

# Agency Engagement Through Liaison

**San Joaquin County OSPR Overview**

**April 4, 2024**

**Jenna Driscoll**



# Outline

**OSPR's Liaison Unit**



**Liaison Role**



**Standard ICS vs Oil Spill ICS**



**AREP Responsibilities**



**Helping Each Other**

# OSPR's Liaison Unit

**Assistant Deputy Administrator  
Amir Sharifi**

**Liaison Corps**

**Liaison Officer**



**Jenna Driscoll**  
Senior Environmental  
Scientist (Specialist)

**Tribal Liaison**



**Cindy Murphy**  
Staff Services Manager I  
(Specialist)

**Local Government  
ALOF / VUL**



**Andrea Moore**  
Staff Services Manager I  
(Specialist)

# What We Do: Spill Response

## USCG IMH 6-5

Serve as the primary coordinator for the liaison network, including AREPs and state, tribal, and local governments.

Conduit of information and assistance between organizations.

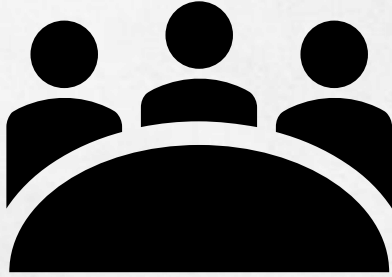
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The LOFR is responsible for effectively coordinating with participating organizations and stakeholders in support of the incident.

**Keep stakeholders, tribes, and the public informed.**

# Liaison Responsibilities

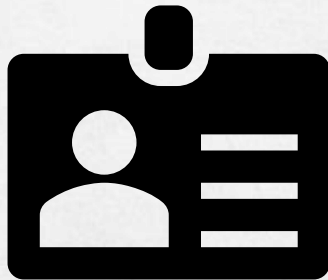
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**Communicate with AREPs  
and Stakeholders**



**Email / Contact List  
Management**



**VIP Tours**



**Tribal Outreach**

# Communicating with AREPs, Tribes, & Stakeholders

## Written Updates



Liaison Update #27  
Date: 11/22/21

OES Report # 21-5446; NRC Report # 1318463

### INCIDENT INFORMATION

Name of Incident: Pipeline P00547 Incident  
Location: Orange County, San Diego County  
Product details: Crude Oil  
Incident Website: [www.socalspillresponse.com](http://www.socalspillresponse.com)

**\*Note: Please reference the ICS 209-CG distributed by the incident daily for oil spill status, updated response resources, oiled wildlife impacts, and other vital response information.**

Update is current as of 1400 today (Major changes are in blue below)

- Response vessels and overflights have not observed a sheen since Saturday's report. No sheens had been observed prior to Saturday's report, and previous assessments had not observed oil droplets on the wrap. A new wrap with an epoxy-type sealant was installed on Saturday. Monitoring is ongoing to ensure effectiveness. A work barge with oil spill response resources will remain on-scene for the coming days as an additional contingency. While no shoreline impacts are expected from the sheen, out of an abundance of caution, USCG and OSPR pollution responders will survey shorelines that had received signoff last week to ensure they continue to meet cleanup endpoints.
- Amplify has submitted the required proposed repair plan to PHMSA for approval. PHMSA, along with a third-party technical team, is reviewing the repair plan proposal and is expected to make a determination within the coming week.
- Seafood sampling update: DEHAA expects to receive the final results from the lab the week after Thanksgiving and will prioritize the risk assessment. If the assessment indicates there is no risk to public health, CDFW is prepared to lift the closure as soon as possible. Based on this updated timeline, it is possible a recommendation may not be made until the first week of December.

