**Arctic and Western Alaska Exercise and Training Subcommittee**

Date – 22 JAN 2025, 1030

Location – 1901 Bragaw St., Rm 290, University of Alaska Anchorage

1. Introductions and sign-ins
2. Training Updates
   1. Seminar/conference? Submit info/ideas to chairs
   2. Virtual SCAT Training in April; Science of Oil Spills Class (NOAA), October 2025
   3. Links for Federal, State/Local, ICS, and resources to be sent following meeting
3. Exercises (all regions): 32 Exercises, 9 Trainings, 5 Drill, 15 Functional, 3 Full-scale
   1. New exercise requirements under 485(b)(1)(A) updated in 2023 (36 exercises)
   2. Q: How is it clear that an exercise requirement is not met? A: ADEC sends letter
   3. Comment: for operator, would be nice to know if A vs B credit in planning stage
   4. Comment: aligning with MPREP requirements also challenging
4. Lessons Learned (collected from exercises)
   1. Deconflicting of schedules is improving; good ADEC engagement
   2. Challenges with virtual integrations; virtual participants left out in cases
      1. Q: Are people able to communicate virtual or in-person participation?
      2. Comment: For key in-person roles, practice delegation as needed
      3. Comment: if virtual joiners, support needed (mics, sound, etc.)
         1. Support agencies may have to choose which incident is in-person
      4. Comment: In Adak recently, helpful broadcast live drone footage on day 1
      5. Comment: often situation is unfolding in the field, but ICS is in Anchorage
   3. Notification challenges; contact updates; laminated flowcharts helpful
      1. Comment: NRC reporting takes 30-45 minutes; some delegate to FOSC
      2. Comment: NIMS National Qualification System is being standardized
   4. Plan holders who collaborate, train, and prepare in advance reap benefits
      1. Prior ICS training was beneficial; pocket guides on hand for staff
   5. Communication: reports of excellent comms, when an event followed a training
      1. Challenges with IMT and Field Comms
   6. Innovations/Novel Ideas
      1. Improved drone technology; real-time air monitoring; laminated pocket guides; notification flowcharts
      2. Comment: regulatory and regular liaison used in industry
      3. Comment: job aids going for public comment (with AWA) in February
   7. Recommendations
      1. Scenario is important, but focus on objectives (don’t get too distracted)
      2. Criteria should be specific to ODPCP and count as 485 exercise
5. Comment: issues often boil down to communication; how well can you get info out?
6. Next meetings: April 24, subcommittee; May 7, AWA: UAA Gorsuch Commons

Attendees:

In-Person:

USCG: CDR JoEllen Arons, CWO AnnMarie Borkowski, LT Josh Gross, Gina Winters, Shawn Hay

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