



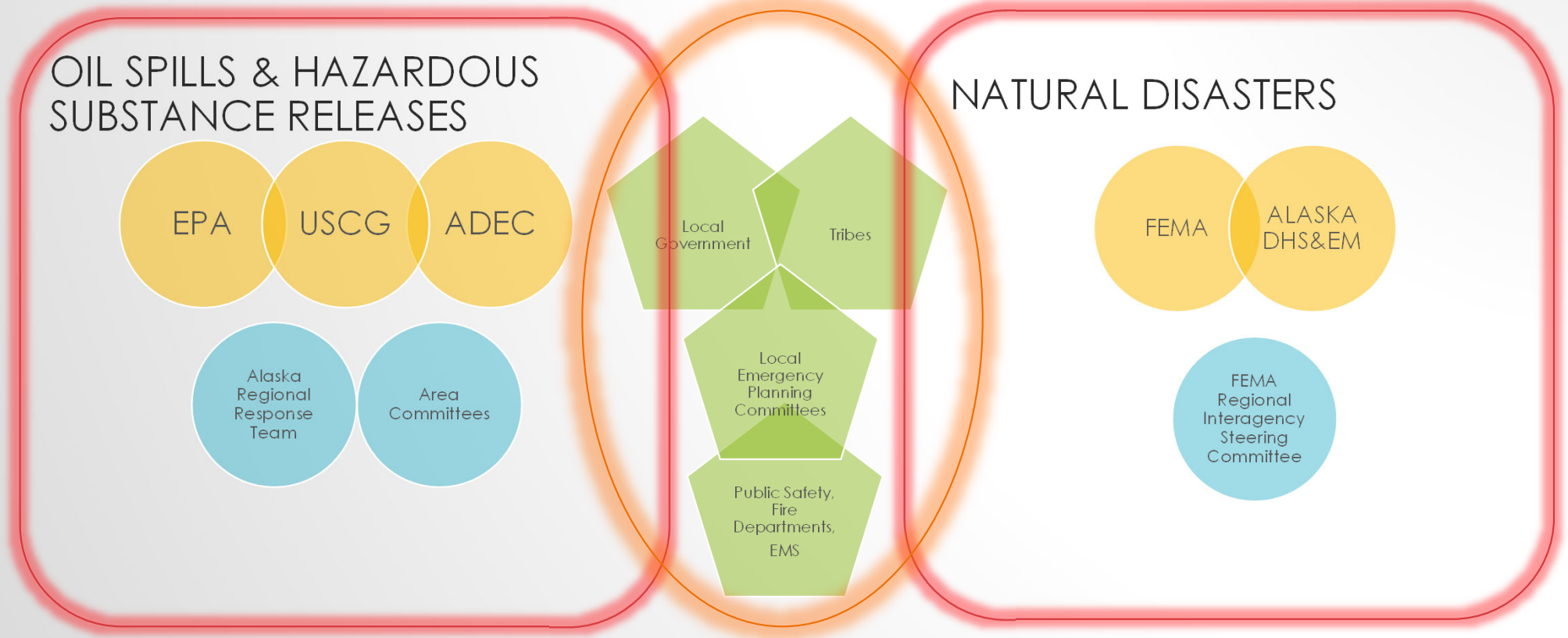
# CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR OILS SPILLS & HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE RELEASES IN ALASKA

Presentation for the  
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April 14, 2021



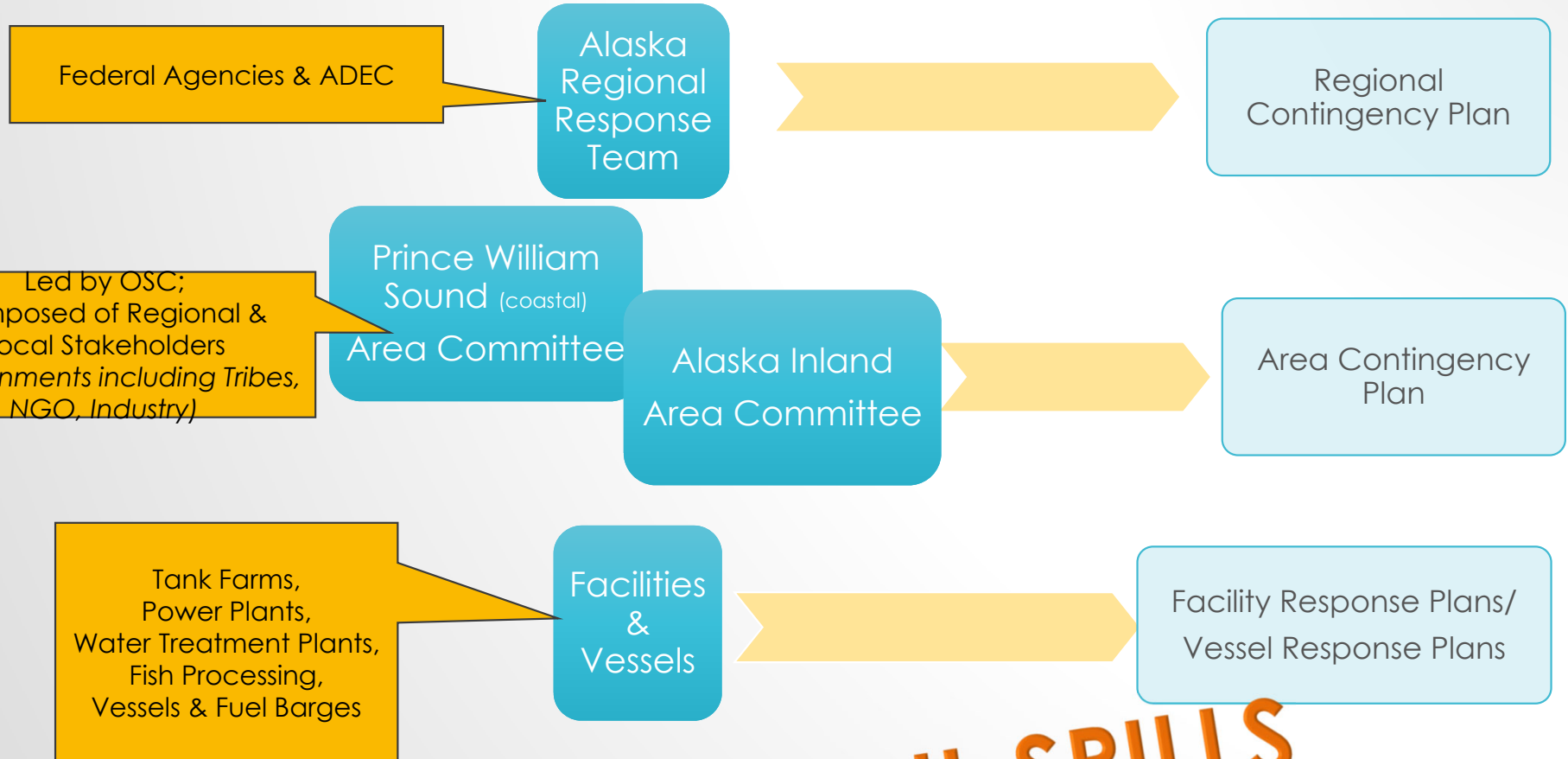
EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS AND  
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FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES AND TRIBES

