


# RRT Region 4 Ohio River Umbrella Plan

A large barge is shown on the Ohio River, carrying several smaller barges. The river is wide and calm, with a bridge visible in the background. The sky is overcast, and the water reflects the bridge and the barges.

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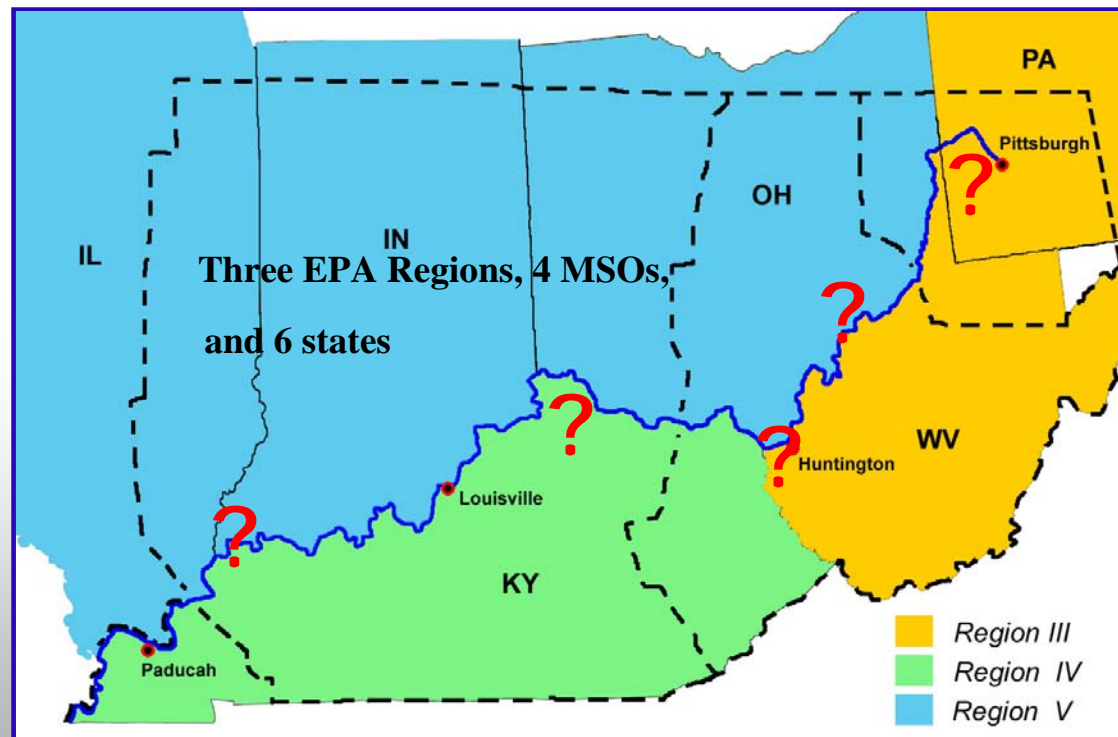


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# OSC Responsibilities Along the Ohio River



- Confusion relative to response authorities and jurisdictions along the Ohio River





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# Background on Reasons for an Ohio River Umbrella Plan



