



SAME NEW ENGLAND REGION
(Boston, Narragansett Bay, and Piscataqua Posts)
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE REPORT
JANUARY 2009

DEDICATED TO THE
NATIONAL DEFENSE

BACKGROUND: The Charter of the Readiness and Homeland Security (RHS) Committees of the New England Region is to provide the leadership, education and the capability to mobilize resources quickly and effectively throughout New England with a focus on the greater Boston, MA; Providence, RI; and Portsmouth, NH areas. We will strive to partner with community, state and Federal emergency management officials and disaster relief organizations to develop and improve plans and capabilities to respond to natural and man-made disasters and emergencies including acts of terrorism

The National Response Plan (NRP) has been revised and renamed the National Response Framework (NRF) to provide a more user-friendly document that is still in accordance with the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. It describes the mechanism and structure by which the Federal government mobilizes resources and conducts activities to address the consequences of any major disaster or emergency that overwhelms the capabilities of state and local governments. It focuses on the critical importance of planning, both parallel and concurrent, at all levels of government. The NRF is intended for executives and emergency management practitioners at all levels of government, as well as the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) with the following operational principles:

- Engaged partnerships
- Tiered response
- Scalable, flexible and adequate operational capabilities
- Unity of effort through unified command
- Readiness to act

The NRF states that an effective national response requires layered, mutually supporting capabilities. It affirms that States, Territories and Tribal Nations are primarily responsible for their citizens' safety and security. It expands its partners beyond the original NRP's signed agreement among 27 federal departments and agencies, including the American Red Cross. The NRF maintains and further clarifies some aspects of the types of federal response assistance that will likely be needed under 15 Emergency Support Functions (ESFs), each of which has a designated primary agency.

OBJECTIVES: The New England Region's Committees will strive to:

- Enhance awareness of Federal, state and local planning requirements and agency expectations
 - ✓ Keep emergency services in mind when planning future relief efforts.
 - ✓ Be aware of the tremendous resources that can be made available by SAME's sustaining members and other affiliated firms by developing, maintaining and sharing a database of key emergency response capabilities.
- Improve response time by SAME member firms with a focus on those holding active, relevant contracts.
 - ✓ Help them understand what, when, where, and how emergency support may be required.
 - ✓ Provide coordination between sustaining members and key response agencies to discuss common problems that will help reduce reorienting time and effort.
- Assist the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 1 in the execution of its mission with

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priority to the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) New England District (NAE) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 1.

- ✓ Provide **Public Works** and **Engineering** support to emergency response function (**ESF**) **3** (USACE).
- ✓ Provide **Oil and Hazardous Materials Response** and other **environmental** support to **ESF 10** (EPA).
- ✓ Provide support on a limited basis to the following **additional ESFs** (for specific **resources** / coordinating agency):
 - **1 (Transportation / DOT)** – provide support in the emergency operation of inland waterways, ports, and harbors, plus assistance in restoring transportation infrastructure.
 - **4 (Firefighting / Department of Agriculture)** – provide contracting services to urban and suburban firefighting forces to obtain heavy equipment and/or demolition services as needed to suppress disaster related fires.
 - **6 (Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing & Human Services / DHS, FEMA)** – provide potable water and ice for mass care and bulk distribution to disaster victims plus assistance in inspecting mass care shelter sites after the disaster to ensure suitability of facilities to safely shelter disaster victims and in constructing temporary shelter facilities, if necessary, in the disaster area.
 - **8 (Public Health & med svcs / Dept of Health & Human Svcs)** – provide technical assistance, equipment, and supplies in support of Health and Human Services to accomplish temporary restoration of damaged public utilities affecting public health.
 - **9 (Urban Search & Rescue / FEMA)** – provide trained structures specialists and System to Locate Survivors (STOLS) teams to supplement resources of Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) task forces and Incident Support Teams (ISTs), plus provide pre-disaster training for US&R task forces and IST structures specialists. The NRF expanded this scope to include Search & Rescue in Structure Collapse (Urban), Waterborne, Inland/Wilderness, and Aeronautical areas.
 - **12 (Energy / DoE)** – Coordinate emergency power team tasks with power-system restoration activities to assist in setting priorities, and ensure that time and resources are not wasted in providing support to a facility that is about to have its power restored
- ✓ SAME New England does **not** plan to support the remaining ESFs:
 - 2 (Communications / NCS)
 - 5 (Emergency Management. / FEMA)
 - 7 (Resource Support / GSA)
 - 11 (Agriculture & Natural Resources / Department of Agriculture)
 - 13 (Public Safety & Security / Department of Justice)
 - 14 (Long-Term Community Recovery / FEMA)
 - 15 (External Affairs / DHS)
- ✓ Provide life and major property protection support to Federal, state and local agencies if called upon prior to and following a major disaster.

