

Request from Skagit County:

Please provide information regarding existing and/or ongoing spill response planning and coordination with local communities, including La Conner and Anacortes, among others.

Response by Tesoro (5/17/17):

Tesoro has been actively engaged in spill response planning and coordination with our local communities for many decades. The six major areas of our local involvement include the following:

1. Spill preparedness and response¹
2. March Point Community Awareness Emergency Response (CAER) Group
3. Mutual aid agreements
4. Anacortes Community Tesoro Advisory Group (CTAG)
5. Community Investment into Emergency Response and Preparedness
6. Local emergency planning committee (LEPC)

The information below highlights the areas in which Tesoro participates directly and does not include other community spill preparedness and response trainings offered through others (including state, local, non-profits sponsored trainings).

1. Spill preparedness and response

Annual spill drill participation and observation

Tesoro conducts spill drills and training regularly, including an annual training and table-top exercise, and has a long-standing reputation of involving the community in that exercise. During the event, the Skagit County Department of Emergency Management and Tribal governments provide representation as members of the Unified Command. Additionally, there are many local groups and individuals who actively participate in various roles during the spill exercise including the Samish and Swinomish Tribes, Island Oil Spill Association (IOSA), local representatives from Washington State Fish and Wildlife among others. The Anacortes Police Department, Mount Vernon Police Department, Skagit County Sheriff's Department, and Skagit County Emergency Management routinely attend drills. Local governments and non-government organizations can contact Tesoro anytime if they are interested in participating or observing a spill drill. We are always interested and willing to expand participation in this annual event to other members of the community based upon local interests and needs.

Partnering with our community agencies and tribes

Tesoro has a long-standing partnership with IOSA, a non-profit 501(c)4 organization, that provides the following services:

- Initial 2 and 3 hour site safety assessment in San Juan County in the event of a spill,
- Spill exclusion/containment,

¹ Refer to Draft EIS, p 17, Ecology Drill Program WAC 1730182-700 and 710

- Geographic Response Plan (GRP) deployment in San Juan County and surrounding waters, as well as,
- Wildlife rescue services in Washington State, with 24 hour notification through San Juan County sheriff's dispatch.

Additionally, last year Tesoro partnered with the Swinomish Tribe to develop and test a GRP. On March 24, 2016, fieldwork was conducted, in partnership with the Washington State Department of Ecology, Tesoro, Marine Spill Response Corporation (MSRC), and the Swinomish Tribe to research potential deployment strategy locations along the Swinomish Channel. On June 2, 2016, this same group tested three (3) deployment strategies along Swinomish Channel to test feasibility.

2. March Point Community Awareness Emergency Response (CAER) Group

Since 1985, several industries on March Point have been associated in an organization established to enhance awareness of local chemical and petroleum industries. The organization is called CAER which stands for Community Awareness & Emergency Response. The industry representatives of CAER are Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC, Shell Puget Sound Refinery, ChemTrade, Air Liquide, and Linde. Other members include the Skagit County Department of Emergency Management, Summit Park Fire Department District #13 (including Hope Island and Snee-oosh Stations), City of Anacortes Fire Department, Swinomish Tribe, Fire Department District #11 (Dewey Beach & Mount Erie), Skagit 911 center, Skagit Regional Hospital, Island Hospital and additional ad doc members.

The purpose of CAER is to prepare an Emergency Response Plan that can be used by community leaders in time of need. The March Point CAER group meets routinely (bi-monthly) and conducts annual drills.

In 1998, the March Point CAER group initiated the first automatic community emergency alert system in Skagit County. Today the program, called *AlertSense*, is operated by Skagit 911, funded annually by Tesoro and Shell, and serves as a community emergency alerting and critical communication service for Skagit County.

3. Mutual Aid Agreements

Tesoro actively also supports emergency response preparedness, education and training in the community by providing multiple opportunities each year for local municipal emergency responders to attend Tesoro-sponsored emergency response training (Fire Training, Rescue Training, Incident Comment Training, HAZWOPER Training). Tesoro sponsors 2 to 5 openings per class (with 6-8 class offerings per year) for municipal emergency responders, paying for both the training class and full travel expenses.

Tesoro offers both human and physical resources to respond to community emergencies. A recent example includes responding to the Tommy Thompson Trail trestle fire, during which Tesoro's response boat and personnel were instrumental in providing skill and resources to extinguish the fire.

Tesoro's new response boat, the *Tara Jane*, was called into action to provide stand-by support in response to a recent beach fire at Cap Sante. There are more historical examples that could be

referenced where Tesoro has responded to support the community, but the bottom-line is that Tesoro actively supports the local community in responding to events, and local community leaders regularly call on Tesoro for assistance.

Tesoro also holds mutual aid agreements with the other petroleum refineries in Washington State, through which Tesoro would provide assistance to respond to events both inside and outside the Anacortes and Skagit County area.

