Spill Management Team Industry Q&A Sessions

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Office of Spill Prevention and Response
Response Certification and Planning Unit

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Q&A Session Agenda

- Welcome and OSPR Team 1:00-1:05
- MS Teams orientation 1:05-1:10
- Background and Implementation Overview 1:10-1:20
- SMT Certification Regulations Review 1:20-1:40
- Open Q&A Session 1:40-2:25
- Conclusion and Next Steps 2:25-2:30
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- Plan holders must identify an SMT certified to respond to the reasonable worst-case spill (RWCS) volume

- OSPR to adopt regulations establishing criteria for certification, including:
  - Number of personnel and on-scene timeframes
  - Training requirements
  - Criteria for SMT objectives at exercises
  - Geographic regions
  - Process for applying for certification
SMT Rulemaking

• Four rounds of informal scoping meetings 2018-2020
• Formal Rulemaking commenced July 2020; four public comment periods
• Covid-related extensions
• OAL approval 12/28/21
• Effective 4/1/22
Plan holders and external SMTs submit applications 90 days before regulations become effective quarterly.

Application Review and Verification (Training Plan, Unannounced) 180 days after submission.

Certification exercises, obtain training at the end of third year after interim certification.

SMTs receive Interim Certification in Oct-Dec 2022.

SMTs receive full certification in Dec 2025.

All plan holders have a fully certified SMT.

Renewal in 3 years.
Certification by Tier

- Tiers based on plan holders’ Reasonable Worst-Case Spill Volumes (RWCSV)
- Tier determines level of personnel resources required for contingency planning standard

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- **Tiers I & II**
- **Safety Officer**
  - +1 Other

**Operations Section Chief**

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Cascading Response Personnel

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External SMTs can offer any number or subset of the required personnel.

**Initial Response Personnel**

- Incident Commander
- Safety Officer
- Operations Section Chief
- Other

**Cascading Response Personnel**

- Incident Commander
- Safety Officer
- Asst. Liaison Officer
- Asst. Public Info. Officer
- Operations Section Chief
- Planning Section Chief
- Logistics Section Chief
- Finance Section Chief
Training Standards

Initial Response Personnel

- Team-based training requirements → flexibility in constructing initial teams

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Cascading Response Personnel

- Position-based requirements
- All personnel trained to ICS-300

NIMS Training Program (2011)
Training Standards

Training track:
• Formal ICS courses and exercise participation
• Equivalent training - learning objectives delivered over the same time frames as NIMS courses

Experience track:
• Lead or deputy/assistant position for specified time in typed responses
• Incidents need not be formally typed
• All-hazards experience can be cited
Certification Objectives

• OSPR must observe SMT performance in California before issuing a certification
• Short set of objectives to be accomplished at an exercise simulating response to RWCS volume
• Extended timeline accounts for 3-year exercise cycles – end of 2025
• SMTs can request credit for certification objectives achieved during an actual spill response in California
Application Process

• Plan holders and external SMTs submit applications – consultants may submit on behalf of plan holders

• Online submission system or fillable .pdf forms

• OSPR verifies application
  • Training plan
  • Mobilization plan and unannounced mobilization exercise

• Interim certification granted upon application verification, full certification upon completion of objectives and training

• Certification renewal every three years
Thank You!

Q&A

https://wildlife.ca.gov/OSPR/Spill-Management-Teams
Thank You!

Next Steps

• Follow up on unanswered questions
• Online submission system training:
  Plan Holders: 3/15 1:00-2:30 PM
  External: 3/17 9:00-10:30 AM
• Send additional questions to OSPRSMT@wildlife.ca.gov
Intermittent and Ephemeral Waters

- Environmental Response Management Application: https://erma.noaa.gov/southwest
- Turn on the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) Flowlines and Direction layer (scale dependent)
- Enter your facility location using “Geographic Search”
- Turn on the Quarter Mile Buffer of Streams – Statewide
- Click on streams to see their type