# NATIONAL RESPONSE SYSTEM AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONNECTIONS



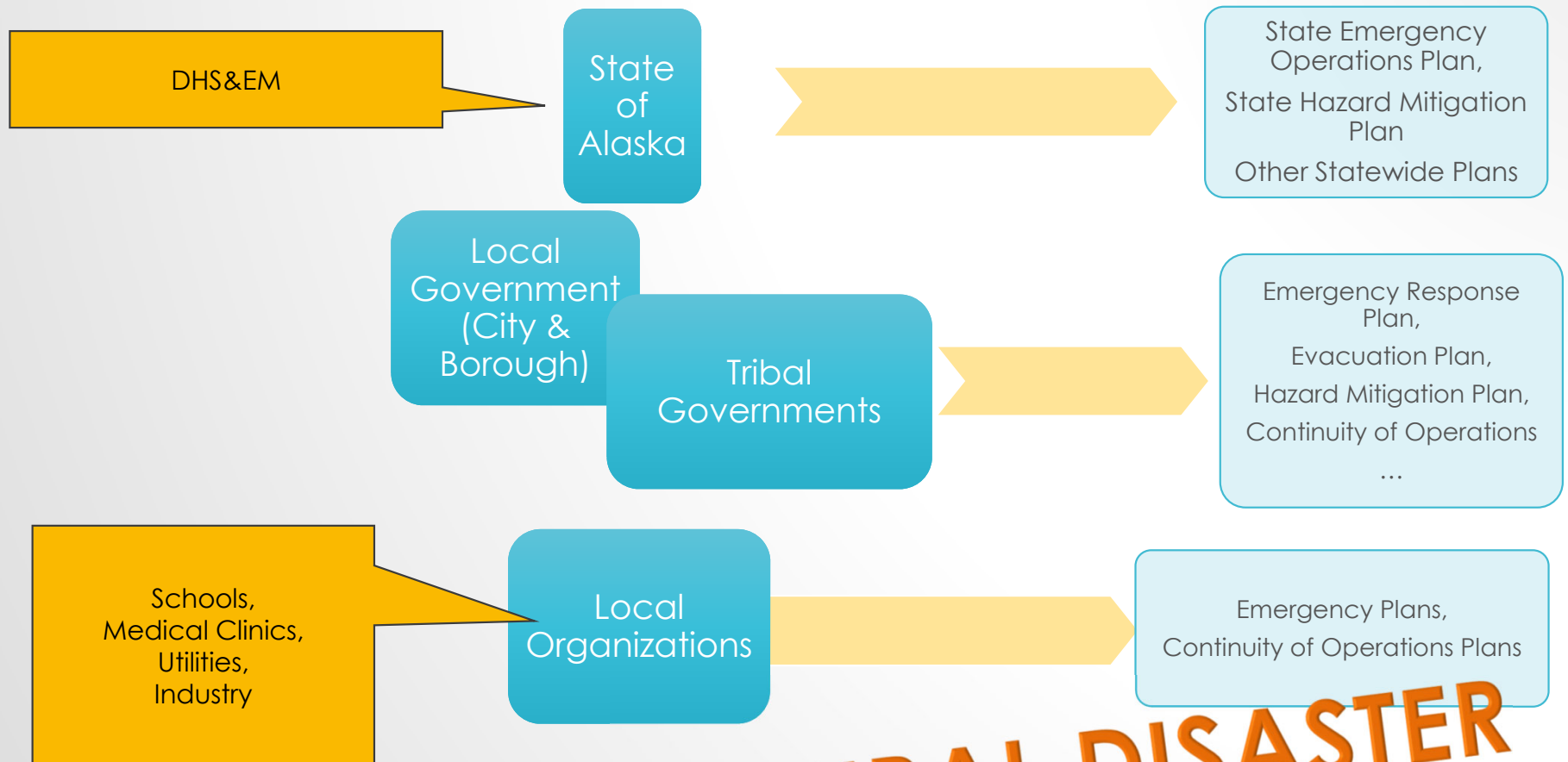
**Federal (FEMA, EPA, USCG), State (ADEC & DHS/EM) Tribal and local government agency representatives interconnected within both preparedness components**

