

Penobscot Bay Spill Response Exercise Highlights

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Pen Bay Exercise Overview

- Full Scale Pollution Response Exercise conducted at U Maine Hutchinson Center on September 22nd, 2021
- Provided response community opportunity to improve preparedness by:
 - Practicing command and control within ICS framework,
 - Identifying strengths to highlight and
 - Identifying areas for improvement to remedy



Just In Time Training

- ICS Refresher
- Risk Communications
- Environmental Resources
- Pen Bay Waterway Activities
- Response Tools and Resources
- NOAA Capabilities and Tools
- Joint Information Center
- Breakouts by Section



10 Exercise Goals Met

1. Establish effective communications
2. Evaluate environmental risks and vulnerabilities
3. Evaluate ICP options for mid-coast Maine
4. Standup a Unified Command using ICS
5. Control the source and protect critical resources
6. Equip the Incident Command Post
7. Conduct on-water spill response operations
8. Validate Geographic Response Strategies
9. Complete environmental consultations
10. Inform the public



Best Practices

1. ICS Workshop prior to Exercise



2. ICS Coaches



Best Practices

3. Press Conference Pre-Huddle



Recommendations

1. Develop standardized instructions for new cellular Wifi Systems- Plum Kits



2. Develop standardized Public Affairs Go Kits and outfit Sectors



Recommendations

3. Procure deployable printers, scanners and copiers

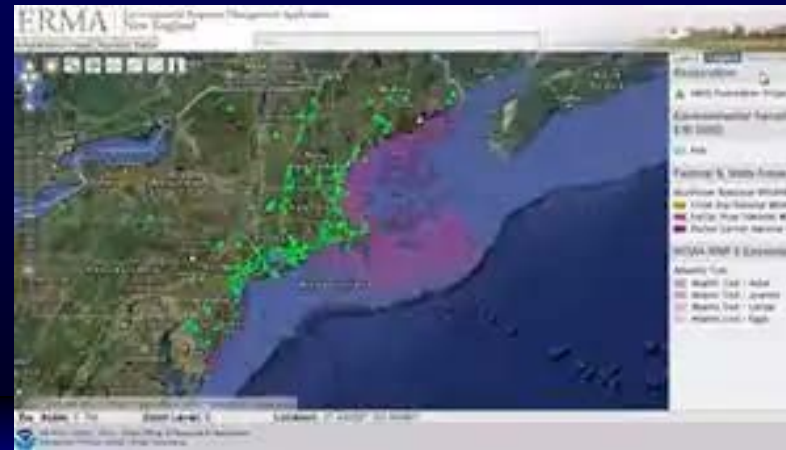


4. Enhance Internal Comms Capabilities



Recommendations

5. Assign Deputy Ops Section Chief for Current Operations
6. Allow non-NOAA personnel to upload to ERMA or expand NOAA support



Recommendations

7. Capture critical info on digital Situation Display or ICS 209 to supplement ERMA COP



8. Develop and share Media Job Aids and FAQs



Questions?

