

# Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC) report 2025 - Caribbean Regional Response Team (CRRT) Meeting

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# Welcome and Introduction

- Welcome to the CRRT Meeting.
- Area Committee Objective: To enhance interagency coordination, discuss regional response strategies, and provide ACP updates, training / exercises for the region.

AREA COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION.	
Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Resources (DPNR)	Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DRNA)
Caribbean Regional Response Team (CRRT)	USVI Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA)
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	U.S Fish and Wildlife (USFWS)
Environmental Protection Agency (Region II)	U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Juan (SSJ)

# Overview of the Caribbean Regional Response Team (CRRT)

Area Committee participants	State Territory / OSRO/ Industry
Puerto Rico Ports Authority (PRPA)	MSRC
Island Point Terminal	Best Petroleum
Puma Energy	Clean Harbors
Puerto Rico Fire Department	Puerto Nuevo Terminal
Buckeye	Total Energies

# Role of the Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC)

- Directs and coordinates federal response efforts
- Works closely with state, local, territorial, and regional response teams.
- Tests and validates Area Contingency plans.
- Works with local stake holders to Identifies gaps in resources, capabilities, and training.
- Fosters a culture of continuous improvement

# 2025 FOSC Highlights

- Puerto Rico designation of State on-scene coordinator
- A partnership between Sector San Juan Incident Management Division (IMD) and Puerto Rico's DRNA resulted in the creation of an operation covering the entire coastline of Puerto Rico to identify pollution targets. The joint effort it resulted in the identification of seven vessels determined as derelict and potential candidates for state programs that encourage removal and/or reconditioning of the vessel

# Training, Exercises, and Readiness

- Risk assessment to develop an oil spill risk index for St. Thomas 2026.
- Oil spill functional exercise for St. Thomas schedule April 2027.
- USCG incorporate a drone team that could assist with aerial observation
- OSRO's equipment deployments participation

# Conclusion and Q&A

- Summary of key points discussed during the meeting.
- Open floor for questions, comments, and collaborative feedback.
- Thank you for your continued participation, partnership, and dedication to regional safety.