# PLANNING MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

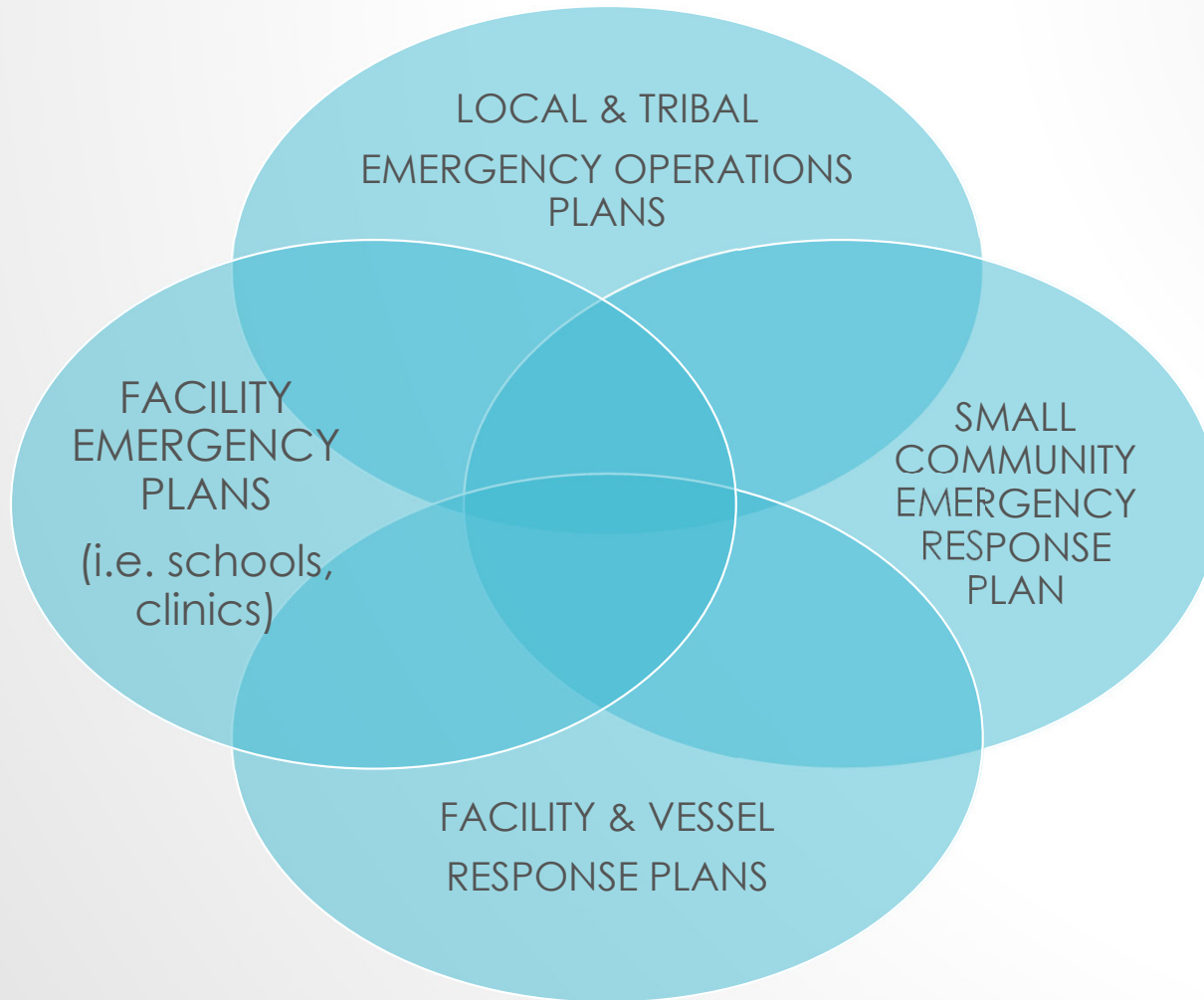


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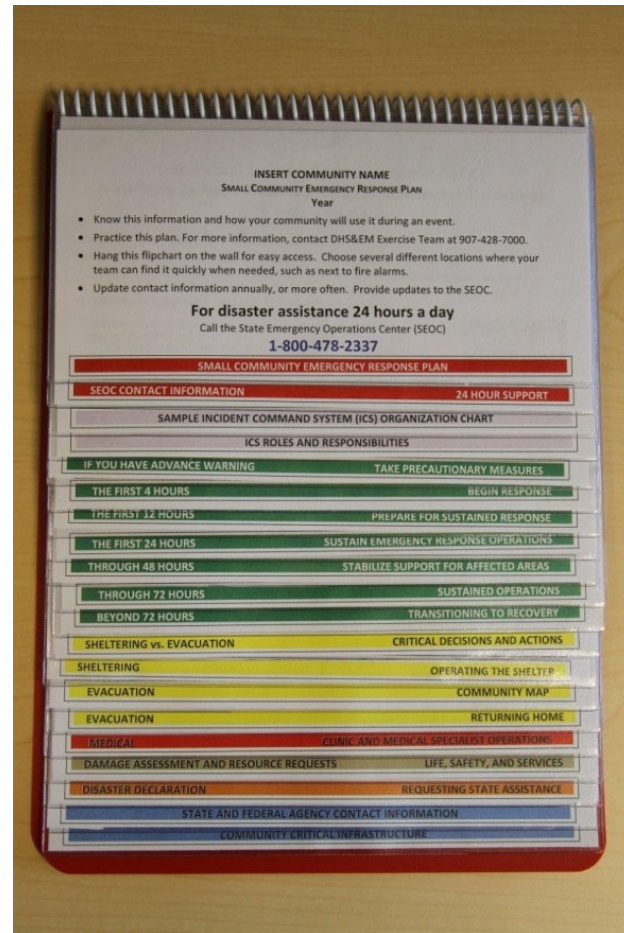


