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Joint Response Team (JRT) Meeting

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Holiday Inn

430 Ouellette Ave Windsor, ON



Participants:

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Joanne Munroe	National Energy Board
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Shannon Seko	Ontario Ministry of Environment, SAC
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Regrets:

Norman Monteiro	Transport Canada, Marine Safety
Jacob Quist	Transport Canada, Marine Safety
Georges Long	Environment Canada

Welcome and Introductions

Recap of previous meeting and year in review

- Brief review of the CANUS full-scale exercise of an Enbridge pipeline incident in St. Clair, Michigan. Border Services agreement in place in order to bring equipment across the border quickly from the bordering country. Review of the role of the International Coordination Officer in the exercise.
- Roger Blough grounding overview was presented. CANUSLAK invoked with a Unified Command. USCG stood up a full Incident Command Post (ICP); CCG had a response team on scene as well as Incident Command at the Parry Sound CCG Base. TC, EC, MOE as well as local municipalities and First Nations were involved.
- Spill statistics were shared by both the US and Canadian Coast Guards.

- USCG exercise planned for the 22 of August 2017 in Clayton NY, additional details will be provided by the USCG D9 DRAT to the CCG when they become available.

Update on Joint Plan

- Joint Contingency Plan amendments were made and signed off in August 2016 by the Assistant Commissioner of the CCG and the Rear Admiral of the USCG. Link to CANUSLAK JRT website <https://www.uscg.mil/d9/D9Response/canuslakjrt.asp>

Oceans Protection Plan

- CCG presented an overview of the new Oceans Protection Plan (OPP). The main priorities of the OPP are:
 - Create world-leading marine safety system.
 - Preserve and restore marine ecosystems.
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Environment Canada Update

- Environment and Climate Change Canada reported the introduction of a national process for documentation and cataloging of environmental sensitivities, more details to come.
- In the future weather information from EC will be included with additional site specific detail. Two additional Emergency Operation Centers are being stood up in Montreal and Ottawa. Expected to be staffed and operational by September 2018.
- EC staff getting trained in ICS and working on a ICS field guide
- EC and MOE re-evaluating roles in relation to oil response duties
- New science initiatives include studying oil spill response and the impacts of dispersants
- George Long will continue to be our contact at EC.

MOEE Update

- New strategic plan being developed
- Reviewing notification process between MOEE, EC and Quebec.

Shell Sarnia Exercise October 16-20 2017

- Representative from Shell Corporation presented their plan for an exercise they will be hosting in the fall of 2017. All parties discussed how much involvement they would have on this trans-border exercise.
- USCG and CCG will be attending the net planning meeting on March 9th to further discuss roles in the exercise. CCG will represent EC interests at the meeting and report back to George Long.

NEB Update

- National Energy Board gave an update on its preparedness activities in the Great Lakes area. An additional tool is being added to the suite of compliance verification activities for emergency

management oversight. Implementation assessments will be conducted that look into specific component of a company's emergency management program and include verification with external parties, such as municipal first responders. This year's focus will be on the continuing education and liaison activities that are required under the *Onshore Pipeline Regulations*. They also noted that a Panel has been struck by the Federal Government to conduct a review of the National Energy Board's (NEB) structure, role and mandate under the *National Energy Board Act*.

Round Table Wrap Up

Those in attendance agreed that:

- We will have a joint Notification exercise annually.
- In the fall of 2017 we will have a conference call to discuss plans for additional exercises.

Next Meeting Jan/Feb 2018 tentatively planned to coincide with the 2018 Waterways Conference to be held in Cleveland, Ohio.