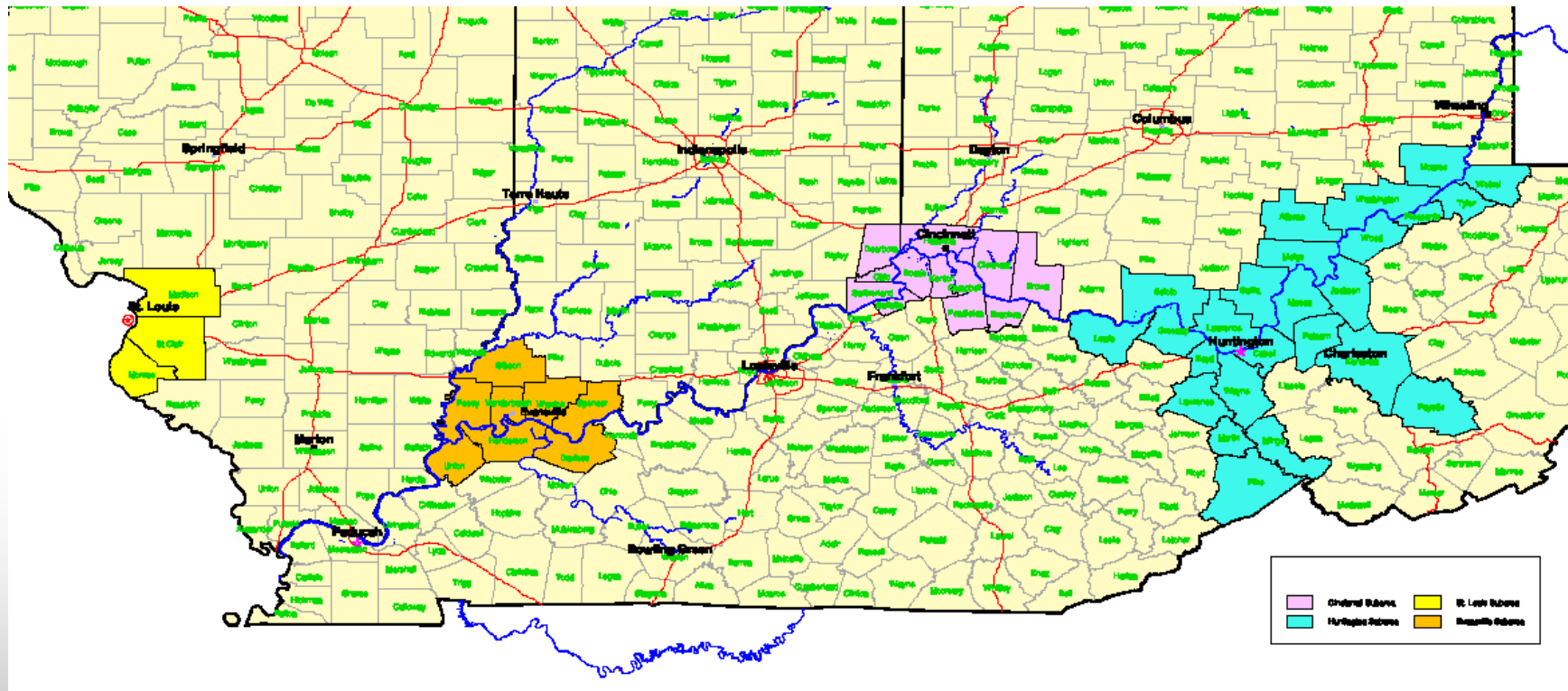
- Lack of clear picture as to “who’s in charge”?
- Existing sub-Area plans provide locally specific details and they are all developed using different formats
- Gaps exist where no sub-Area planning has been done





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# Existing Sub-Area Planning Along the Ohio River





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## Regional Response Team 4 Approach



- ◆ EPA Region 4 & Kentucky have primary jurisdiction for inland spills along more than 600 miles of the Ohio River
- ◆ In January 1993, RRT 4 commissioned development of an “umbrella document” to coordinate various Area Contingency Plans (ACPs) that currently exist along the Ohio River



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# The Draft Planning Document...



## The Draft Ohio River Umbrella Planning Document

- Developing a uniform policy document for the entire river
- Uses TAMS formatting
- Easy to Use
- Summarizes existing planning and protocols along Ohio R.
- Provides electronic links to background documentation and existing planning
- Bridges all planning documents for Ohio R.
- Identifies areas that need additional work or address

