The National Regulatory Oil Spill Response Regimes and Community Health

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Oil Pollution Act 1990:
> National Contingency Plan (NCP)

Robert T. Stafford Act of 1988:
> National Response Framework (NRF)
> National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF)
National Contingency Plan (NCP): Oil & Hazardous Substances. “Environmental Response”

National Response Framework (NRF)
National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF)
“Disaster or National Emergency Across Federal Agency Jurisdictions”
NCP, NRF, NDRF RELATIONSHIP: COMPLIMENTARY BUT EXCLUSIVE

NRF

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OR

NRF

NCP

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NCP
NRF ESF ORGANIZATION

UNIFIED COORDINATION GROUP FED/STATE

ESF 1: Transportation
ESF 2: Communications
ESF 3: Public Works
ESF 4: Firefighting
ESF 5: Emergency Management
ESF 8: Public Health and Medical
ESF 10: Oil and Hazmat (NCP)
ESF 15: External Affairs
COMMUNITY HEALTH?

National Contingency Plan (NCP): Oil & Hazardous Substances.

“Public & Responder Health: Toxicology & Physical”

National Response Framework (NRF)

“Life Safety/Medical Response: Toxicology & Physical”
COMMUNITY HEALTH?
National Disaster Response Framework (NDRF)
“RSF: Health & Social Services”

Challenges:

- Paper Tiger
- No significant funding support
- No specific tasking of agencies
- Still Exclusive of NCP (Oil Spills)
IMPACT OF 911/Katrina

MADE ALL INCIDENTS LOCAL!
Regulatory Strategic, Operational & Tactical Considerations

STRATEGIC

- Need for National Recognition that Oil Spills are Community Health Incidents!

- NRF and NDRF activation during Environmental Incident:
STRATEGIC

- Allow DHHS to declare a Public Health Emergency under the Public Health Services Act for an Oil Spill.
OPERATIONS LEVEL

- EPA/Coast Guard Mandate Response Priorities in Regional Plans:
  - Life Safety
  - Community Health
  - Environment
  - Property
  - Economic Recovery
OPERATIONS LEVEL

- FEMA expand disaster recovery center concept to include community resilience centers seen in Great Britain and Israel!
Every Area Contingency Plan include this ICS Objective:

- **Safeguard Community Health from Psychosocial Impacts and develop a robust plan for rapid recovery.**
TACTICAL: Adding a Community Health Officer
Community Health = Healthy Environment