



Geographic Response Plan Development Project - Connecticut River in New Hampshire & Vermont	February 4, 2021 – 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Zoom Video Conference https://zoom.us/j/94043001760?pwd=WFA0dWx3VGc1clY0WCthQnR5MHNQdz09
Initial Work Group/Site Selection Meeting	Meeting ID: 940 4300 1760 Passcode: 031477

Project Overview:
Nuka Research and Planning Group, LLC has been contracted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 1 to develop ten (10) Geographic Response Plans or GRPs, for the Connecticut River in New Hampshire and Vermont. GRPs are map-based plans tailored to protect specific sensitive areas from oil spill impacts. They show first responders where sensitive areas are located and where to place oil spill protection resources to protect those areas. GRPs can save time during the critical first few hours of an oil spill response.

A multi-agency, multijurisdictional workgroup consisting of Federal, State, and local environmental emergency response partners will identify the candidate area(s) for development of these GRPs. Nuka Research will facilitate the Work Group and the GRP development process. This project should be completed in December 2021 and we anticipate two (2) Work Group meetings to be held over the life of this project.

Work Group Membership and Purview:
Members of the Work Group will represent state and federal agencies, local governments and organizations, stakeholder groups, the oil industry, and spill response professionals. The Work Group process is open to the public and public participation is welcomed and encouraged.

Purpose of Meeting:
This meeting will serve both to introduce this project, reviewing goals, objectives and timeline, and to review the preliminary Site Selection Matrix, examine candidate sites, develop additional information about resources at risk, spill threat, and site accessibility at each site, and ultimately select ten (10) sites for GRP development along the Connecticut River. We will also use this meeting to establish a preliminary schedule for site surveys, including identifying vessels available to support the surveys (if necessary) and Work Group members who are interested in surveying particular sites.

Agenda	
10:00 AM Intro and Opening Comments.....	Karen Way, EPA/Jason Domke, NHDES/Tim Cropley, VTDEC
10:10 AM Project/Site Selection Process Overview	Mike Popovich, Nuka Research
10:15 AM NHDES Emergency Response Program	Jason Domke, NHDES
10:25 AM VTDEC Emergency Response Program	Tim Cropley, VTDEC
10:35 AM Inland GRPs and the Inland ACP.....	Karen Way, EPA Region 1
10:45 PM Review of Site Selection Criteria and Site Selection Discussion.....	Group
11:30 AM GRP Development Process & Project Timeline.....	Mike Popovich
11:40 AM Comments and Suggestions	Group
11:50 AM Review Action Items	Mike Popovich
12:00 PM Adjourn	

Project Website: <https://www.inlandgrpne.com/connecticut-river-nh-vt>

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