



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD - **Public Hearing**

Conrail Derailment in Paulsboro, NJ with Vinyl Chloride Release

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Agency / Organization

US Coast Guard

Title

**The National Response System
Mr. Scott Lundgren Presentation**

NRT-NRS

The National Response System

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National Oil & Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP)

- NCP describes the national preparedness and response system for oil and hazardous materials
 - Includes chemical, biological, and radiological releases to the environment
 - Both accidental and intentional (including terrorist) releases
- NCP is a regulation found in 40 CFR 300 and administered by the EPA



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NCP Authorities



- **Clean Water Act** as amended by the Oil Pollution Control Act (OPA 90) and earlier clean water legislation
- The **Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)**, a.k.a. “Superfund,” including the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-know Act (EPCRA) amendments

About the National Response System (NRS)

- NRS is divided into local, regional, and national organizational levels
- Participants include federal, state, local, and private sector agencies and organizations, with interests in or responsibilities for oil and hazardous materials emergencies
- Federal agencies in the NRS provide on-site response capability at the local level



Why Federal Involvement On-Scene?



- Incidents can exceed capability of states and locals
- Public demand for national environmental response policy



- Incidents and impacts could cross state and international borders
- Response could involve foreign parties and international commerce

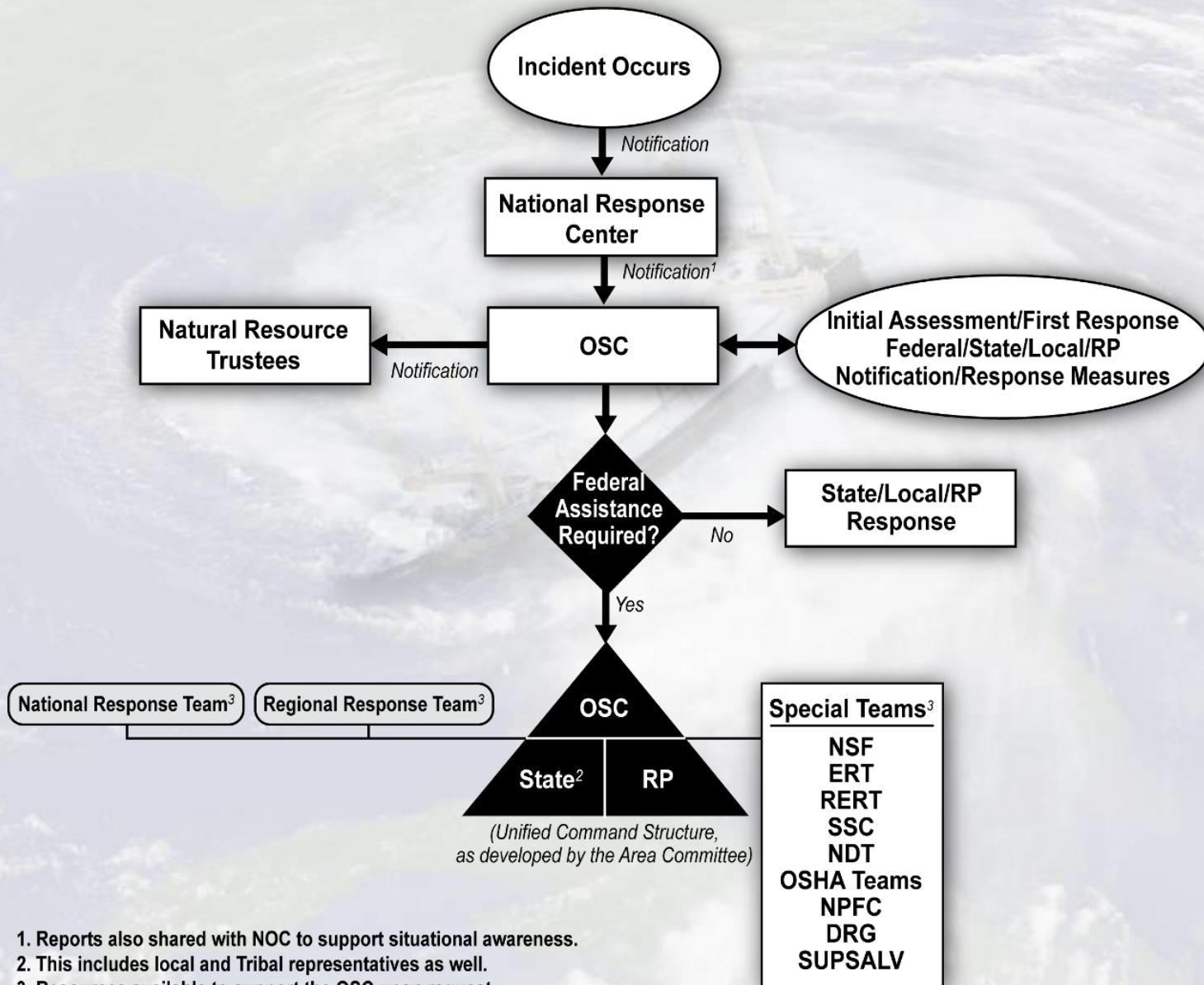
Federal On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs)

USCG for
coastal zone
&
EPA for inland
zone



- Coordinate all containment, removal, and disposal efforts/resources at the incident site
- Ensure proper notification
- Direct/coordinate, and/or provide technical assistance to response efforts at site
- Maintain decision-making authority
- Ensure access to information

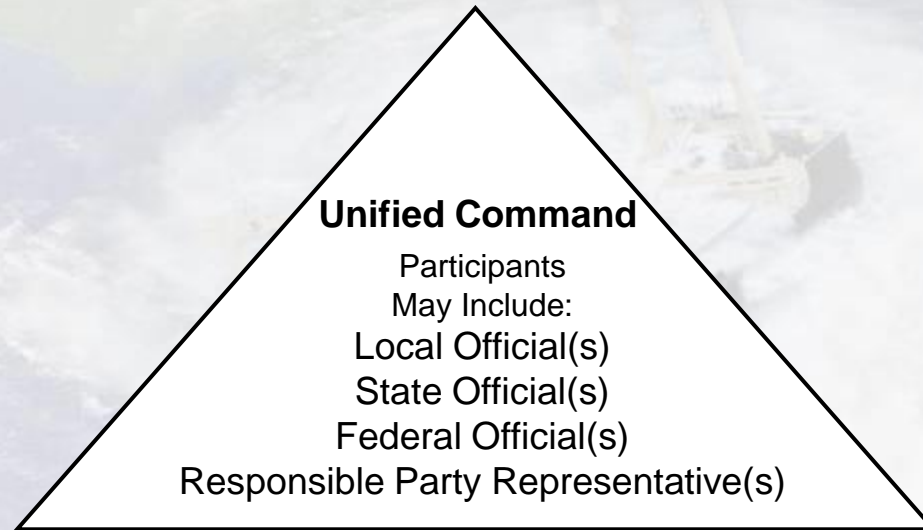
NRS Notification & Decision Process



1. Reports also shared with NOC to support situational awareness.
2. This includes local and Tribal representatives as well.
3. Resources available to support the OSC upon request.

- Special Teams³**
- NSF
 - ERT
 - RERT
 - SSC
 - NDT
 - OSHA Teams
 - NPFC
 - DRG
 - SUPSALV

NRS uses National Incident Management System (NIMS)/Incident Command System (ICS)



Safety

Information

Liaison

Operations

Planning

Logistics

Finance and Administration

Preparedness Components Under the NRS