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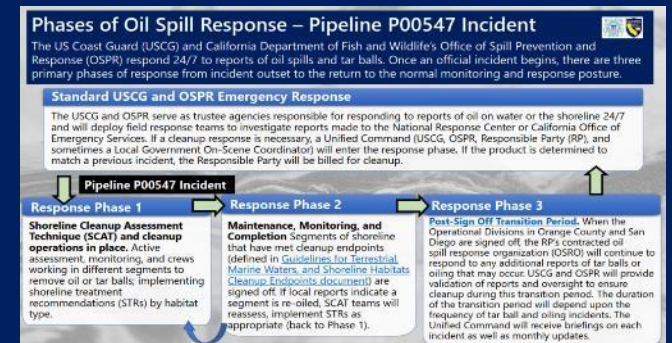
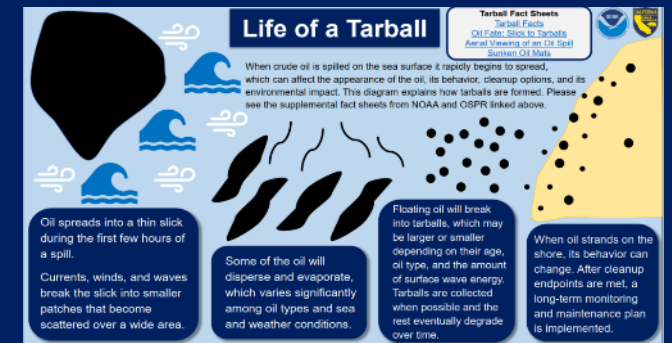
#### Unified Command

The Unified Command continues its response to a crude oil spill in the vicinity of Orange and San Diego Counties. The Unified Command is comprised of representatives of the United States Coast Guard (USCG), California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (CDFW-OSPR), County of Orange, County of San Diego, and Amplify Energy. The

## Briefings



## Fact Sheets



Where do I go? Who do I talk to?

Stakeholder

Liaison

LGOSC

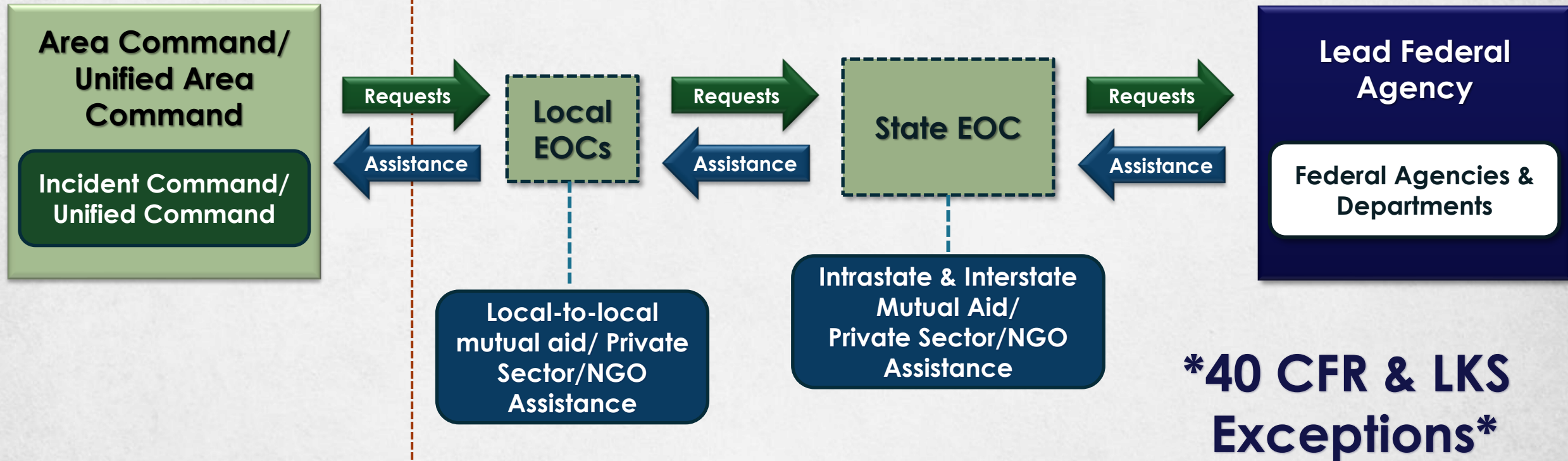
Agency  
Representatives



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Coordination



# The Oil Spill Exception

## NIMS Guidance 2017 Chapter III: Section F

“Some Federal agencies (USCG/EPA, etc.) have statutory responsibility for response and *may coordinate and/or integrate directly* with affected jurisdictions.”



