



ECRC~SIMEC

Cooperation beyond borders

A Canadian response organisation perspective

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Eastern Canada

- The entry to Canada
 - Large estuary
 - Long river
 - Five great lakes





Eastern Canada

2272 n.m.
from
St-John's,
NF
to
Thunder Bay,
Ont.





Canadian Regime

- Canada Shipping Act (CSA)
 - South of 60⁰
 - Based on risk evaluation
 - Primary response by the industry
 - Canadian Coast Guard, the lead agency
 - As Federal Monitoring Officer (FMO), or
 - As On Scene Commander (OSC)
- Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act
 - North of 60⁰
 - Responsibility of CCG



Risk Areas





Response Capacity

- Based on risk evaluation
 - Designated port, PAR
- Planning standards
 - Port, 6 hrs max, 150 Tons, deployed
 - Port, 12 hrs max, 1 000T, deployed
 - PAR, 18 hrs max, 2 500 T, on site
 - PAR, 72 hrs max, 10 000T, on site
 - Outside of PAR, 18 hrs, 72 hrs max, plus travelling time, on site

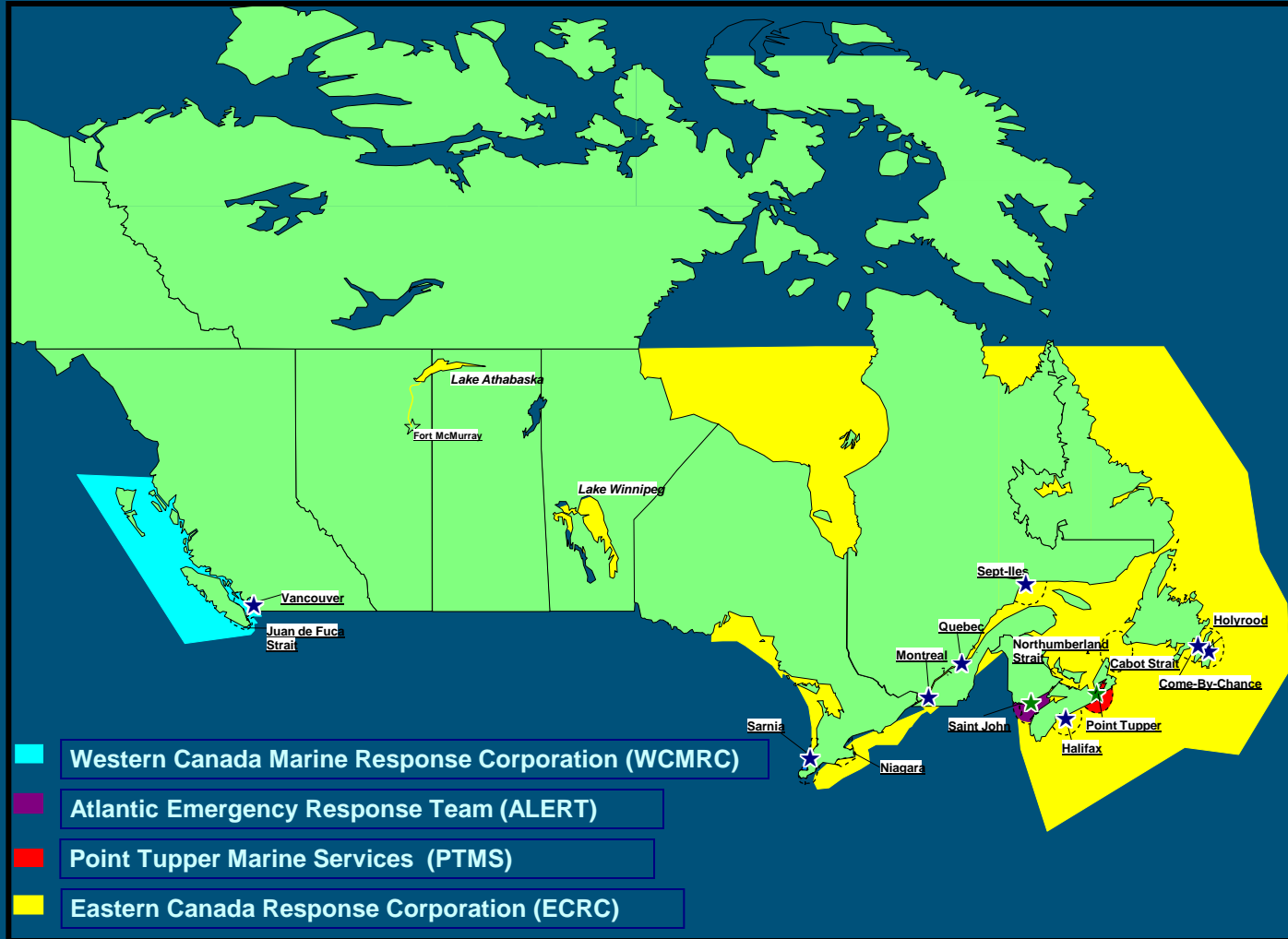


Response Organisations

- Four Response Organisations (RO)
- Certified by Transport Canada
- Cycle of three years
- ECRC~SIMEC, first certification 20 yrs ago



