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The National Response System

**Integration of Contingency Plans under the
National Contingency Plan**

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National Oil & Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP)

- NCP describes the national preparedness and response system for oil and hazardous materials
 - Includes chemical, biological, and radiological releases to the environment
 - Both accidental and intentional (including terrorist) releases
- NCP is a regulation found in 40 CFR 300 and administered by the EPA



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EPA Regions and Regional Contingency Plans



Area Contingency Plans (ACPs)

- USCG ACPS based on “Captain of the Port” zones
- EPA ACPs initially based on Regional boundaries, expanding into high risk areas, and watersheds

Elements of an ACP

- Description of geographic area covered
 - Areas of economic or environmental importance that might be damaged by discharge

Elements of an ACP

- Description of responsibilities of owner, operator, Federal, State or local agency to:
 - Remove a discharge
 - Mitigate or prevent a substantial threat

Elements of an ACP

- List of equipment (including fire fighting), dispersants, devices and personnel available to remove discharge or mitigate substantial threat
 - May reference information in State or LEPC plans.

Elements of an ACP

- Description of procedures for obtaining expedited approval for use of dispersants (NCP Subpart J).
- Description of how ACP is integrated with other ACPs and tank vessel, offshore facility and on-shore facility plans (FRPs)

Annex: Fish and Wildlife and Sensitive Environments Plan

- Provide for coordinated, immediate and effective protection, rescue and minimization of risk of injury to fish and wildlife resources and habitat.

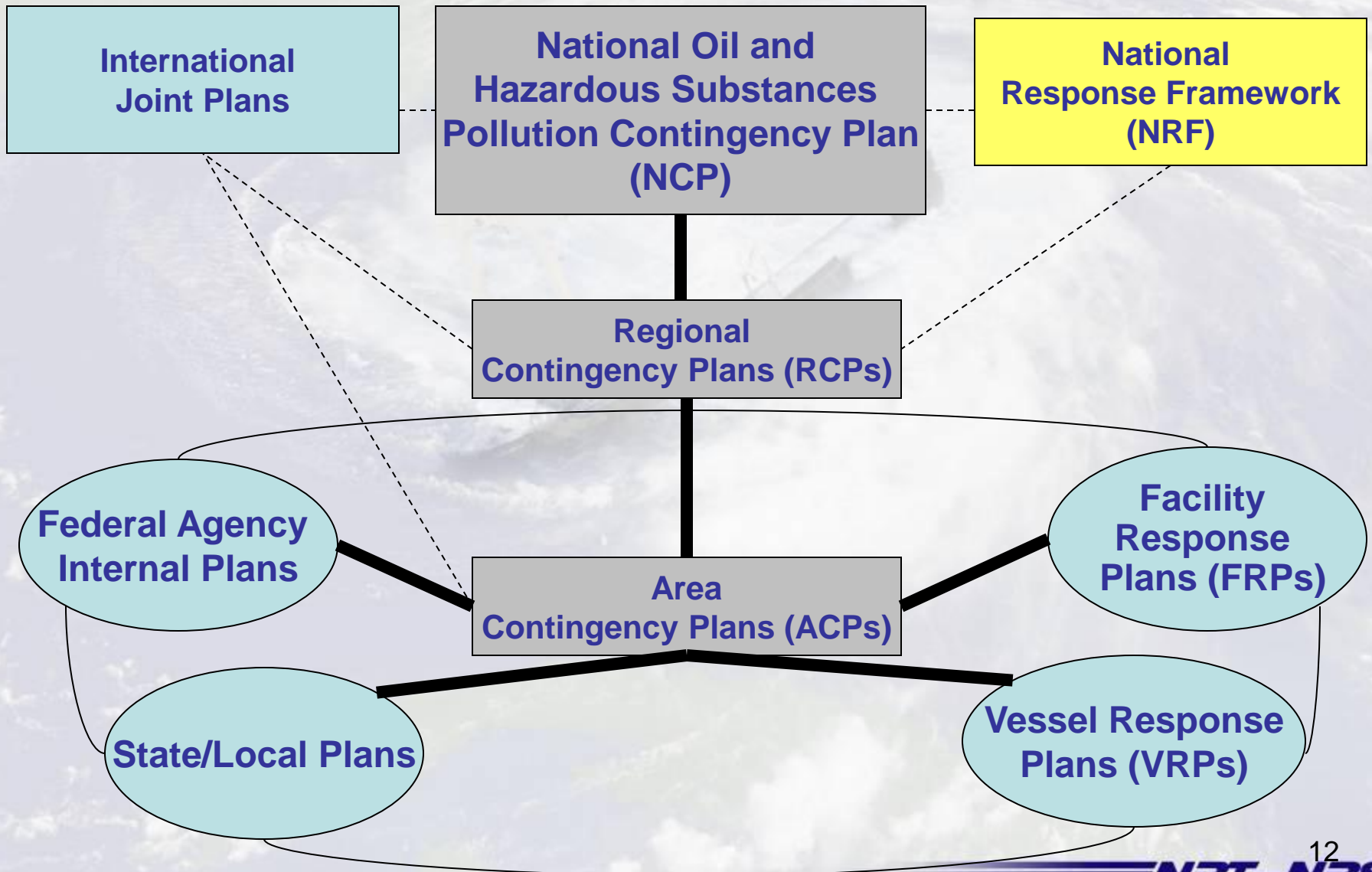
Drills

- The OSC periodically shall conduct drills of removal capability (including fish and wildlife response capability), without prior notice, in areas for which ACPs are required by §300.210(c) and under relevant tank vessel and facility response plans.

Private Sector Plan That Support ACPs

- Facility Response Plans and Vessel Response Plans required by OPA
- Risk Management Plans required by the Clean Air Act
- Oil Spill Response Plans required for offshore operators regulated by BOEMRE

Integration of Plans under the NCP



Efforts to Integrate Private Sector Plans at the Facility Level

- National Response Team's Integrated Contingency Planning Guidance
 - The One Plan Project: Consolidated all major Federal contingency planning requirements into one response oriented format
- E-Plan: Secure, web based chemical facility information system for first responders



Questions ?