

MassDEP Marine Oil Spill Prevention & Response Program

Sector Southeastern New England Area
Committee Meeting

June 4, 2009

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MassDEP Marine Pilot Program

- Began on March 1, 2009
- 141 notifications made to date
- 80 state funded marine pilot trips
- 10 towing vessel companies participating
- \$175,000 in invoices processed

March 1- May 30, 2009



State Marine Pilot Notification Process

- Tank vessels should contact the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) at (888) 304-1133
- The MEMA telephone operator will provide the caller with a confirmation number
- If vessels requests state pilot - caller contacts either
 - Northeast Pilots – 800 274-1216 or
 - Boston Coastwise Pilots – 617 510-0082



Oil Spill Equipment Procurement

- Currently 48 spill trailers distributed to 41 communities and 2 MassDEP regional offices
- Procure 28 spill trailers in Fall 2009
- MassDEP evaluating offer to take possession of 3 USCG spill trailers



MassDEP 20' Oil Spill Response Trailer



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Spill Response Equipment Locations



Equipment Familiarization Training

- Each community will participate in a one day basic familiarization training
- Regional training classes held in North Shore, South Shore and Mt. Hope Bay/Taunton River
- Participation by USCG, MEP, encouraged
- Fall 2009
- Spring 2010



Geographic Response Plans



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North Shore GRP

- NUKA Research & Planning Group
- Form Work Group (agency, industry, response organizations, stakeholders).
 - First meeting April 29,2009 at NOAA NMFS Gloucester
- Prioritized sites for GRP development (25-35 sites selected).
- Survey sites.
 - May - July 09
- Develop GRP (apply tactics to site).
 - July - Aug 09
- Present GRP to Area Committee



GRP Testing & Training Program

- 6 sites selected/year; 3 spring, 3 Fall
- Use local responders, USCG, State, Contractor resources
- Document deployment test lessons learned
- Incorporate into GRP
- Vineyard Haven Harbor/Lagoon Pond test deployment held May 28, 2009



Mass Oil Spill Act Amendments

- Mass Oil Spill Act - Chapter 21M currently in process of being amended
- Final passage following Mass House/Senate conference committee
- Expected to allow MassDEP to provide escort tug services to double hulled tank barges transiting Buzzards Bay