# LOCAL PLANS



# SMALL COMMUNITY 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  
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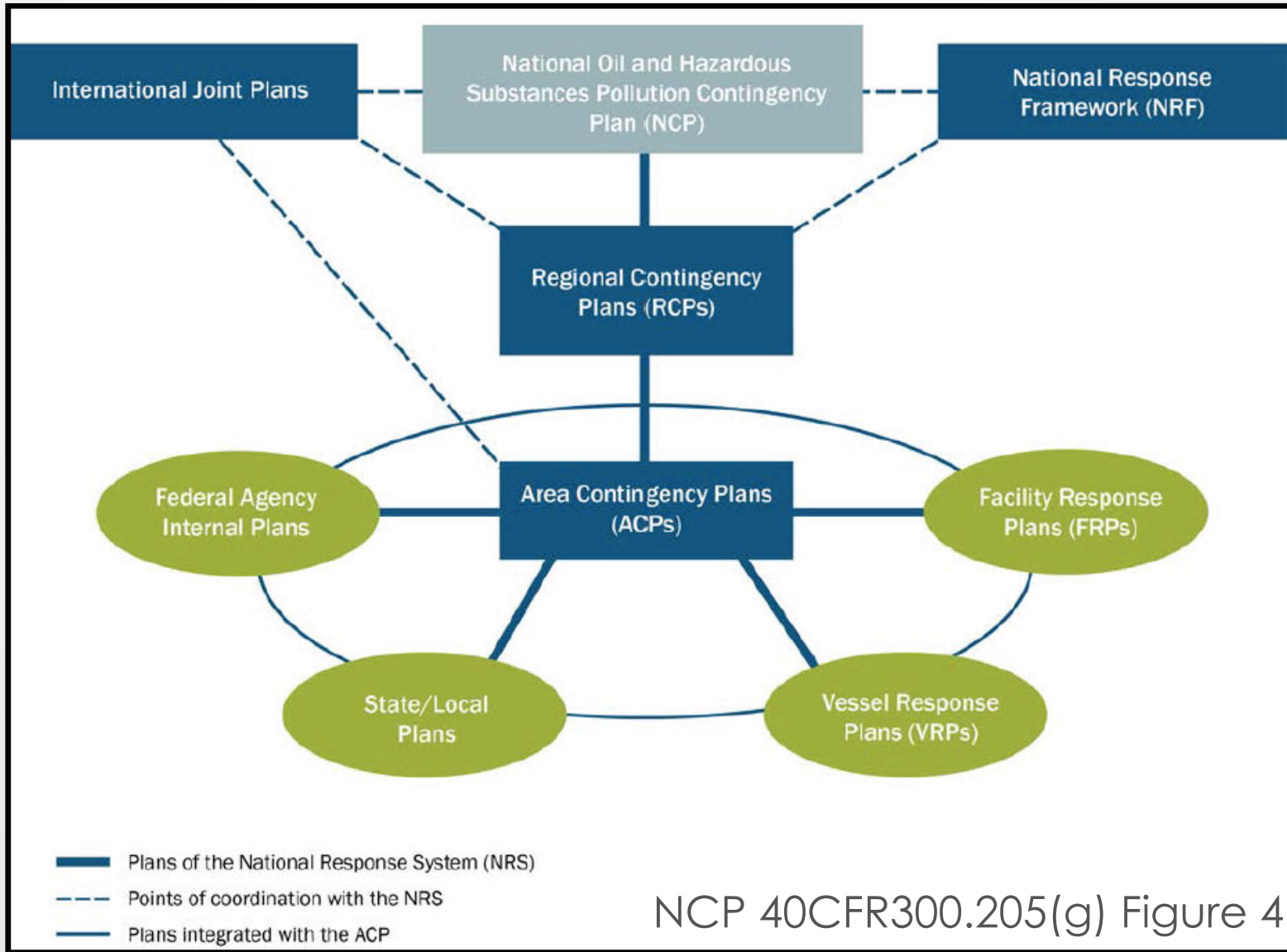
# WHY DOES THIS MATTER TO YOU?

- 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 GUIDANCE TO PLANNERS, includes regional NCP directives as well as applicable MOUs/MOAs**
- **Area Contingency Plans (ACPs) are developed to directly SUPPORT RESPONSE OPERATIONS and planning. They are organized by Incident Command System section (Finance Logistics Operations Plans).**

