

# May 2026 Caribbean Regional Response Team Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2026



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# Sector San Juan Area Committee Meeting

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### 08:00-12:00

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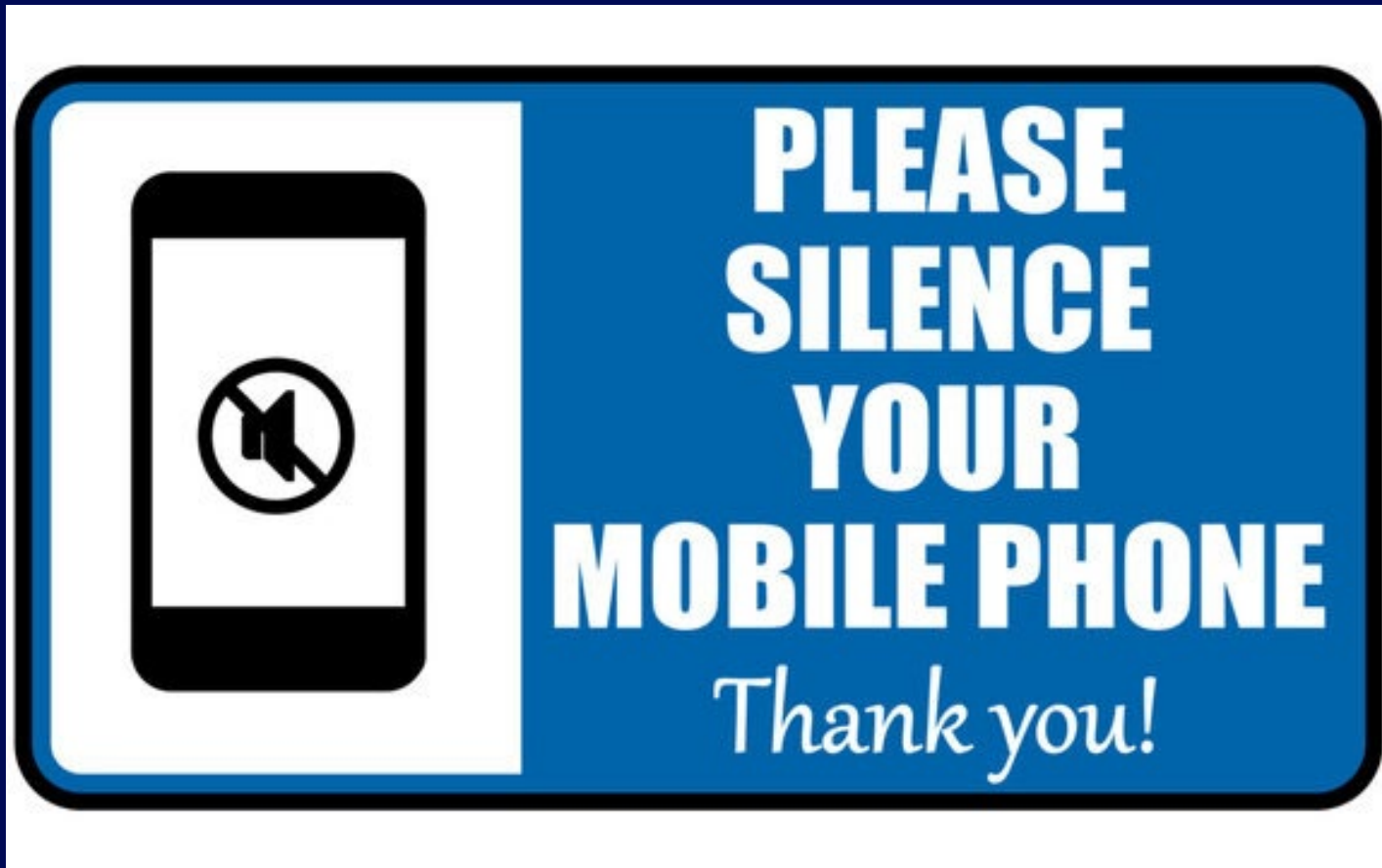
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<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
8:00-08:30	Registration	
08:30	Commence Meeting	LCDR Rodriguez, USCG
08:40	Opening & Introductions	USCG EPA
09:00	ACP / Review	USCG
09:20	Area Committee Establishment	USCG/EPA/PR/USVI State Reps
09:30	New Business/Open Floor	USCG EPA State Reps
09:40	Break	10 minutes
09:50	Oil Spill Risk Assessment, St. Thomas- Part 2	USCG
11:50	Closing Remarks	USCG/EPA

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## Opening/ Introductions

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## Area Contingency Plan Overview

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## Area Committee Establishment

