

**NOAA's Regional Preparedness Training (NRPT)**  
Natural Disaster Causing Technology Disasters in Mobile Bay Area

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*June 8 - 9, 2016*  
*NOAA's Gulf of Mexico Disaster Response Center*  
*Mobile, AL*

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**Goal:** Increase awareness, understanding and coordination among participating stakeholder groups and agencies during response and recovery to natural disasters that result in widespread impacts to industry, commerce, communities and natural resources in the Mississippi/Alabama coastal zone.

**Objectives:**

- Bring together a diverse group representing agencies and stakeholders who may be impacted by or involved in response to natural disasters resulting in multiple impacts.
- Increase regional preparedness by identifying potential strategies for improved response, enhanced resilience, and quicker recovery.

**Wednesday, June 8**

- 8:30 am Welcome & Logistics
- Nancy Kinner, Coastal Response Research Center (CRRC)
- 8:40 am Welcome, Background, Workshop Goals
- Charlie Henry, NOAA's Gulf of Mexico Disaster Response Center
- 8:50 am Participant Introductions
- 9:15 am Response Case Studies: Stafford Act Response and OPA 90 Response
- Stafford Act Response – Kim Albins, NOAA Marine Debris Program
  - OPA 90 Response – Adam Davis, NOAA
- 9:45 am Federal Disaster Response Legislation Refresher and Primer
- National Incident Management System (NIMS) and National Response Framework – CDR Lynn, USCG Gulf Strike Team
  - Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act) –Ashley Leflore, Emergency Management Planner, Army Corps of Engineers
- 10:15 am *BREAK*
- 10:30 am Federal Spill Regulations Refresher and Primer
- Clean Water Act, OPA 90 – CDR Cederholm, USCG Sector Mobile
  - CERCLA – Leo Francendese, USEPA
- 11:00 am Disaster Scenario Overview
- Adam Davis, NOAA Office of Response and Restoration (ORR)
- 11:15am Participant Questions/Input
- 11:30-12:45 *LUNCH (on your own)*

- 12:45 pm Response to Questions from earlier session
- 1:15 pm Overview of Impacted Area
- Tom Smith, Army Corps of Engineers
- 1:35 pm Summarize Impacts in Relation to Scenario Specifics – Adam Davis, NOAA ORR
- 1:45 pm Charge to Breakout Groups - Nancy Kinner, CRRC
- 2:00 pm Breakout Group Session I: Identifying Stakeholder Needs and Concerns
- Breakout Groups by Category:
- Federal Agencies
  - State/Local Agencies
  - Industry
  - NGOs/Academia
- Questions to consider:
1. What are your roles?
  2. In this scenario, what do you foresee being the greatest challenge for you in your current roles?
  3. What do you want others to understand better about your roles?
  4. Are there other “players” that belong to this category (federal, state/local, industry, or NGOs/academia) that have not been mentioned? What are their roles?
  5. From your perspective, who are potential stakeholder groups affected by/concerned with the oil spill and/or storm related disaster?
    - What is their greatest concern?
    - How can they be better involved and/or informed?
    - What do they need to know?
- 3:30 pm *BREAK*
- 3:45 pm Group Reports
- 4:45 pm Adjourn

## Thursday, June 9

- 8:30 am Recap & Recalibrate
- 8:45 am Plenary Session: Introduction to Natural Hazards Triggering Technological Disasters (NaTECH)
  - Nancy Kinner, CRRC
- 9:00 am Panel: Natural Resource Trustee Perspective on Impacts and Challenges: Damage Assessment and Restoration
  - NOAA ARD
  - USFWS
  - ADCNR
  - Grand Bay NERR
- 9:45 am *BREAK*
- 10:00 am Breakout Group Session II: Planning/Preparedness  
For the scenario, revisit themes of challenges and concerns from Breakout Session I when addressing the following questions:
  1. What would likely work “as planned” (i.e., if there was only an oil spill)?
  2. What would be the special challenges due to attendant flooding and storm related issues?
  3. What is missing in the existing plans/preparedness? What would we add or change?
  4. How well prepared are we to predict and respond? What can we do to better predict impacts?
  5. What are the possible “unknowns”? How do we deal with uncertainty?
  6. What best practices would help us to respond better?
- 11:30-12:45 *LUNCH (on your own)*
- 12:45 pm Group Reports
- 1:30 pm Breakout Group Session III: Next Steps:
  1. What steps need to be taken to improve preparation and planning (as discussed in breakout session II) to address this kind of scenario?
  2. Who should be involved? Partnerships, Teams, etc.
  3. Prioritize these steps (time table)
  4. Identify/address impediments (e.g., funding)
- 3:00 pm *BREAK*
- 3:15 pm Group Reports
- 4:15 pm Wrap-Up and Path Forward
- 4:30 pm Adjourn