# NCP FAMILY OF PLANS: ALASKA'S RESPONSE PLANS



NCP 40CFR300.205(g) Figure 4

## 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

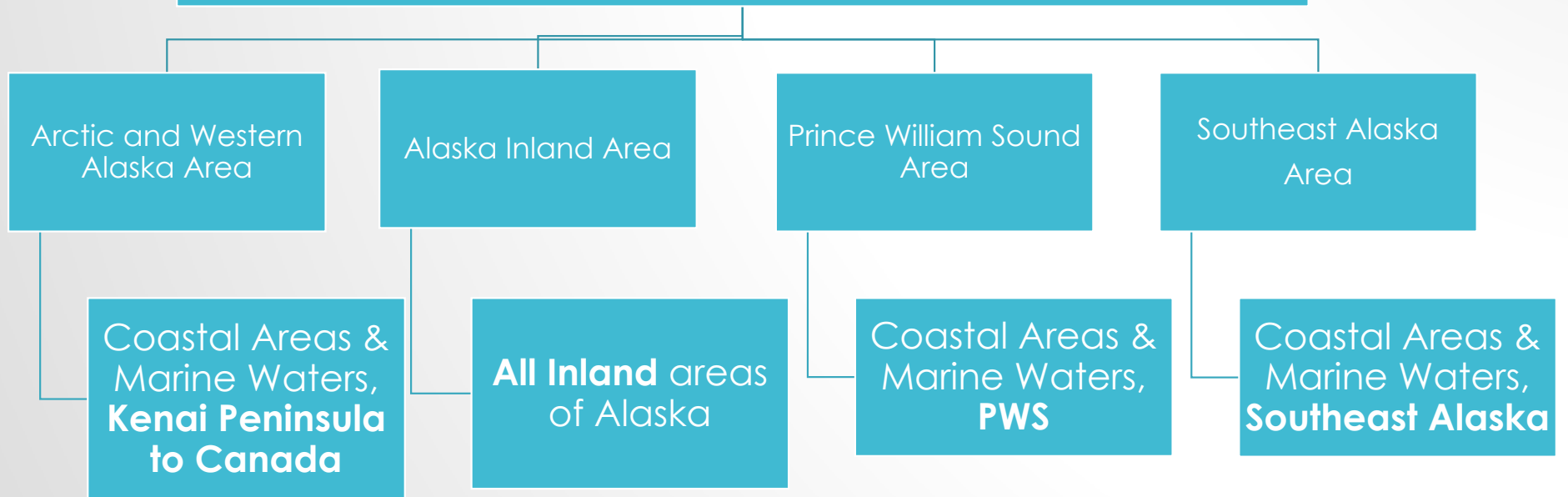
- Organized to match national precedence
- Sections focus on Alaska-wide policies as managed by Alaska Regional Response Team
- Maintains catalog of applicable MOU/MOA for planners and responders
- Provides guidance to Area Planners

## 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

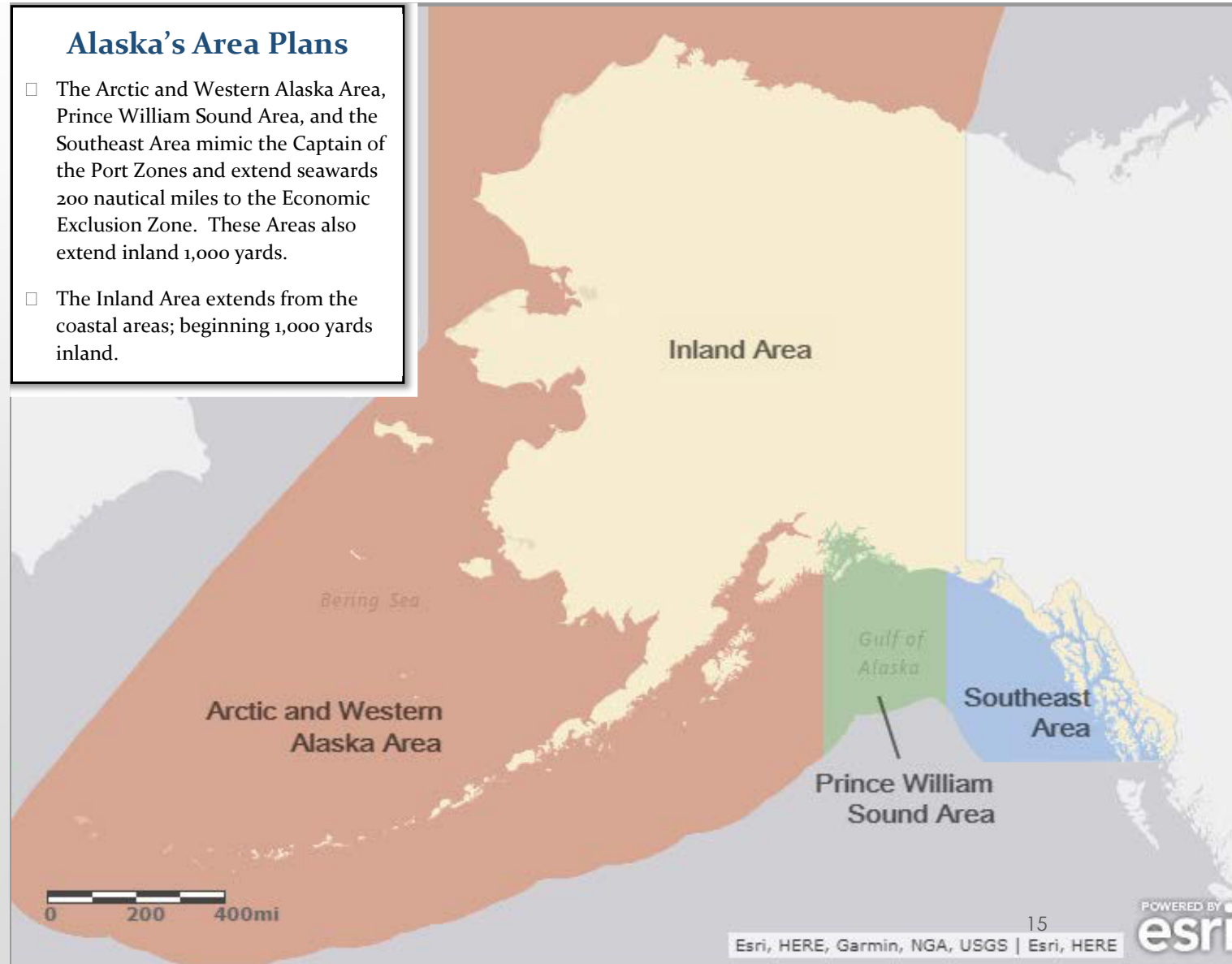
Guidance to Area Committees, as appropriate, to ensure inter-area consistency and consistency of individual ACPs with the RCP and NCP.