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## New Business/Open Floor

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## Oil Spill Risk Assessment, St. Thomas-Part 2

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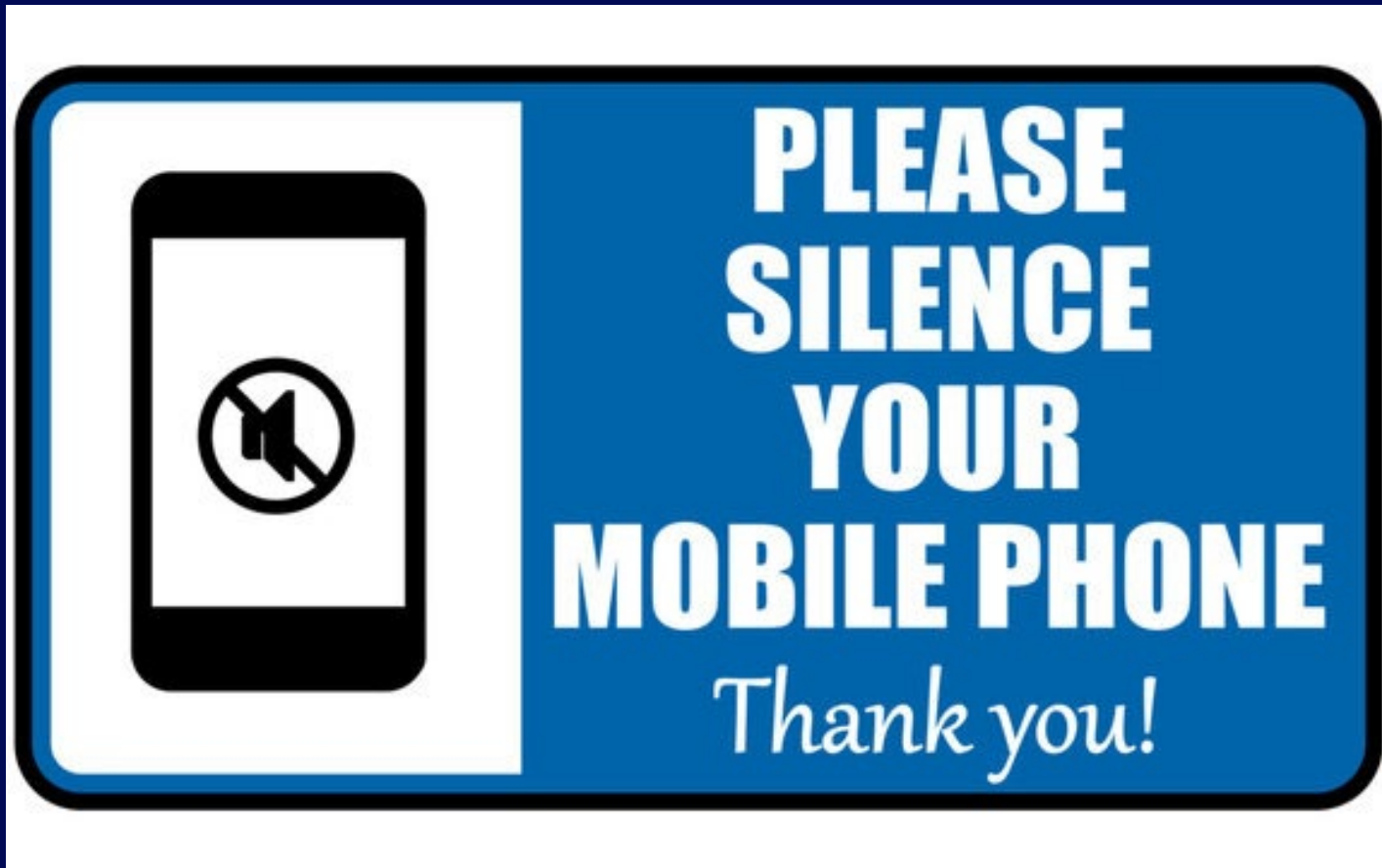
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## Facilitators

TJ James, USCG Southeast District, CRRT Coordinator  
Carl Pellegrino, USEPA Region 2, CRRT Alternate Coordinator  
Hector Rodriguez, Weston Solutions  
Eric Daly, USEPA Region 2, CRRT Coordinator

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## Introductions

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## Sector San Juan FOSC Report

Lukas Rodriguez, USCG Sector San Juan

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## Federal Agency Reports

US Environmental Protection Agency Region 2

US Coast Guard

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

US Department of Interior

US Department of Transportation

US Army Corp of Engineers

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Other Federal Agencies in Attendance