Geographical Area of Response



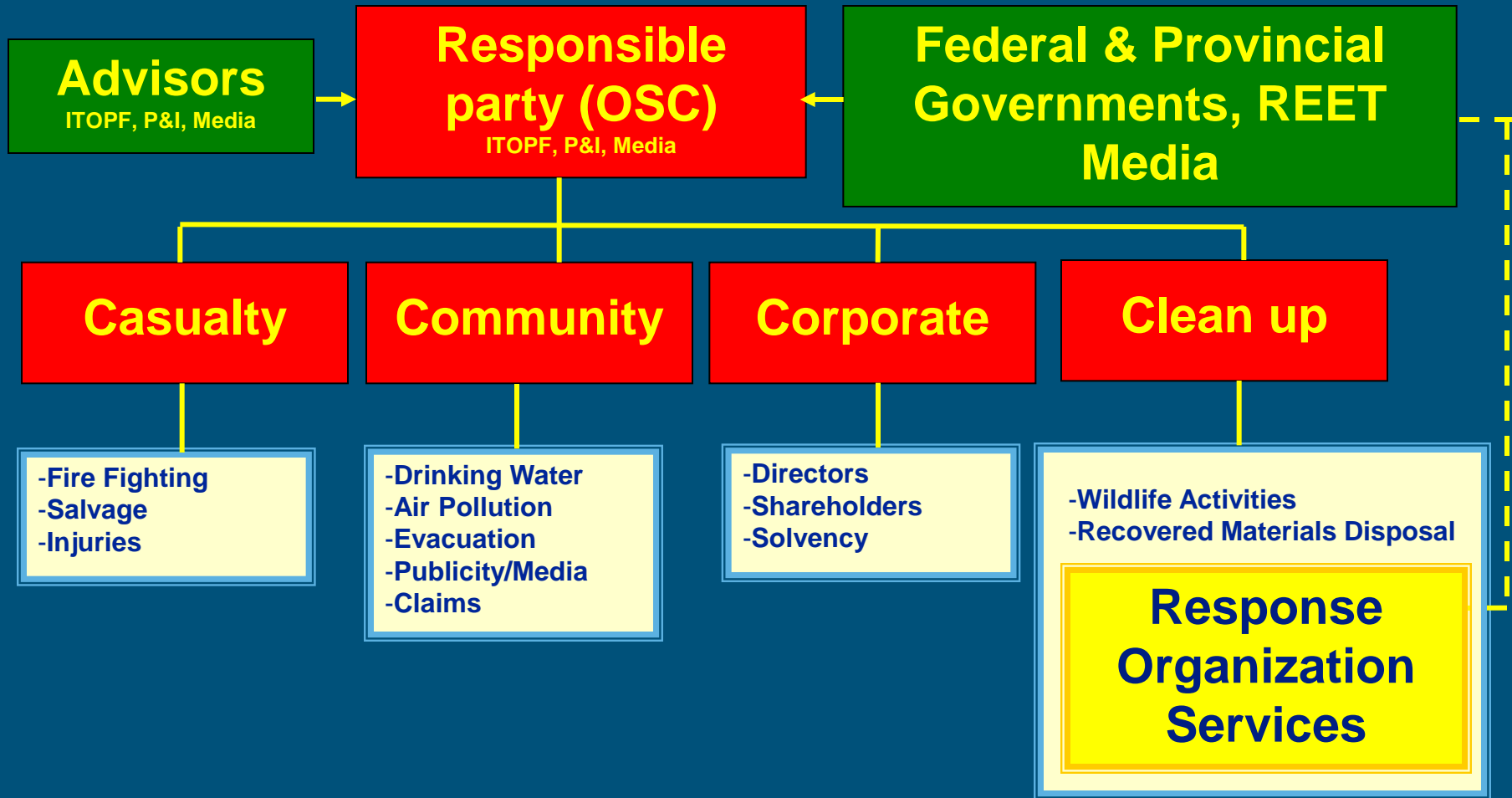


Role for Members

- