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# Where Did EPA's Oil Program Go?

**Overview of the Office of  
Emergency Management (OEM)**

Freshwater Spills Symposium

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# Agenda

- Background
- OEM Mission, Key Visions
- OEM Organization
- Brief Division Descriptions
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# Background

- TOFKAC: The Office Formerly Known as “CEPPO”  
= Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office
- Office of Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (OEPPR)
- 2004 - Consolidate OSWER emergency prevention, preparedness and response functions:
  - CEPPO + Emergency Response & Removal Center + Oil Program Center = OEM

# OEM Mission

*“...to protect human health and to safeguard the natural environment...”*

Provide National leadership to prevent, prepare for, and respond to health and environmental emergencies ....

# OEM Vision

- ▶ Viewed as a critical component to the success of EPA's emergency prevention, preparedness, and response programs.

**The place where people go for advice on emergency prevention, preparedness, and response.**

## OEM Vision (*cont'd*)

- ▶ OEM's activities contribute to a steady decline in emergency chemical and oil releases.

THE place to get  
prevention information  
and data.



# OEM strengths...

## ■ Experience

- Oil spill prevention at 100,000's facilities
- Chemical accident prevention at 14,000+ facilities
- Response to 1,000's of hazmat incidents over past 30 years.

## ■ Partnerships

- Federal, state and local agencies
- Professional, Technical, International organizations

## ■ Innovators

- Community Right-to-Know
- Performance-based regulations
- Technical guidance
- Electronic tools and data submissions





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DIVISION	Business Operations Center	Decon Team	Regulation & Policy Development	National Planning & Preparedness	Program Operations & Coordination	Evaluation & Communications
ACRONYM	BOC	NDT	RPD	NPP	POC	EC
PURPOSE	Resource management	Address technical issues for decontamination	Develop policy, technical guidance, and regulations	Assure EPA's readiness to respond	Coordinate implementation of regulatory and response programs	Coordinate planning, evaluation, and outreach



# Evaluation & Communication

- Strategic Planning
- Communication
  - OEM marketing and product-specific communication strategies
  - Call Center support and website
  - Stakeholder point of contact
- Evaluation – set and measure performance
  - Lessons learned; GPRA and PART; data analyses;



# Program Operations & Coordination

- Regional Coordination of all OEM programs
- EOC Operations:
  - Watch Officers; Data coordination
- “Virtual” incident team
- National Approach to Response oversight
- Response Support Corps
- Clandestine Drug Lab Training (Meth Labs)



# National Decontamination Team

- Provide scientific and engineering expertise to support On-Scene Coordinators
- Provide technical information for radiological, chemical, and biological decontamination (for buildings, transportation, agriculture, food, open spaces, etc.)
- Liaison, access to other decon resources
  - Other Federal Agencies (e.g. ERT, DHS, Military)
  - Laboratories and academia
- Identify and review vendor technologies, capabilities



# National Planning & Preparedness

- External Preparedness
  - National Response Team
  - National Response Plan Implementation
  - Mexico/Canada Border Activities
- Internal EPA Preparedness
  - National Incident Management System Implementation
  - Health and Safety Issues
  - Training and Exercises (PREP Drills)
  - Area Planning and Mapping (Oil Program)



# Regulation & Policy Development

- Develop regulations, guidance, and policy:
  - Oil Pollution Act: SPCC, Facility Response Planning, Subpart J, and Exercises
  - Clean Air Act: Risk Management Program
  - EPCRA: Extremely Hazardous Substance list & thresholds, information submission requirements (except TRI)
  - CERCLA: Reportable Quantities, National Contingency Plan
  - Removal & Response Policy





# Regulation & Policy Development

- Regulatory training for Oil & RMP programs
- R&D coordination with ORD for oil program
- Information system development:
  - RMP software suite
  - Tier 2 Submit
  - CAMEO/ALOHA
  - LANDVIEW/MARPLOT
- Technical & professional committees
- Work with OECA on program implementation/enforcement
- Liaison with DOT, CG, OSHA, CSB, NTSB





# Summary of OEM Goals:

1. Reduce the risk of releases of oil and hazardous substances.
2. Lead the development and updating of emergency preparedness for oil and hazardous substance emergencies and .... timely and effective response to any releases.
3. Develop and support partnerships to prevent, prepare for, and respond to releases of oil and hazardous substances.
4. Develop and maintain information and state-of-the-art technology for understanding and managing oil and hazardous substance hazards.

# Oil Program is Alive and Well

## ■ Several Key Activities:

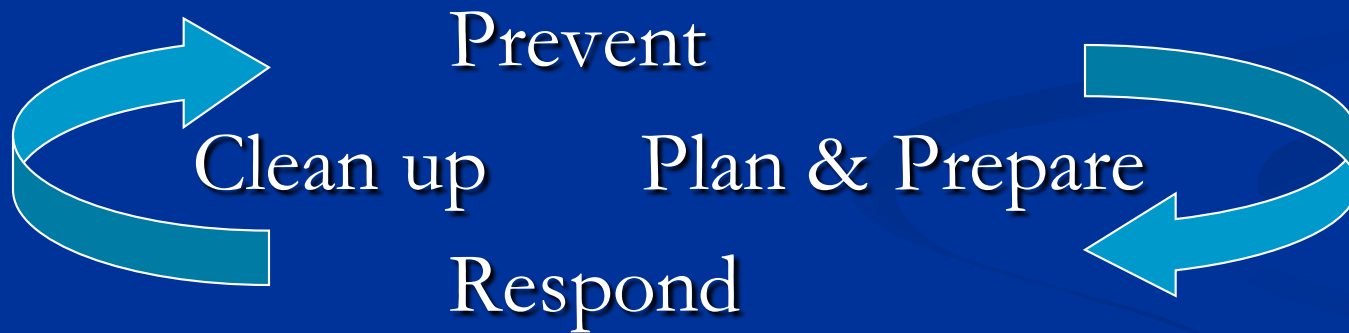
- Oil Spill Prevention Benefits Study
- SPCC Rulemakings and Guidelines
- FRP Effort and Guidelines
- Subpart J, Product Schedule
- Training and outreach
- Research support

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# So What and Who Cares?

- What you do is extremely important, necessary and valuable!
- Dialog, partner, and support with you



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# Murphy Oil Spill