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## Federal Agency Reports

- Significant Events or Incidents Over the Past Few Months
- Upcoming Training or Exercises Open to Outside Organizations
  - Ongoing or Future Planning Activities
- Any Significant Organizational or Personnel Changes for CRRT Awareness

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## State Agency Reports

Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA)

USVI Department of Planning & Natural Resources (DPNR)

Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority (VIWMA)

Virgin Islands Department of Health (VIDOH)

Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency Medical Services (VIFEMS)

Puerto Rico Department of Natural & Environmental Resources (DNER)

Puerto Rico Department of Health (PRDOH)

Puerto Rico Emergency Management Bureau (PREMB)

Other State Agencies in Attendance

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## USVI Tier II Report

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## Dispersants

Brad Benggio (NOAA)  
CWO Richard Baynor (NSF)

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# May 2026 Caribbean Regional Response Team Meeting Networking Event @ The Lobby Bar-6:00 PM



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## CRRT Subcommittee Briefs

### Li-ion Battery Response Subcommittee

Keith Glenn (EPA), Steve Simonetti (EPA), Brad Benggio (NOAA),  
Eddie Murphy (DOT), and Eric Daly (EPA)

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# Lithium-Ion Battery Response Subcommittee

## ***Mission Statement:***

*The mission of the Lithium-Ion Battery Response Subcommittee is to enhance responder awareness and environmental protection by providing the response community with essential knowledge and tools necessary to effectively manage lithium-ion battery incidents. Initiatives include development of training opportunities, response best practices, safety protocols, identification of specific risks to responders, and guidance documents. These resources will enable CRRT members to determine response considerations and address the risks associated with lithium-ion technology as society increasingly shifts towards electrification. By fostering collaboration among stakeholders, members aim to empower planners and responders to safeguard lives, property, and the environment in the face of this emerging threat.*

*The CRRT Co-Chairs and Coordinators view this subcommittee as a pivotal resource for consolidating information generated within the Caribbean into a unified reference point for CRRT members.*

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## CRRT Subcommittee Briefs

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	ORGANIZATION
Angelie	Álvarez	PR DNER
Brad	Benggio	NOAA
Eric	Daly	USEPA Region 2
Kevin	Delande	Virgin Island Fire Service
Roger	Fernandez	USEPA HQ
Keith	Glenn	USEPA Region 2
Julyn	Henry	VITEMA
Carlos	Huertas	USEPA Region 2
Daryl	Jaschen	VITEMA
Eddie	Murphy	US DOT
Clara	Padovani-Rivera	GENERA-PR
George	Patrick	USVI DPNR
Steve	Simonetti	USEPA Region 2

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## CRRT Subcommittee Briefs

- EPA Lithium-ion Battery Response Training
  - Planning future Li-ion Response Training events
    - GENERA: EPA and GENERA have initiated the planning of a training event tailored for GENERA personnel and emergency responders with concentration on their Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).
    - On May 21, 2026, EPA will hold the Li-ion Response Training event following the St. Thomas CRRT meeting. (Keith Glenn & Steve Simonetti)
    - Please contact Eric Daly, Carl Pellegrino, Keith Glenn, and Steve Simonetti with requests for future training sessions.
  - Potential Tabletop Exercise with Sector San Juan, the territory, port partners, and other stakeholders regarding a LIB event at a port/vessel.

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## CRRT Subcommittee Briefs

### Subcommittee to identify and prioritize deliverables

- Job Aids/ Fact Sheets
- Response Plans
  - Industrial and Residential
  - School Solar Farm/BESS
  - USACE Li-ion Battery involvement during Stafford Act Response
- Disposal Plans

EPA, USCG, DNER/DPNR, Port Authorities, shipping companies, and others coming together to discuss disposal options on the islands. A product would be a debris management plan that can be used as an annex to existing plans.
- Annex for Contingency Plans
- Tabletop Exercise

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## Li-ion Vessel Response Li-ion Battery Job Aid

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Brad Benggio (NOAA)

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## Royal Caribbean Cruise Line Li-ion Battery Case Study

Arthur Loughran (Royal Caribbean Cruise Line)  
Ravo Mehta (Royal Caribbean Cruise Line)

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## NOAA Marine Debris Program & Disaster Preparedness Program

Yaritza Rivera-Torres (NOAA)

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## Puerto Rico Disaster Research Network

Sara Belligoni (Emergency Management at CUNY)  
Fernando Rivera (UCF Puerto Rico Research Hub)

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## Public Affairs Training USCG Public Information Assistance Team

Ryan Fischer (USCG)

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## USCG National Strike Force Capabilities Brief

Edgar Martir (USCG)

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## Joyce Stanley Retirement Gift



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# May 2026 Li-ion Battery Response Consideration

Thursday, May 21, 2026



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