

Caribbean Regional Response Team, Spring Meeting
San Juan, Puerto Rico
May 19-21, 2026

Agenda

Tuesday, May 19, 2026		
Time (AST)	Topic	Presenters
0730-0830	Westin Frenchman's Reef- Set up/IT check	
0830-0930	Area Committee Sign-In located in Ballroom Lighthouse 1-4	
0930-1100	Sector San Juan Area Committee Meeting	Sector San Juan Area Committee Meeting Members
1100-1200	Lunch	
1200-1300	CRRT Sign-In located in Harbor View Room #4	Start of the CRRT Meeting
1330-1400	Opening Remarks	Rich Lavigne (USCG) & Shawna Hoppe (USEPA)
1400-1415	Sector San Juan FOSC Brief	FOSC
1415-1430	Break	
1430-1530	Virgin Islands State Historic Preservation Office (VISHP)	Sean Krigger, USVI DPNR, VISHP Director
1530-1545	Break	
1545-1700	Dispersant Use Refresher & Facilitated Discussion: - Dispersant Use 101 Panel Discussion - Dispersant Use Facilitated TTX	OSRO/SSC/NSF
1700	Closing Remarks-Networking Event at The Lobby Bar at Westin's Frenchman's Reef	Rich Lavigne (USCG) & Shawna Hoppe (USEPA)

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0830-0900	Westin Frenchman's Reef-Sign-In located in Ballroom Lighthouse 1-4	
0900-0915	Opening Remarks	Rich Lavigne (USCG) & Shawna Hoppe (USEPA)
0915-0930	Co-Chair Reports	Rich Lavigne (USCG) & Shawna Hoppe (USEPA)
0930-1015	EPA On-Scene Coordinator - EPA Caribbean Environmental Protection Division (CEPD) efforts regarding H recollection done during hurricanes - Case Study on active Caribbean removal sites	Eduardo Ortiz, On-Scene Coordinator, USEPA
0945-1015	Sub-Committee Briefs - Debris Management Subcommittee - CRRT Policies and Procedures Subcommittee - Li-ion Battery Response Subcommittee	Chairs: Eduardo Gonzalez (EPA), George Patrick (DPNR), Akeem Charleswell (VIWMA), Denise E. H. Lewis (VIWMA), Lori Ann Loughran (USCG), Carl Pellegrino (EPA), Felix Lopez (FWS), Brad Benggio (NOAA), & Eric Daly (USEPA)
1015-1030	Break	
10:30-1130	Marine Debris Program	Yaritza Rivera-Torres (NOAA) & Allyssa Zebrowski (NOAA)
1130-1245	Lunch	
1245-1345	Caribbean Disaster Preparedness & Recovery - Disaster Debris (Vegetative, HHW, and others) - Considerations of Air Curtain Incinerators - Medical Waste Debris Management -Status of hospitals acquiring autoclaves - Are USVI & Puerto Rico agencies prepared to manage future disaster events?	VITEMA, USVI DPNR, PREMB, PR DNER, PR DOH, and other participating agencies
1345-1530	PR/USVI Reports - Puerto Rico - PREMB, PR DNER, PR DOH - USVI - USVI DPNR, VITEMA - USVI Tier II Report	PREMB, PR DNER, PR DOH, USVI DPNR, and VITEMA
1530-1545	Break	
1545-1700	Public Affairs Training	USCG Public Information Assistance Team
1700	Closing Remark- End of the CRRT Meeting	Rich Lavigne (USCG) & Shawna Hoppe (USEPA)

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Time (AST)	Topic	Presenter
0730-0830	Westin Frenchman's Reef-Sign-In located in Ballroom Lighthouse 1-4	
0800-0815	Welcome / Introductions	Keith Glenn (USEPA) & Steve Simonetti (USEPA)
0815-0830	Lithium-ion Battery Response Considerations	
0830-0845		
0845-0915		
0915-0930	Break	
0930-1015		
1015-1100		
1100-1115	Break	
1115-1215		
1215-1330	Lunch	
1330-1500		
1500-1530	Break	Travel to Fire Station for Battery Burn Demonstration
1530-1700	Lithium-ion Battery Burn Demonstration Fortuna Fire Station - Tango Company, 8-1 Fortuna Rd, Fortuna, St Thomas 00802	Keith Glenn (USEPA) & Steve Simonetti (USEPA)