



COASTAL RESPONSE RESEARCH CENTER

Dispersants Working Group

Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2005

Gregg Hall, Room 320

7:30 am – 10:00 am

A. General Comments on workshop

- Participants: Balanced mix of funders, practitioners, etc. (advantage to have funders see the process & topics discussed)
- Nice to have topic-specific
- D Davis – LA OSRADP can put RFP out very soon that would start the “literature survey” that was addressed in the workshop as an immediate need
- Provided inter-mingling of ideas between two groups
- High expectation for the workshop report
- Helps to set priorities and work
- Could have had better preparation of participants (e.g., explain what the info provided before the workshop would be used for, better prepare group leaders)
- Success of workshop judged on “Did we get back what we expected?”
- What can our funders fund?
- D Davis suggested using a court reporter to better capture the discussions
- Discussion about Gordon Conference type of format (work in AM, afternoon off, regroup in evening)
- Some would have preferred a longer workshop (e.g., extend by a half to full day)
- Some would have preferred more time in breakout groups

B. Do We Have All Groups Represented?

- Some key people were missing or unable to attend (e.g., J. Payne, M. Boufadel, J. Weaver, more NOAA HAZMAT representation, international folks)
 - K. Lee not available
 - M. Fingas not available
 - D. Salt not available
- Other persons for Working Group?
 - Europeans generally don’t attend this type of meeting
- Keep international folks up to date on what we’re doing
- Next conference – Human Dimensions Conference – will not be the same constituents; we’ll need to broaden our contact base for this
- Others? Shetland Island Council <http://www.shetland.gov.uk/>

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C. Dispersants Funding Available

- D. Davis (LA OSRADP) addresses dispersants in OSRADP's latest announcement
- A. Venosa (US EPA) – offers contract funding – has gone to DFO, Temple, others
- J. Weaver (US EPA) \$200K for in house modeling
- J. Mullin, (MMS) – dispersant topics in recent BAA; white papers not addressing anything particular from this workshop
- Y. Addassi (CA OSPR)– oil spill simulator, worked with NOAA & USCG & Cal Maritime School on 'gaming'
- Please give all modeling contacts to Kim.Newman@unh.edu
- Current RFP funding driven by European issues: PERF, PERD in Canada, DFO tank in Halifax
- MSRC & ExxonMobil – evaporation studies – will be published soon; some ExxonMobile research proprietary
- J. French (PWSRCAC) - \$50 – 100k (PWSRCAC has own competitive process) – literature reviews funded
- A. Merten (NOAA Hazmat)– NOAA releases \$ only going through CRRC; Toxicity Research now changing to dispersants; Hazmat has \$25k leverage S. Saupe – Cold Climate specific \$150k, not necessarily on dispersants
- S. Saupe (CIRCAC) – Cold Climate specific \$150k, not necessarily on dispersants
- M. Sowby (CA OSPR) - \$500k – partial \$50k funding on long term effect of dispersants but no earmark specific for dispersants
- T. Purcell (API) – proof of concept ideas – internal program; heavy oils working with J. Mullin on lab testing
- D. Davis – general call out now- information sciences – use of search engine but paying editor to edit and annotate; 2-3 yr effort at \$75-100k
- J. Mullin – no specific RFP – rather dispersant operational; PERF project, joint industry, short funding cycle, \$500k, project reports are available on website
- Y. Addassi – UC Davis (?) – fur & feathers proposals (Mike Ziccardi could not attend); not available out of state except in collaborative role
- A. Venosa - \$150k on dispersants study; with DFP at wave tank
- N. Kinner (CRRC) – current RFP – pre-proposals under peer review now; Senator Gregg has requested earmark on dispersants, special RFP may open; intend to use workshop topics to put on new RFP due out in March
- T. Purcell - \$15k borrowed from greater spills project that can be used in partnership money

D. Possible Models for an Integrated Research Plan (model chosen by DWG)

- a. Partners maintain autonomy and/or:

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- Have a few joint meetings
 - Circulate @ other's RFPs, reports and projects
 - Include each other in RFP development, project selection, project monitoring
 - Share common elements (e.g., QA plan, analytes, preparations, statistical analyses)
 - Hold joint research workshops
- b. Other models
- E. Workshop Outcomes
- a. Agreement on research priorities to serve as basis for Research Plan(s)
- We don't want to have 5 people funding the same thing because we don't have enough \$
 - Our proposals are transparent (i.e., if D. Davis does a literature review, partner with him)
 - Discovered that \$500k for CRRC/CICEET/OSRI Cold Climate RFP seemed too low to get adequate proposals. Collaborate and pool funding in order to stimulate greater projects to fund
 - NSF is no longer the large sums of \$
 - Change the rules to include international
- b. Workshop report
- Last CRRC Workshop Nov 2003 Report is on our website
 - Jacqui Michel has agreed to write Dispersants Workshop Report
 - DWG will review & comment on Jacqui's draft; deadline 4 weeks from distribution; remember to 'reply to all'
- c. DWG Communications with the oil spill community
- Oil Spill Intelligence Reporter postings
 - IOSC email list (J. Mullin will find out details on this)
 - AMOP (M. Fingas) & Clean Gulf have mail lists (D. Davis may have parts of these on his LA distribution list)
 - Please forward other ideas, names, and listserves to CRRC
- d. Other
- F. Follow-Up
- a. Other meetings?
- Schedule a conference call to be held during report review period
 - Annual Symposium on technical update and showcase research we've all funded (D. Davis offered May OSRADP Symposium in Baton Rouge as an

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opportunity for piggybacking events)

1. Possibly add half day on to this conference to talk about dispersants;
Rotate at other conferences

- How many papers would be presented annually?
- Clean Gulf 2006 (Nov.) – in LA – may be another good venue for a technical symposium; critical mass of people might participate
 1. Would need to start organizing in April or May '06
 2. Could post our intention to have such a symposium
- Possible other workshop or summer institute/Gordon Conference

G. Human Dimensions Workshop

- Likely to be held late Spring to early Fall '06
- 'Human Dimensions' is the socio-economic aspect; includes people other than toxicologists; (i.e., policy and socioeconomic, communications, policy makers, regulators, broader group than Sept 2005 Dispersants Workshop
- Y. Addassi and D. Davis interested in assisting with organization
- L. Pearson is doing a 'public perception' study
- Lisa Ka'aihue is best contact in AK (PWS RCAC)
- Possibility of NOAA NCCOS partnership on this workshop
- Broader than just dispersants

H. Dispersant Working Group website

- a. Suggestions
 - Be the "hub" of information & resources
 - Suggested we make it a major pull down on the menu bar of the CRRC website (the less clicks the better)
- b. One pagers
 - Participants agreed to modify their Information Pages by October 15th (describe your total program) and submit to K. Mandsager for website posting
- c. Sept 2005 Dispersants Workshop report to be posted
- d. Link to NRC Dispersants report
- e. July 8th summary of meeting
- f. Funding initiatives
 - OSRADP
 - TX GLO
 - Etc.

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g. Links to Dispersants Working Group member sites

I. Other: Group Photo

Attendees:

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Jim Clark, ExxonMobil

Don Davis, LA OSRADP

John French, PWS RCAC

David Fritz, BP

Kurt Hansen, USCG

Robin Jamail, TX GLO

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