# ALASKA'S AREA COMMITTEES AND AREA CONTINGENCY PLANS

## Alaska's Area Plans

- The Arctic and Western Alaska Area, Prince William Sound Area, and the Southeast Area mimic the Captain of the Port Zones and extend seawards 200 nautical miles to the Economic Exclusion Zone. These Areas also extend inland 1,000 yards.
- The Inland Area extends from the coastal areas; beginning 1,000 yards inland.



# PURPOSE OF THE AREA PLANS AND CHALLENGES

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

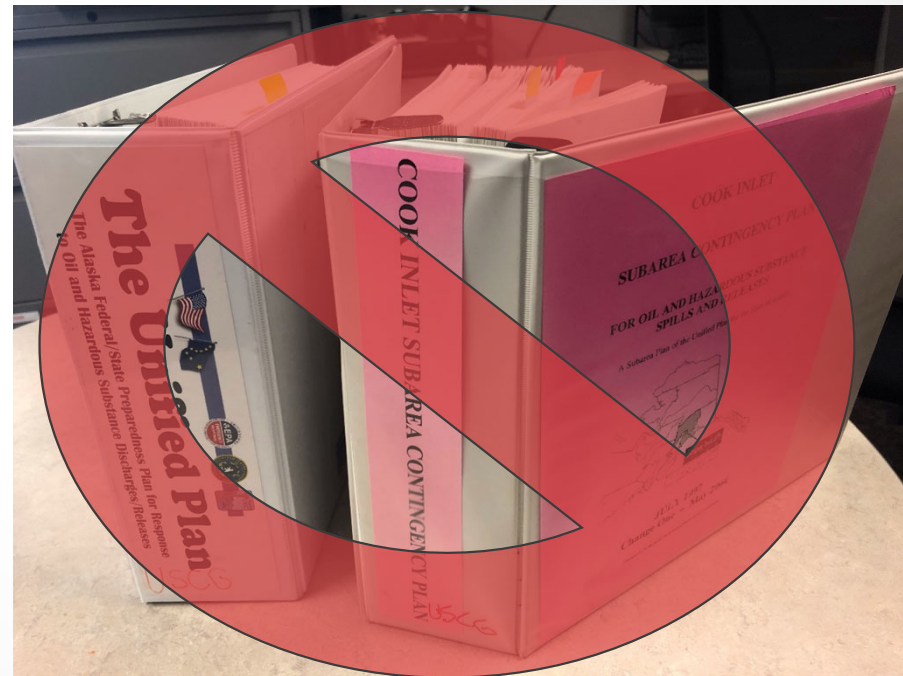


Image of superseded Unified Plan & Cook Inlet Subarea Plan



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Current Plans **Superseded Plans**

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**AREA CONTINGENCY PLAN LINKS**

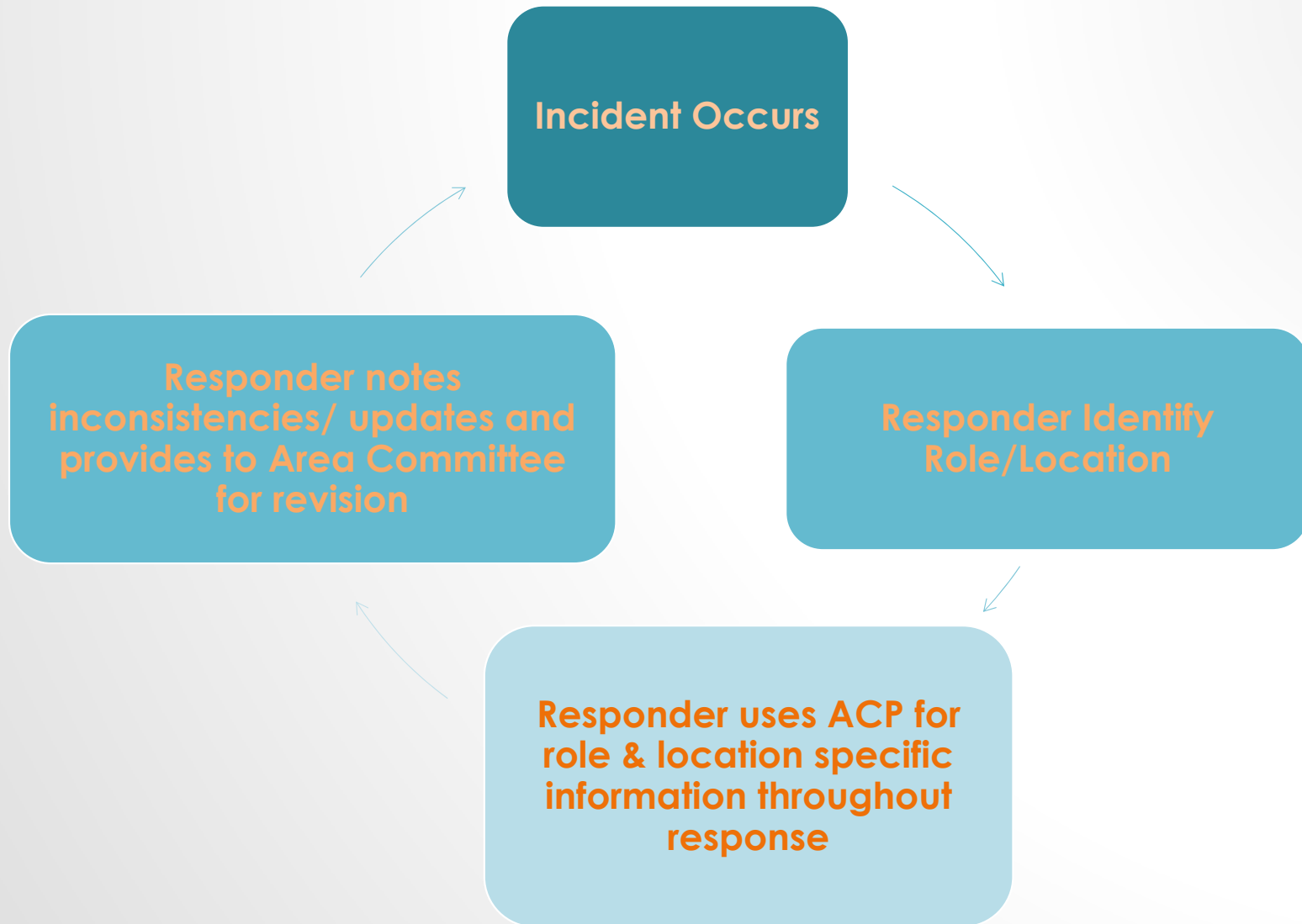
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# REFERENCES AND TOOLS WEBPAGE

