



Geographic Response Strategy Development Project - Connecticut River in Massachusetts	December 9, 2021 – 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Initial Work Group/Site Selection Meeting	Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83077758667?pwd=V3NCMEVUOWtHQXR0RXppaThEa2w1Zz09 Meeting ID: 830 7775 8667 Passcode: 892411

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 Strategies or GRS, for the Connecticut River in Massachusetts. GRS 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. GRS 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 GRS. Nuka Research will facilitate the Work Group and the GRS development process. This project should be completed in August 2022 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 GRS 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/Dave Slowick, MassDEP**
- 10:10 AM Project/Site Selection Process OverviewMike Popovich, Nuka Research**
- 10:15 AM MassDEP Emergency Response Program Dave Slowick, MassDEP**
- 10:35 AM Inland GRS 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 GRS 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.inlandGRSne.com/connecticut-river-ma>

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