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| <p>Geographic Response Plans for Blackstone and Pawtuxet – Rhode Island Project</p> <p>Site Selection Meeting</p> | <p>February 12, 2018 – 1:00 - 4:00 PM</p> <p>RI DEM Office 235 Promenade Street Suite 300 Providence, Rhode Island 02908</p> |
| <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>The goal of this project will be to develop ten (10) GRPs. 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 will be completed in September 2018 and we anticipate three (3) Work Group meetings to be held over the life of this project.</p> <p>Work Group Membership and Purview: The Rhode Island GRP Work Group is being formed to select sites and develop tactics for GRPs upon the waters of and along the shoreline of the Blackstone and Pawtuxet Rivers in Rhode Island. Members of the Work Group will represent state and federal agencies, local governments and organizations, stakeholder groups, the oil industry, and spill response professionals. Work Group meetings will be held approximately three times over the life of this project. The Work Group process is open to the public and public participation is welcomed and encouraged.</p> <p>Purpose of Meeting: This is the second meeting of the Rhode Island GRP Work Group. The purpose of this meeting will be 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 Blackstone and Pawtuxet Rivers. We will also use this meeting to establish a preliminary schedule for site surveys, including identifying vessels available to support the surveys and Planning Group members who are interested in surveying particular sites.</p> | |
| <p>Agenda</p> | |
| <p>1:00 PM Introduction and Opening Comments.....James Carew, EPA Region 1/Jim Ball, RI DEM</p> <p>1:05 PM Introductions of Work Group Participants.....Group</p> <p>1:15 PM Project/Site Selection Process OverviewMike Popovich, Nuka Research</p> <p>1:30 PM Review of Site Selection Delineation, Priorities & Resources at Risk.....Group</p> <p>3:30 PM GRP Development Process & Project Timeline..... Mike Popovich</p> <p>3:40 PM Comments and Suggestions Group</p> <p>3:50 PM Review Action Items Mike Popovich</p> <p>4:00 PM Adjourn</p> | |
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