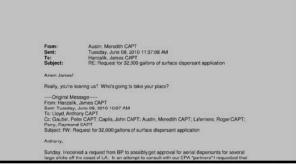
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Don't you think that it is odd that the EPA would be directing the FOSC when and when not to use dispersants? We have a 2 mile x 6+ mile slick offshore that skimmers cannot get to and we have the EPA telling us to justify our use of surface dispersants which are already preapproved/preauthorized by the RRT. We also have an agency that is "outside" the response calling the shots at the national level. We have senior leadership intimidated by the repercussions of their decisions and the unwillingness to make them based on what EPA's desires are and the potential to alleviate/prevent interagency tensions.

