



Teleconference Notes

Great Rivers Subarea Coordination Group February 20, 2020

A teleconference among members of the Great Rivers Subarea (GRSA) Coordination Group convened on February 20, 2020, at 1000 hours to report out response-related issues, review edits proposed for draft planning documents, and discuss an upcoming planning workshop involving the group.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 On-Scene Coordinator Heath Smith distributed the teleconference agenda and facilitated the call, along with Eric Deselich of Tetra Tech, Inc. (Tetra Tech). Telephone and video conference lines were established via Skype for the meeting and 14 members participated. Call attendees and action items resulting from the call are listed on page 2.

Time-Sensitive Report Outs. Nothing to report.

GRSA Contingency Plan. Deselich reviewed requests for plan revisions that had been submitted since the last call. While corrections to certain agencies' contact information were noted, substantive revisions and information gaps included the following:

- Add Kentucky disposal regulations (Table 2, page XII-1)
- Build out list of hazardous materials teams (Appendix F)
- Add table of "other specialized teams and spill response support" (Appendix G)
- Amend table of environmentally sensitive areas to include more detailed locational information (Appendix I)
- Add mile marker of river crossings for pipelines (Appendix L).

Deselich indicated that he would contact relevant individuals in the group for assistance as needed to address each item, although multiple, other information sources would be needed to fully populate Appendix I. Steve Spurlin of EPA Region 4 said Richard Jardine and Leo Francendese may be of assistance in obtaining sensitive environment information. Smith acknowledged Spurlin's recommendation.

Cape / East Cape Girardeau Incident Action Plan (IAP). Deselich summarized requested revisions to the draft IAP. Several items related to U.S. Coast Guard's (USCG) role during a response were identified for change. Additionally, hyperlinks to relevant plans and reference materials should be added as an attachment to the plan. Deselich said other suggestions regarding development of response strategies will be addressed as the group gathers additional information during in-person meetings, river reconnaissance, etc.

GRSA Map Book. A request was made, and seconded during the call, to move the map legend to the front of the book.

GRSA Mapping Application. With assistance from Kathy Pfeifer of USCG Sector Ohio Valley, Deselich said that application access issues seem to be resolved. The GRSA web map can be accessed from the subarea's home page at [GRSA Coordination](#). Registration is required to allow access to the on-line map and view restricted documents. Registration instructions are on the home page. Smith encouraged members to review the application and provide additional feedback in the coming weeks.

Input on Draft Meeting/Workshop Agenda. Deselich briefly reviewed the draft agenda for the workshop scheduled for April 14th in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He also reviewed results from the on-line meeting poll that had been distributed to determine availability of members to meet. Based on poll results, Deselich said that 23 persons from local, state, and federal agencies, as well as local industry are expected to attend.

During the workshop, stakeholders will work with hard-copy maps and the GRSA mapping application to identify and assess key river features (i.e., sensitive environments, boat ramps, potential control points) to be considered during development of emergency response strategies. These features will be validated and

further assessed during a river reconnaissance (recon) that will occur later in the year. Recon objectives, available tools/equipment, recon participation, and scheduling will also be discussed during the workshop. The proposed workshop agenda discussed during the call is on page 3.

Other Information/Comments. The following items are noted for “the good of the group”.

- Generally, Skype is not a viable telecommunications tool for USCG personnel, although a couple USCG staff have successfully used the application. Additional applications (i.e., Adobe Connect) should be tested and used in conjunction with, or in lieu of Skype.
- Pfeifer noted recent difficulties receiving email from external agencies, including many in the group. Apparently, USCG system/network security measures are preventing delivery of certain messages. It was decided that emails among members will be forwarded to USCG personnel by John Gulick of Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Paducah, who is not experiencing this issue.
- Gary Heflin of MSU Paducah will move to a new assignment later this summer.
- Email addresses are needed for Russell Duckworth and Darrel Kell.

Next Meeting. The GRSA Response Strategies Workshop will convene on April 14, 2020 from 12:00-16:30 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

The following items should be addressed before the workshop in April.

Teleconference Action Items (AI)	Responsible Party
1. Contact various members to obtain planning information needed to finalize the GRSA Contingency Plan; address requested revisions; and contact recommended sources of environmental area data.	Deselich / Smith
2. Complete requested revisions to Cape/East Cape IAP; and move legend in map book	Deselich
3. Review GRSA web map application and provide input to Smith and/or Deselich. Note: Instructions for map access are on the GRSA website .	All members
4. Serve as USCG point-of-contact for GRSA email communications.	Gulick
5. Test Adobe Connect with USCG personnel.	Deselich / Pfeifer
6. If known, provide contact information for Russell Duckworth and Darrel Kell to Deselich.	All members
7. Provide additional information on the Response Strategies Workshop, as warranted.	Smith / Deselich

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Notes:

EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	MSU	Marine Safety Unit
ORSANCO	Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission	UMRBA	Upper Mississippi River Basin Association
USCG	U.S. Coast Guard	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Workshop Information and Proposed Agenda

GRSA Response Strategies Workshop – Mississippi River Miles 75 to 26

April 14, 2020 – 12:00-16:30

Missouri Department of Conservation, Southeast Regional Office

2302 County Park Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

- **Introductions** (10 mins)
- **Purpose and Objectives** (10 mins)
- **Workshop Format and Available Tools** (10 mins)
- **Initial Review Session** (75 mins)
- **Break** (15 mins)
- **Second Review Session and Documentation into Web Map** (100 minutes)
- **Break** (10 mins)
- **Next Steps** (e.g., revising river maps, identify timeframe for river recon, which agencies are needed, who has equipment, industry involvement, etc.) (30 mins)
- **Closing Comments** (5 mins)

Note: Total of 4 hours and 15 minutes as scheduled above