- Centralized location for Area Contingency Plan (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
- Area Committee-owned documents and resources are maintained on each Area's webpage
- [Area Plan References and Tools](#)

# CONTINGENCY PLAN LIFECYCLE



# **OUTREACH: HOW TO BE INVOLVED IN PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS**

# AREA COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

## A. Area Contingency Plan (ACP) development

## B. ACP publishing and distribution

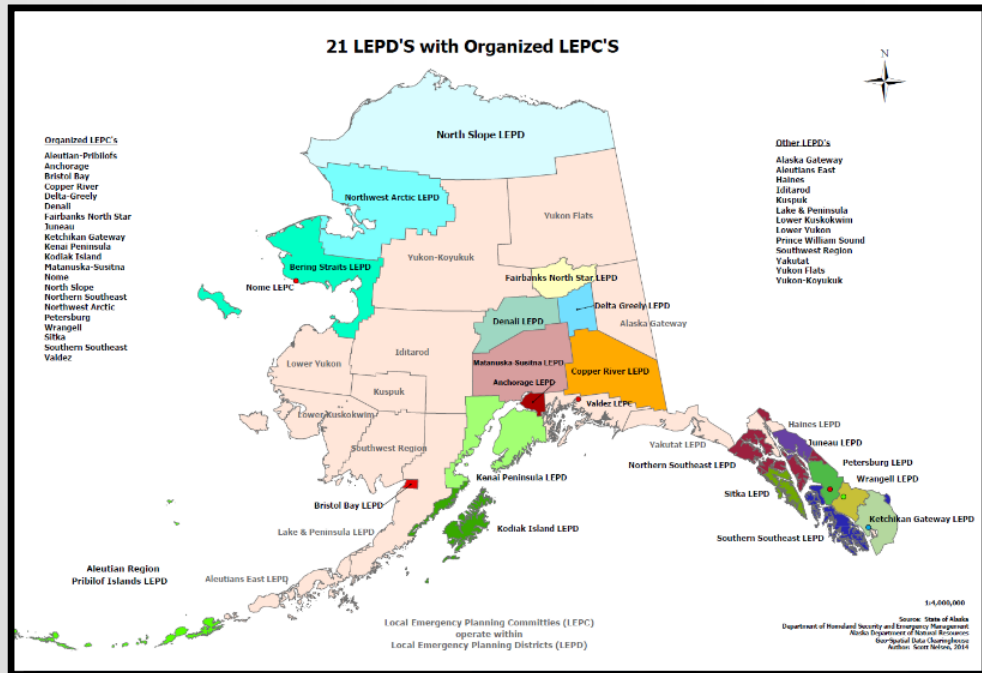
## C. ACP evaluation

- 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 shall follow the Coast Guard's mandated FOOSC/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.

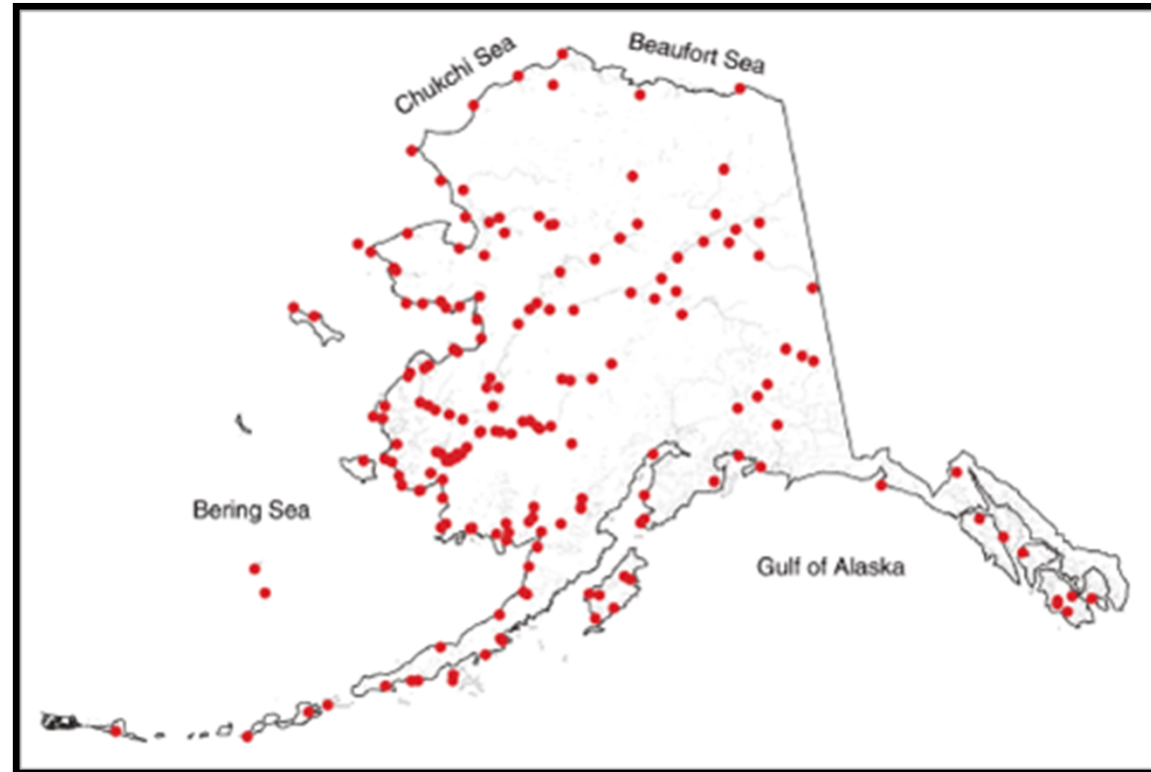
Their main **functions** are to provide for