Typical **ESF 3** missions in support of planning, preparedness, response, and recovery efforts by USACE include:

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- Emergency clearance and removal of debris
- Emergency contracting for humanitarian support (i.e., Ice and Water)
- Temporary housing
- Temporary roofing
- Temporary construction of access routes
- Emergency restoration of critical public facilities
- Demolition and/or stabilization of structures
- Technical assistance
- Damage survey reports
- Support to all other ESFs

Typical **ESF 10** missions in support of hazardous material (hazmat) releases and/or problems that are identified by EPA after the occurrence of an emergency response situation include:

- Staffing of pre-deployment teams (i.e., ROC, EST)
- Retrieving and disposing of orphan tanks and drums
- Household hazardous waste program expenditures
- Technical assistance to states
- Pumping of water contaminated with hazmat or oil
- Initial assessments to determine if an immediate health and safety threat exists
- Control and stabilization of releases of hazmat or oil
- Clean-up and disposal of hazmat necessary to mitigate immediate threats to health and safety
- Monitoring of immediate health and safety threats resulting from debris removal operations

APPROACH: In order to be as responsive and effective as possible, our joint RHS Committees will:

- Maintain a roster of members and agency representatives that are committed and available to support these efforts including current cell phone numbers that are tested at least once a year for notification purposes (latest membership list is included as Attachment 1)
- Ensure that key members are identified as primary points of contact (POCs) for each primary agency and that they understand key agencies' needs and which firms can support them (latest Emergency Response Support table is provided as Attachment 2)
- Participate in readiness exercises of USACE NAE, FEMA, and/or other key agencies
- Brief the general membership at one Post meeting per year on the Committee's responsibilities to provide this support

NAE will in turn:

- Keep all three New England Region posts informed of changes to the NRF and ESFs
- Invite posts to participate in readiness exercises as applicable.
- Inform other agencies of the RHS Committees' capabilities to support emergency response needs mainly via USACE

All requests for support and assistance will come through NAE of the USACE North Atlantic Division (NAD). Each Post President or designated Vice President will notify the Regional Readiness Rep and their Post's RHS Committee Chair of potential emergency response needs. Based on mission requirements, the Committee Chair will notify the applicable POC(s) with the requisite expertise and/or agency contacts. That POC will maintain a list of members and firms that are capable and available to support designated tasks.

The RHS Committee will periodically contact Federal, state, and local agencies in order to perform a gap analysis that will be used to revise its prioritized support to the various ESFs as it strives to best to meet emergency management requirements. This collaboration will focus on those agencies identified in Attachment 2 that have active and relevant contracts with SAME New England sustaining member firms.

**SAME New England Region
Readiness & Homeland Security (RHS) Committees
Membership**
(Attachment 1 to Disaster Preparedness & Response Report)
As of January 2009

<u>Company / Organization</u>	<u>Representatives (Rank, Service / Position)</u>	<u>Phone, Cell or (Office)</u>	<u>ICS *</u>
<u>Committee Members:</u>			
<u>Region</u>			
Fed Emerg Mgmt Agency (FEMA) Region 1	Dan McElhinney (COL, USAR / Natl Preparedness Div. Director)	617-894-7002	1,2,7,8
FEMA Region 1	Gary Stanley (COL, USA / Defense Coordinating Officer)	210-247-8968	1,2,7,8
Perini Corporation	Mike Bradbury (LTC, USA, Ret / New England Region Rep)	978-609-4455	1
<u>Boston Post</u>			
General Electric	Andrew Balter (MAJ, USMCR)	917-623-7651	1,2,7
James Kerr & Associates	Jim Kerr	978-869-7705	1
Mass. Emergency Mgmt Agency (MEMA)	David Glazebrook (Operations Manager)	508-820-2019 (O)	1,2,7,8
URS Corporation	Scott Tezak	617-640-1822	1,2,7,8
US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	Dave Schafer (New England District Readiness Branch Chief)	978-502-0976	1,2,7,8
Weston Solutions	Tony Riccio (Boston Cmte Chair)	508-930-4597	1
<u>Narragansett Bay Post</u>			
US Coast Guard (USCG) CEU Providence	Mike Carosotto (CDR, USCG / Commanding Officer)	401-736-1777 (O)	1,2
USCG CEU Providence	Jason Kremer (LCDR, USCG / Narragansett Cmte Chair)	401-829-5181	1,2,7,8
<u>Piscataqua Post</u>			
ENPRO	Geoff Brown	978-465-1595 (O)	1
Nobis Engineering	Mark Bouvier	603-305-6704	1
THA Architects	Sean Norton (Piscataqua Cmte Chair)	603-682-4016	1,2,7
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<u>Sub-Committee Members:</u>			
<u>Region</u>			
US Env Protection Agency (EPA) Region 1	Art Johnson (Emergency Response & Removal Team Mgr)	617-918-1251 (O)	
<u>Boston Post</u>			
Alpha Analytical Labs	Glen Breland	508-380-8136	
CH2M Hill	Bob Beinstein	860-729-5651	
Consultant	Jack White	781-934-2925 (O)	
Fay, Spofford & Thorndike	Mike Govoni	781-221-1000 (O)	
Fay, Spofford & Thorndike	Mike Roache	617-462-2731	
Jacobs E&K	Mike Desrochers	603-493-4923	
Malcolm Pirnie	Joe Vitale	781-224-3033	
Mass Exec Office of Admin & Finance, OSD	Bob Irvine (Public Safety & HLS Procurement Manager)	617-720-3129 (O)	
Mass Executive Office of Trans (EOT)	Lorenzo Parra (Director, Security Planning & Emerg Preparedness)	617-248-2945 (O)	
Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport)	Catherine Obert (Security & Project Manager)	617-561-3423 (O)	
Nobis Engineering	Pete Delano	978-609-0891	
SAIC	Bernie Schricker	858-826-7222 (O)	
Shaw Group	Cosmo Gallinaro	617-416-4769	
TRC Solutions	Peter Spawn	978-866-2578	
<u>Narragansett Bay Post</u>			
H&S Environmental	Bill Naughton	508-269-5656	
<u>Piscataqua Post</u>			
US Navy (USN) Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	John Wyeth (Deputy Public Works Officer)	207-252-7015	
Watermark	Joe Spangenberg	978-265-2851	

