



State Emergency Response Guides: Planning for Incident Waterway Debris

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Project Scope

- Focus on **waterway debris**
 - Solid material (including vegetative debris)
 - Result of acute disaster incident
 - Poses a threat
 - May include shoreline and wetland debris, or debris in inland non-tidal waterways
- Guide and outreach focused on **state's coastal zones**
 - Information in guidance document is applicable to all of state
- Target **audience**: All levels of government, responders



Project Goal

Improve preparedness for response to and recovery from **acute marine debris incidents** in coastal states

Outline **existing** response structures, procedures, and responsibilities at the local, state, and federal levels into **individual state guidance documents**



Project Objectives

1. Develop **guidance document** that facilitates the response to and recovery from acute waterway debris incidents in coastal states
Consolidate waterway debris response information into a single document using information from existing plans, programs, and agency authorities
2. Conduct waterway debris response **exercises/drills** to increase preparedness, validate guide information, and identify response challenges
Stand-alone exercises or as injects in larger response drills and exercises



Project Objectives

- Support the **integration** of response guide content into other existing local, state, or regional plans and trainings

Such as U.S. Coast Guard Area Contingency Plans, state and county emergency management plans, etc.



National Project Status

- In Progress
- Published & Complete
- Background Research



Guide Development Process

1. Background research
2. Engage stakeholders – one on one
3. Document roles, responsibilities, points of contact, and jurisdictions
4. Outline permitting and compliance structure
5. Engage stakeholders – workshop
6. Document edits and finalization
7. Stakeholder review
8. Publication



Guide Contents

- I. Introduction
- II. Background Risk: Foreseeable Incidents and Debris Types
- III. Roles, Responsibilities, and Jurisdictions
- IV. Permitting and Compliance Requirements
- V. Challenges, Needs, and Recommended Actions
- VI. Contact Information

Field Reference Guide



Questions?



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