



Geographic Response Plans for Blackstone and Pawtuxet – Rhode Island Project	September 12, 2018 – 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Final Work Group Meeting	RI DEM Office 235 Promenade Street Providence, Rhode Island 02908
<p>Project Overview: Nuka Research and Planning Group, LLC has been contracted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 1 to develop Geographic Response Plans or GRPs, for the Blackstone and Pawtuxet rivers in Rhode Island. 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.</p>	
<p>During this project, (10) GRPs were developed on the Blackstone and Pawtuxet Rivers. A multi-agency, multijurisdictional workgroup consisting of Federal, State, and local environmental emergency response partners identified the candidate area(s) for development of these GRPs. Nuka Research has facilitated the Work Group and the GRP development process.</p>	
<p>Purpose of Meeting: During this meeting, we will review the draft GRPs developed during this project and solicit feedback on the GRPs for finalization.</p>	
Agenda	
<p>1:00 PM Introduction and Opening Comments.....James Carew, EPA Region 1/Jim Ball, RI DEM 1:15 PM Activities Since Last Meeting.....Mike Popovich, Nuka Research 1:30 PM Review and Comments on Draft GRPsMike Popovich 2:45 PM Review Action ItemsMike Popovich 2:50 PM Closing Comments.....Jim Ball and James Carew 3:00 PM Adjourn</p>	
<p>Project Website: https://www.inlandgrpne.com/riblackstonepawtuxetivers</p>	
<p>Contact person for additional information: Mike Popovich: popovich@nukaresearch.com 508-746-1047</p>	