

Caribbean Regional Response Team, Spring Meeting
 St. Thomas, USVI
 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPA Caribbean Environmental Protection Division (CEPD) efforts regarding HHM collection done during hurricanes • Case Study on active Caribbean removal sites • WBC Pre-deployment 	Carlos Huertas, On-Scene Coordinator, USEPA Eduardo Ortiz, On-Scene Coordinator, USEPA
0945-1015	Sub-Committee Briefs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debris Management Subcommittee • CRRT Policies and Procedures Subcommittee • Li-ion Battery Response Subcommittee 	Chairs: Eduardo Gonzalez (EPA), George Patrick (DPR), 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	NOAA Marine Debris Program, NOAA Office of Response & Restoration Program, and NOAA Southeast & Caribbean Region Team Program Resources	Yaritza Rivera-Torres (NOAA)
1130-1245	Lunch	
1245-1345	Caribbean Disaster Preparedness & Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disaster Debris (Vegetative, HHW, and others) • Considerations of Air Curtain Incinerators • Medical Waste Debris Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Status of hospitals acquiring autoclaves - Are USVI & Puerto Rico agencies prepared to manage future disaster events? • Puerto Rico Disaster Research Network 	VITEMA, USVI DPR, PREMB, PR DNER, PR DOH, and other participating agencies Sara Belligoni (Emergency Management at CUNY John Jay College) Fernando Rivera (UCF Puerto Rico Research Hub)
1345-1530	PR/USVI Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puerto Rico <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PREMB, PR DNER, PR DOH • USVI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ USVI DPR, VITEMA ○ USVI Tier II Report 	PREMB, PR DNER, PR DOH, USVI DPR, 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		
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0730-0830	Westin Frenchman's Reef-Sign-In located in Ballroom Lighthouse 1-4	
0800-0815	Welcome / Introductions	Keith Glenn (USEPA) & Steve Simonetti (USEPA)
0815-915	Lithium-ion Battery Response Considerations: Classroom	Keith Glenn (USEPA) & Steve Simonetti (USEPA)
0915-0930	Break	
0930-1100	Lithium-ion Battery Response Considerations: Classroom	Eddie Murphy (US Department of Transportation) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration (PHMSA)
1100-1115	Break	
1115-1215	Lithium-ion Battery Response Considerations: Classroom	Keith Glenn (USEPA) & Steve Simonetti (USEPA)
1215-1330	Lunch	
1330-1500	Lithium-ion Battery Response Considerations: Classroom	Keith Glenn (USEPA) & Steve Simonetti (USEPA)
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)