4. Anacortes Community Tesoro Advisory Group (CTAG)

The Anacortes Community Tesoro Advisory Group (CTAG) was created in 2013. The CTAG is an independent advisory group comprised of residents from the communities surrounding the refinery who serve as an interface between the management of the Anacortes Refinery and the local communities. The CTAG strives to ensure a diverse membership that fairly represents the surrounding communities. Current and past members have included local builders, retirees, restaurateurs, academics, community organizers, tribal members, educators and others. The CTAG meets each month and works with Tesoro leaders to learn about the refinery's operations and plans, including its spill response and preparation, while communicating to Tesoro questions and concerns from the local communities.

Tesoro is committed to doing business in a way that facilitates community involvement, two-way communication and mutual respect. The CTAG is an important advisory group and Tesoro actively responds to their recommendations and concerns.

The CTAG developed the following Vision and Mission Statements to guide their actions:

Vision Statement

To be an independent source for a credible and productive relationship between Tesoro and the neighboring communities.

Mission Statement

Act as an independent group to work for the community's welfare. Advise and inform Tesoro and the community with fact-based information. Voice the community's questions, concerns and recommendations to Tesoro management

5. Community Investment into Emergency Response and Preparedness

At Tesoro, safety is our top priority. We are committed to operating our refineries, pipelines, retail stations and other facilities in a manner that promotes the health and safety of our employees and customers and are focused on making our communities stronger, safer places to live, work and play.

We provide funding, equipment and support to first responders, government agencies and community-based organizations to increase the overall safety of the communities where Tesoro operates. Preference is given to projects and organizations that help communities better prepare for, mitigate the risks of and respond to disasters, hazards and emergencies.

Some examples of our recent support to agencies in Skagit County include:

- \$40,000 grant to the Anacortes Police Department to purchase two new patrol vehicles for the Anacortes Citizens Auxiliary Patrol.
- \$25,000 grant to the American Red Cross for their “Home Fire Campaign” to install fire alarms in lower socio-economic housing units in the City of Anacortes with support from the Tesoro fire brigade and the Anacortes Fire Department.
- \$78,000 grant to Skagit 911 to provide a back-up power source to multiple mission critical public safety radio communications sites in Skagit County that will enable local 911 services to remain functional during extended power outages.
- \$20,000 grant to the Big Lake Firefighters Association to purchase Air Packs and Air Mask Upgrades as well as a new Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) device to assist in fire responses.
- \$15,000 grant to the Island Hospital Foundation to provide advanced burn life support training to local first responders.
- \$500,000 grant to the American Red Cross for the purchase of two Emergency Response Vehicles based in Mt. Vernon and Vancouver which will serve the entire Pacific Northwest region.
- \$25,000 grant to the Skagit County Fire Protection District #2 for critical communications equipment upgrades.
- \$2,000 grant to the Big Lake Firefighters Association to purchase a portable generator and light set for nighttime emergency responses.
- \$37,000 grant to the Skagit County Fire District 13 for critical Patient Transport Equipment which serves the La Conner community as well as the surrounding communities via a mutual aid agreement between the neighboring emergency response agencies.
- \$1,200 grant to the Anacortes Police Department for the purchase of a patrol bicycle that will be used by the local School Resource Officer during the school year and used to patrol the local forest lands during the summer.
- \$16,000 grant to the Anacortes Fire Department for new hydraulic extrication tools for emergency response activities in Anacortes and surrounding communities.

6. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Tesoro has been an active member of the Skagit County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for decades. The LEPC is a committee mandated by Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986. It is comprised of representatives from industry, government, environmental groups and others. The LEPC receives information each year from businesses storing

and/or using hazardous materials in excess of the thresholds established by the Environmental Protection Agency. These businesses must report this information to the LEPC, their local fire department and to the Washington State Department of Ecology. Any business that uses, manufactures, stores or transports hazardous materials is required to have procedures for the safe handling of these materials as well as emergency response procedures. LEPCs must develop an emergency response plan, review the plan at least annually, and provide information about chemicals in the community to citizens. Plans are developed by LEPCs with stakeholder participation. There is one LEPC for each of the more than 3,000 designated local emergency planning districts. The community emergency response plan prepared by the LEPC includes:

- Identification of facilities and transportation routes of extremely hazardous substances
- Description of emergency response procedures, on and off site
- Designation of a community coordinator and facility emergency coordinator(s) to implement the plan
- Outline of emergency notification procedures
- Description of how to determine the probable affected area and population by releases
- Description of local emergency equipment and facilities and the persons responsible for them
- Outline of evacuation plans
- A training program for emergency responders (including schedules)
- Methods and schedules for exercising emergency response plans

Fire departments and other response agencies are also required to have procedures in place for hazardous materials spills. The Skagit LEPC has set up a Community Right to Know Program which incorporates the chemicals reported to the LEPC by local businesses.

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