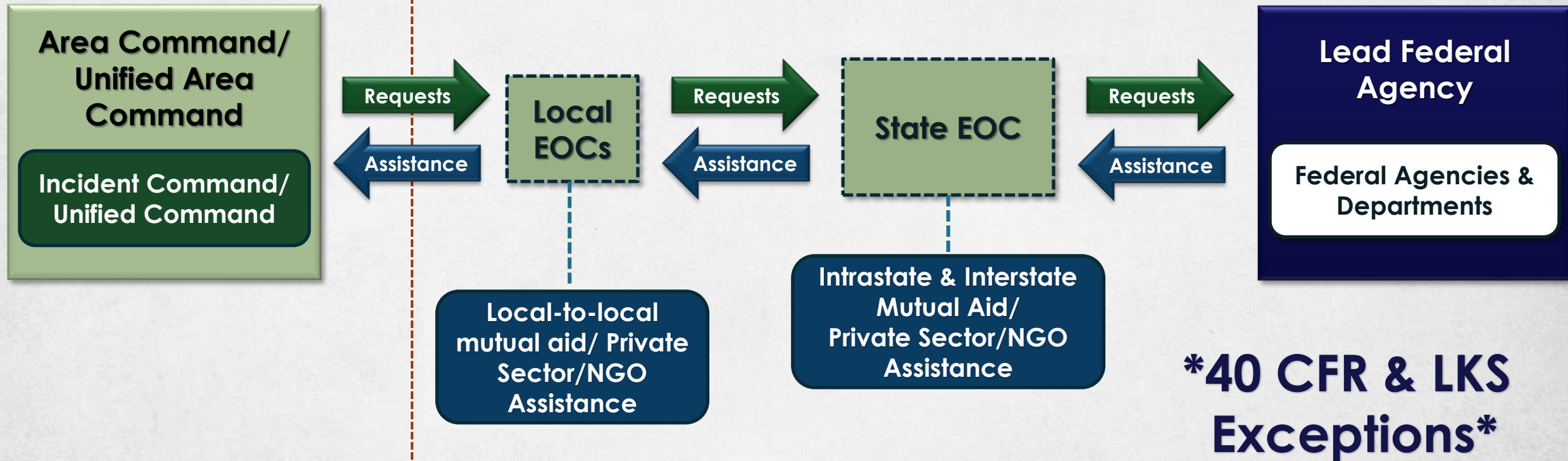
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Regulations (40 CFR)

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Prevention and Response Act

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EOCs



State EOC



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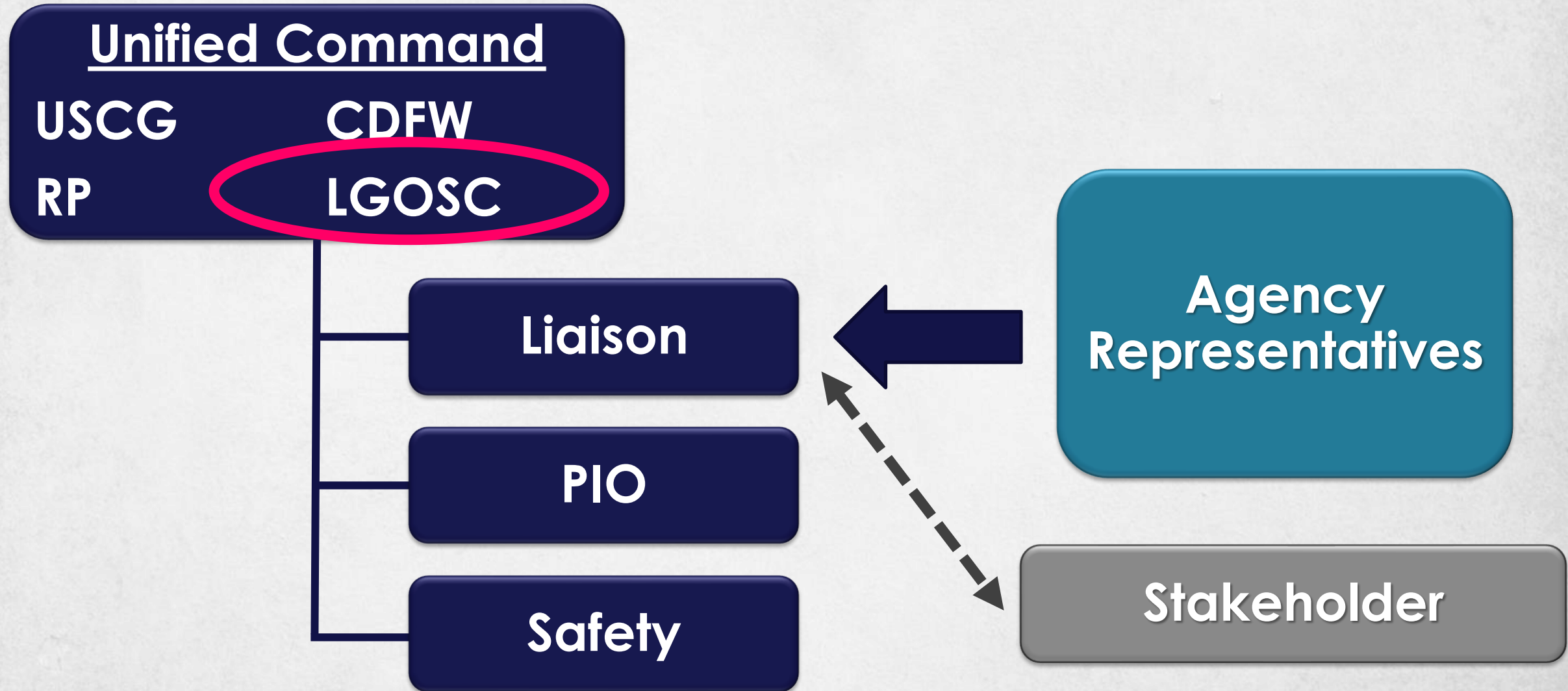
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# Agency Engagement within ICS (spill response)



# LGOSC vs. AREP vs. Stakeholder

## LGOSC

From a local agency with jurisdiction

Provides resources

Within Unified Command

Represents ALL jurisdictions (cities, counties, etc.)

## AREP

From an agency

Provides resources

Engages through Liaison

Represents their own agency

**\*Has decision-making authority for their agency\***

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**Provides resources**



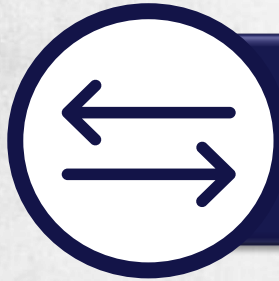
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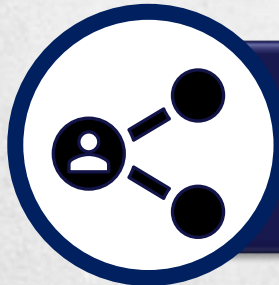
# AREP Responsibilities



**Two-way source of information**



**Communicate agency concerns to Liaison**



**Coordinate agency resources**

## Initial Actions

- Sign-in at ICP
- Sign-in with LOFR
- Visit Situation Unit
- Discuss agency concerns and resources with LOFR
- Provide LOFR with your stakeholders' contact information
- Ask if reimbursement process has been established



# *Office of Spill Prevention and Response*

## **Third Party Claim Process:**

### **Oil Spill Cost Recovery Procedures for State and Local Government Agencies**

The Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) is the lead agency in responding to oil spills in waters of the state. Generally, the State and Local government agencies perform removal actions under the direction of the Incident's Unified Command. Working within the Incident Command System (ICS) structure, OSPR can assist State and Local agencies to recover their response costs.

**Responsible Party Funds** - In most cases, responsible parties are held liable for all damages and costs incurred as a result of an oil pollution incident. In the event a responsible party (RP) is designated and accepts responsibility to pay spill response costs, then State and Local agencies should seek reimbursement directly from the RP. In some instances, these costs may be coordinated through OSPR.

# How LOFR Helps AREPs & Stakeholders



**Keeps AREPs Informed**

**Provides information to  
your stakeholders**

**Elevates agency  
concerns to UC**

**Hosts VIP tours**

**Facilitates integration  
into response positions**

# How AREPs & Stakeholders Can Help LOFR

## During a Spill

Work through  
LGOSC/County  
ALOF

Access to local  
resources

Local knowledge  
and technical  
expertise

Identify  
stakeholders

Situational  
awareness

Participate  
Remotely



# How AREPs & Stakeholders Can Help LOFR

## Before a Spill

Engage with Area Committee

Local Contingency Plans

Participate in drills (internal and industry)

ICS Training



# Questions and Contact Information

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