* **Note:** Completed the following Incident Command System (ICS) courses: 1=100 (Full Committee min. requirement), 2=200, 7=700, 8=800

...The following will also be Cc'd on e-mail and participate when they can in RHS Committees' activities:

<u>Company / Organization</u>	<u>Emergency Response Representatives</u>
FEMA Region 1	Mark Gallagher (Operations Branch Chief), George Callahan (National Preparedness Branch Chief)
Fire Chiefs Assn & Town of Orleans, MA	Steve Edwards (Association President & Fire Chief)
Massachusetts National Guard (MANG)	Will Tyminski (LTC, MAARNG / Mobilization Readiness Branch Chief)
Massport	Bob Donahue (Fire Chief & Emergency Manager)
USACE New England District (NAE)	Dick Carlson (Construction-Operations Div Chief), Farrell McMillan (Engineering Div Chief), Sheila Winston-Vincuilla (Contracting Officer), Scott Acone (Urban Search & Rescue/Struc. Engr)
USCG Prevention Office Boston	Tom Miller (CDR, USCG / Prevention Department Chief)
USCG Academy	Scott Gesele (CDR, USCG / Facility Engineer)
<u>Other SAME Members</u>	
EA Engineering	Dick Waterman (New England Regional Vice President)
Haley & Aldrich	Brad Miller (Boston Post)
TRC Solutions	Mike Diggin (Boston Post)
USACE NAE	Dave Margolis (Boston Post President)

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Emergency Response Support Table
(Attachment 2 to Disaster Preparedness & Response Report)
As of January 2009

Supported Agencies		RHS Committees POCs		Contract Vehicles	
Organization	POC	Primary	Alternate	Primary	Other
Federal					
EPA Region 1	Art Johnson	Pete Delano (Nobis)	Jim Kerr (James Kerr & Associates)	Remedial Action Contract (Nobis)	RAC (Metcalf & Eddy) START (Weston Solutions) ERRS (ENPRO)
FEMA Region 1	Dan McElhinney	Scott Tezak (URS)	Cosmo Gallinaro (Shaw Group)	Public Assistance Technical Assist. Contract (URS)	Individual Assist. TAC (Shaw) Hazard Mitigation TAP (URS) Tech. Assist, Research (URS)
USACE New England District	Dave Schaefer	Tony Riccio (Weston Solutions)	Joe Vitale (Malcolm Pirnie)	Remedial Action Contract (Weston Solutions)	MARC (Cabrera, Charter)
US Coast Guard Providence	CDR Mike Carosotto	Bill Naughton (H&S Environmental)	LCDR Jason Kremer (CEU Providence)	Environmental Services Contract (H&S Environmental)	Enviro Svcs (Watermark) A-E Services (URS)
US NAVFAC Portsmouth	John Wyeth	Joe Spangenberger (Watermark)	Sean Norton (THA Architects)	Environmental Services Contract (Watermark)	A-E Services (Various firms)
State					
Mass. Executive Office of Admin & Finance, Operational Svcs Division	Bob Irvine	Bernie Schricker (SAIC)	Mike Bradbury (Perini)	Hazardous Incident Response Contract (SAIC)	Hazardous Incident Response Contract (Various firms)
Mass. Executive Office of Transportation (MBTA, MHD, MTA)	Lorenzo Parra	Peter Spawn (TRC Solutions)	Mike Desrochers (Jacobs)	General Engineering (On-Call) Contracts (TRC Solutions)	General Engineering (On-Call) Contracts (Jacobs)
Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport)	Catherine Obert	Mike Roache (FST)	Mike Govoni (FST)	A-E Services (On-Call) Contracts (FST)	A-E Services (On-Call) Contracts (Jacobs)