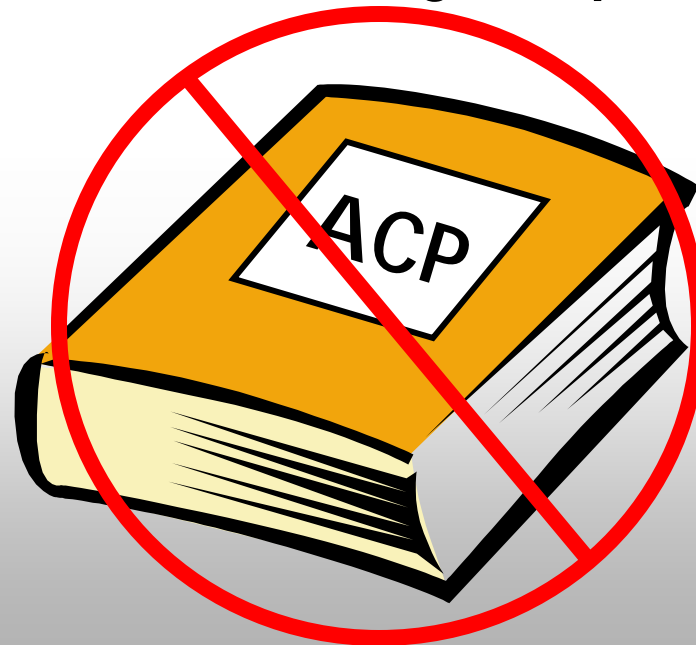


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# The Draft Planning Document...



- Is NOT A contingency plan.
- Does NOT replace any of the existing planning documents already in place for the area





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# The Document Summarizes...



- ❑ Response Authorities
- ❑ Roles and Responsibilities along the River for:
  - ◆ Federal Agencies
  - ◆ Natural Resource Trustees
  - ◆ State Agencies
  - ◆ Local Responders
  - ◆ Industry and Non-Profits (ORSANCO, Spill Co-ops. Etc.)
- ❑ Regional Response Requirements relative to:
  - ◆ Decanting, *In-Situ* Burning (I SB), Dispersants Use, Bioremediation, etc.





# Regional Contact Information Source



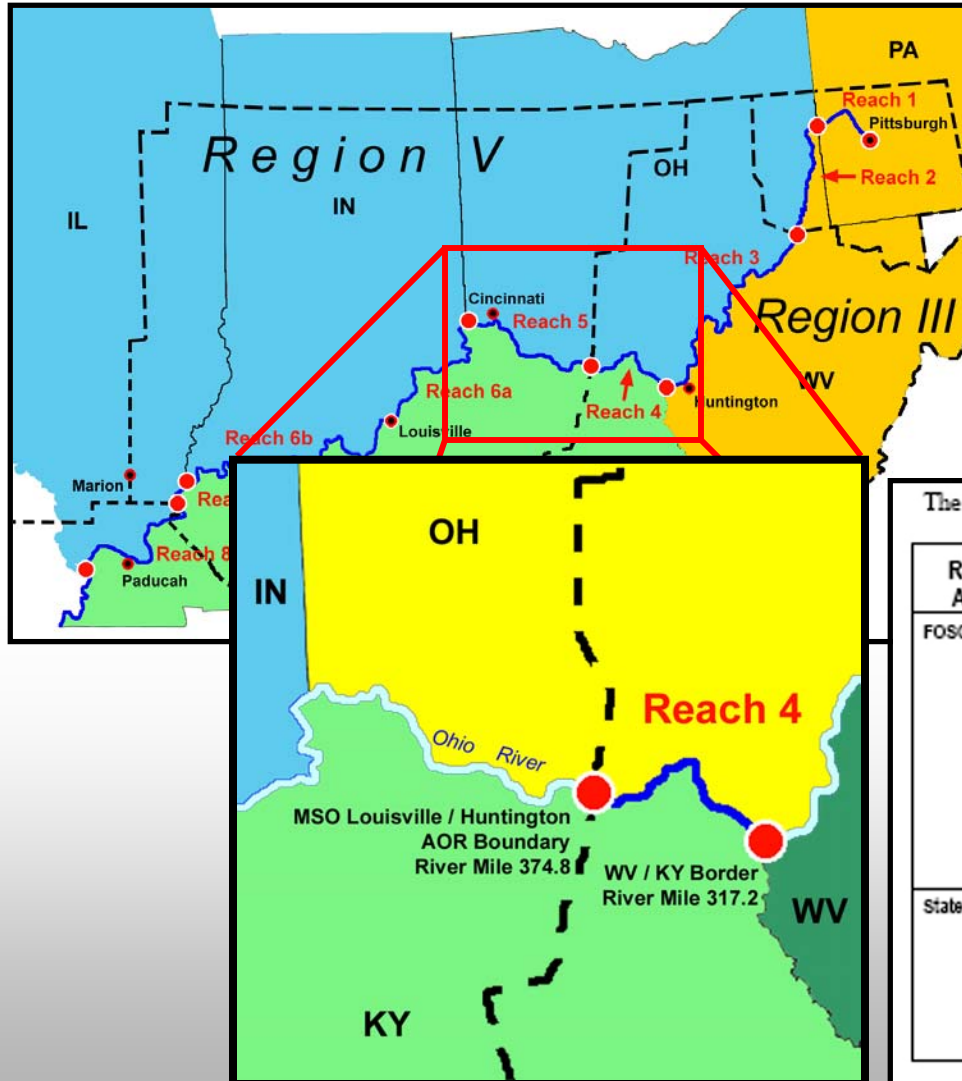
- ❑ One-stop shopping for Federal agency, state, and trustee contact information
- ◆ Internet linking to information contained in other planning documents





