

D. ACP updates and modifications

- Technological advances, jurisdictional and organizational changes, infrastructure changes and other factors may require the ACP to be modified and updated
- The AC <u>shall</u> follow the Coast Guard's mandated FOSC/SOSC annual review and quinquennial CG National Review Board evaluation
- The AC should establish an interim update process for significant issues that cannot be deferred to the established update cycle
- ACP signatory management, version control and date stamping is managed by the AC Secretary.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEES



LEPCs are volunteer organizations that consist of

- Emergency responders,
- Industry, government,
- Education,
- Media, and
- Community groups.

Their main functions are to provide for

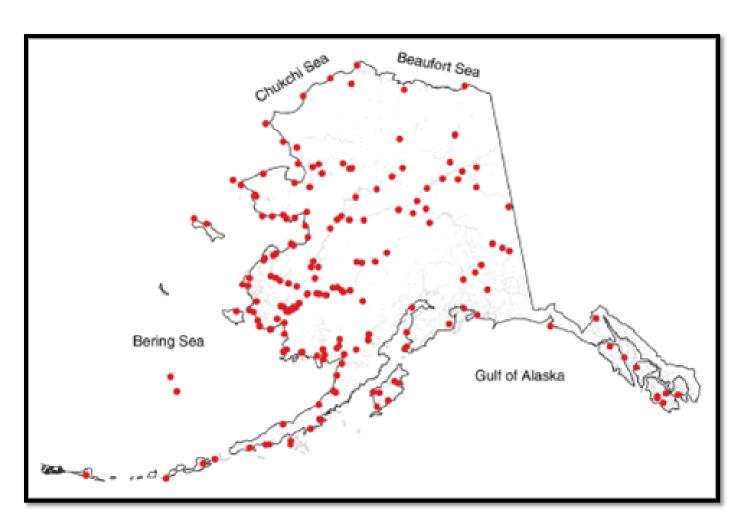
- · Joint emergency planning,
- Training, and
- Public outreach.

LEPCs serve as a focal point in the community for **information and discussion** about hazardous substance **emergency planning**, and **health and environmental risks**.



OUTREACH TO TRIBES

- No travel funding available through Area Committee or RRT for participation at RRT, Area Committee or LEPC meetings.
- EPA IGAP & BF grant funds to
 Tribes may be used for planning
 and committee participation if
 included in grant application.
- Tribes can appoint representatives to the ARRT; Local Governments and Tribes can be Area Committee members.



Map of 229 Federally recognized Alaska Native Tribes

WHY BE INVOLVED?

- Inform decision-making for response tactics and priorities
 - LOCAL KNOWLEDGE!!
- Share Best practices
- Interacte with regulators and responders
- Access current policy & guidance
- Integrate within area oil spill exercises
- Exposure to preparedness measures (GRSs)



ARRT AND AREA COMMITTEE DATES, GET INVOLVED!

- Arctic and Western Alaska Matt Hobbie
 - Next Meeting: Anchorage, November 19, 2019
- Southeast Alaska Kathy Hamblett
 - Next Meeting: Juneau, January 16, 2020
- Alaska Regional Response Team, January 30, 2020
- Alaska Inland Mary Goolie
 - Next Meeting: Anchorage, January 31, 2020
- Prince William Sound Rachel Foote
 - Next Meeting: Cordova, March 17, 2020
- ADEC co-leads each Area Committee. Contact Craig Ziolkowski

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