- **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 Committees or the Alaska Regional Response Team 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/cooperative agreement and approved by Epa Project Manager.
- 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
- Interact with regulators and responders
- Access current policy & guidance
- Integrate within area oil spill exercises
- Exposure to preparedness measures (GRSs)





# UPCOMING ALASKA REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM MEETING DATES

- September 23, 2021
  - Anchorage and proposed to be held at the BP Energy Center and Adobe Connect/Teleconference Line will be available
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- Alaska Regional Response Team Website
  - <https://alaskarrt.org/>
- ARRT Coordinator contact information:
  - Marc Randolph, USCG D17, 907-463-2817, [Marc.A.Randolph2@uscg.mil](mailto:Marc.A.Randolph2@uscg.mil)
  - Becky Spiegel, ADEC, 907-269-7543, [rebecca.spiegel@alaska.gov](mailto:rebecca.spiegel@alaska.gov)
  - Mary Goolie, US EPA, 907 312-4310, [goolie.mary@epa.gov](mailto:goolie.mary@epa.gov)

# AREA COMMITTEE CONTACTS, GET INVOLVED!

- Arctic and Western Alaska - Matt Richards
  - 907 428-4111, [matthew.d.richards@uscg.mil](mailto:matthew.d.richards@uscg.mil)
- Southeast Alaska – Joe Zarlengo
  - 907 463-2701, [joseph.z.zarlengo@uscg.mil](mailto:joseph.z.zarlengo@uscg.mil)
- Alaska Inland - Mary Goolie
  - 907 312-4310, [goolie.mary@epa.gov](mailto:goolie.mary@epa.gov)
- Prince William Sound – Alex Gomez
  - 907 835-7261, [alex.r.gomez@uscg.mil](mailto:alex.r.gomez@uscg.mil)
- ADEC co-leads each Area Committee- Laura Noland
  - 907 334-5986, [laura.noland@alaska.gov](mailto:laura.noland@alaska.gov)

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# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**IT'S THE LAW!**  
AS 46.03.755 and 18 AAC 75.300

**REPORT  
OIL AND HAZARDOUS  
SUBSTANCE SPILLS**

**During Normal Business Hours**  
call the nearest response team office:

<b>Central Alaska:</b> Anchorage	<b>(907) 269-3063</b> Fax: (907) 269-7648
<b>Northern Alaska:</b> Fairbanks	<b>(907) 451-2121</b> Fax: (907) 451-2362
<b>Southeast Alaska:</b> Juneau	<b>(907) 465-5340</b> Fax: (907) 465-5245
<b>Alaska Pipeline:</b> Fairbanks	<b>(907) 451-2121</b> Fax: (907) 451-2362

**Outside Normal Business Hours**

<b>Toll Free</b>	<b>1-800-478-9300</b>
<b>International</b>	<b>1-907-269-0667</b>



Alaska Department of  
Environmental Conservation  
Division of Spill Prevention and Response  
[www.dec.alaska.gov/spar/spillreport.htm](http://www.dec.alaska.gov/spar/spillreport.htm)

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### Hazardous Substance

Any hazardous substance spill, other than oil, must be reported immediately.

### Oil – Petroleum Products

#### To Water

Any amount spilled to water must be reported immediately.

#### To Land

- Spills in excess of 55 gallons must be reported immediately.
- Spills in excess of 10 gallons, but 55 gallons or less, must be reported within 48 hours after the person has knowledge of the spill.
- Spills of 1 to 10 gallons must be recorded in a spill reporting log submitted to ADEC each month.

#### To Impermeable Secondary Containment Areas


- Any spills in excess of 55 gallons must be reported within 48 hours.

### Additional Requirements for Regulated Underground Storage Tank Facilities

Regulated Underground Storage Tank (UST) facilities are defined at 18 AAC 78.005 and do not include heating oil tanks.


If your release detection system indicates a possible discharge, or if you notice unusual operating conditions that might indicate a release, you must notify the ADEC UST Program within 7 days.

UST Program: (907) 269-3055 or 269-7679



**National Response Center**

**1-800-424-8802**



**Report Spills to the NRC at:**

**1 800 424-8802**

*The National Response Center is the SOLE national point of contact for reporting Oil, Chemical, Radiological and Biological discharges.*