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# Using a River Reach Approach



- 8 River Reaches, divided by geopolitical boundaries and response authorities
- Accompanying table to provide summary of response authorities

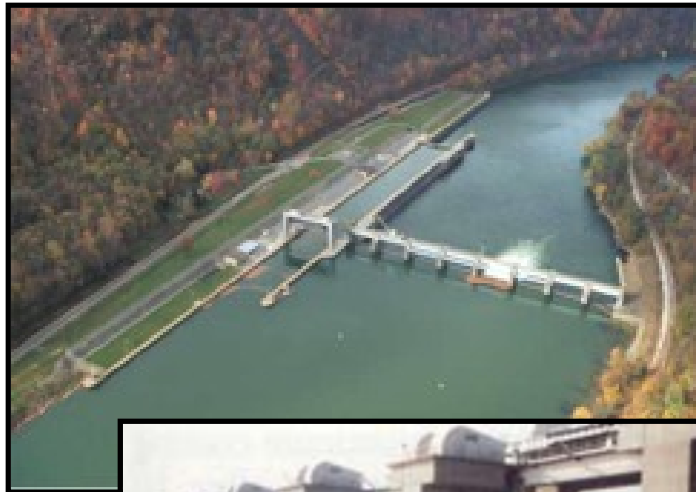
The following Summarizes the Response Authorities for Reach 4:

Response Authority	Agency in Charge	Conditions for Authority
FOSC	EPA Region IV – Louisville, KY Out-posted FOSC	Region IV will respond as FOSC to spills into or on the Ohio River. This includes all releases or discharges from the West Virginia shoreline and those occurring on the river itself (excluding those incidents that are under USCG purview [see below]).
	EPA Region V – Cincinnati, OH Out-posted FOSC	EPA Region V will respond as the pre-designated FOSC to spills that originated from fixed facilities on the Ohio shoreline.
	US Coast Guard – MSO Huntington	Only for discharges or releases that originate from a commercial vessel or from the marine transportation-related portion of a facility within the AOR for MSO Huntington.
State OSC	Kentucky – Region IV	KY DEP is the State agency charged with investigating releases of oil and hazardous substances from both fixed and mobile facilities.
	Ohio – Region V	OH EPA's spill response program is responsible for receiving reports of releases to all environmental media, aid in chemical identification, containment, cleanup, public safety, and the identification of responsible parties.



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# Proposed Timeline



- May 2004:
  - ◆ Draft document review by “plan holders” (federal, state, local, industry, etc.)
- August 2004:
  - ◆ Submit to Region 4 RRT for approval
- May (or August) 2005
  - ◆ Multi-Regional RRT Meeting to signify endorsement of Ohio River Plan across Regional Boundaries



Thank you.

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