

Report #3 Outline: Analysis of the Effectiveness of the Use of the Incident Command System in the DWH Incident

Summary of how the Incident Command System functioned during DWH, with recommendations for improvement.

1) Executive Summary

- a) Analysis of the effectiveness of the use of the Incident Command System in the DWH incident
- b) Recommendations for improvement

2) Introduction

3) Description of the National Incident Management System (NIMS), the Incident Command System (ICS), Unified Command, and Florida Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP)

- a) History
- b) Purpose
- c) Typical ICS organizational chart
 - i) Information functions – role of the Joint Information Center
 - ii) Key elements: operations, planning, logistics, finance/administration
- d) Differences between natural disaster and responsible party incidents

4) Use of Incident Command System During DWH Incident

- a) Initial implementation
 - i) Organizational chart – key agencies involved
 - ii) Unified Area Command structure and function
 - iii) Role of the National Incident Command
 - iv) Joint Incident Command role: private sector vs public sector coordination (updates, data sharing, monitoring / mapping, etc.)
- b) Operation during the DWH event
- c) Current status of implementation plan

5) Effectiveness of Incident Command System During DWH Incident

- a) Incident Action Plan Briefing Paper – 6.4.10
- b) Scalability and span-of-control issues
- c) Communication among federal, state, and local entities
- d) Sharing of information, data, and monitoring results

6) Recommendations for Improvement to Incident Command System for Future Events

- a) Comparisons and contrasts between natural event response and responses to oil spills
- b) Need for pre-event orientation and training (coordination, drills, etc)
- c) Approaches for scaling and/or adjusting for large events
- d) Flexibility and “bottom-up” options for engaging local response resources

7) References