

***Regional Response Team IX*** – Arizona, California, Nevada  
Oil & HAZMAT Response, Support & Preparedness

## **About RRT9**

There are thirteen Regional Response Teams (RRTs) in the U.S. Each represents a particular geographic region (including Alaska, the Caribbean and the Pacific Basin). RRT9 serves the southwest United States, including the States of Arizona, California and Nevada. This is Federal Region 9.

Representatives to the RRT come from Federal Agencies, States and Tribes. The people who are served by and participate in the RRT are from all parts of the response community including Local Government, Industry, and NGOs.

**Mission** - The RRT *supports the Federal On-Scene Coordinator* before, during and after an incident covered by the National Contingency Plan (NCP). This may include consultation, planning, training, stakeholder outreach and coordination.

**Authority** – RRT9 must approve the use of all chemical countermeasures before they are applied in the field. This includes surface-washing agents, dispersants, bio-remediation aids and in-situ burn. The RRT is also available to consult on other topics as needed.

**Response** - The RRT through its agency representatives is a source for inter-agency liaison, anticipation of emerging issues, technical assistance, advice and identification of qualified resources to address the various environmental and public health missions which may be addressed under Emergency Support Function #10 of a Stafford Act Response.

**Planning** - The RRT maintains a Regional Contingency Plan to ensure that the roles, processes and priorities of federal and state agencies during an actual incident are clearly defined.

**Training** - Agency members of the RRTs provide simulation exercises to test Regional plans and the abilities of federal, state, and local agencies to coordinate their emergency response activities.

**Coordination** - The RRTs can identify available resources from each federal agency and state within their region. Such resources include equipment, guidance, training, and technical expertise for response to oil spills, chemical releases and WMD.

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