

5. Any operational requirements or limitation regarding testing technologies (e.g., weather, sea state)

Objectives

1. Vet new ideas from the public and match these technology ideas with defined operational needs of the MC252 Deepwater Horizon incident to improve oil spill response or source control.
2. To provide a safe, efficient, deliberative test and evaluation of products, equipment and applications proposed for use in the spill response and to document the capabilities and limitations of these items for consideration by the Operations and/or Logistics Sections of the ICP's.
3. Ensure that all testing and evaluations are in compliance with all applicable regulations including environmental requirements and health and safety standards.
4. To keep abreast of technologies and applications emerging in the field and provide coordination and feedback for their development.
5. Communicate effectively with Unified Area Command, the ICP's and other stakeholders
 - (a) Appropriately inform submitters of the status of their suggestion(s)
 - (b) Provide technical assistance to the public information officer and liaison office regarding ARTs and assist in public and community outreach efforts.

Goals

To improve the efficiency and effectiveness of response and cleanup operations through evaluation and testing of new and improved response technologies.

Priorities

- Establish consistent and effective process for gathering and assessing (or triaging) submissions.
- Develop process for categorizing, scoring and prioritizing submissions.
- Establish field testing teams to provide both qualitative and quantitative testing of identified technologies and provide timely feedback to meet operational needs. Ensure all testing addressed any wildlife or environmental concerns.
- Ensure that the submission and evaluation process is as transparent to submitters as possible.
- Establish Strike Teams and work groups to meet specific shoreline and long-term technology evaluation needs (such as bioremediation and sand cleaning).
- Support planning and operations with the Incident Command Posts and Unified Area Command, including public outreach, responsiveness to media, etc.
- Coordination with and support of the IATAP¹ (Interagency Alternative Technology Assessment Program). Please refer to **Attachment #3** for the IATAP terms of reference.

¹ Whereas the BP ARTs process involved BP, U.S. Coast Guard, State of California and BP-contracted personnel, the IATAP was a U.S. Coast Guard-led process (on behalf of all federal agencies). The call for proposals for the IATAP was announced June 6, 2010. Please refer to attachment #2.