2016 US EPA Facility Response Plan Course
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Tuesday, October 11, 2016

8:00 am – 12:00 pm Oil Spill Response Drills and Exercise under the Facility Response Plan (FRP) Regulation (40 CFR part 112)

In 1994, EPA finalized the FRP regulation at 40 CFR part 112.20 and 112.21. Promulgated under the authority of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, the regulation requires certain facilities that pose the risk of substantial harm to the environment to prepare and submit plans to EPA to respond to a worst case discharge of oil. There are currently over 4,500 FRP plan holders nationally. FRPs are also required to be consistent with the National Contingency Plan (NCP) and the applicable Area Contingency Plans (ACP).

Section 112.21 of the FRP rule requires that regulated facilities implement a program of drills and exercises to practice and improve a facility’s readiness to respond to an oil discharge. EPA also verifies spill preparedness through unannounced exercises at FRP facilities.

The course will provide an overview of drill and exercise requirements contained under Section 112.21 of the FRP regulation. It also summarizes PREP guidelines (and upcoming revisions to the guidelines) that outline a framework for plan holder spill preparedness exercises. The course will then discuss EPA’s experience with performing government-initiated unannounced exercises (GIUEs), highlighting GIUE objectives and evaluation and finish with common problems observed during response drills and suggestions to improve preparedness.

Relevant Topic:
Oil Spill Preparedness: Drills and Exercises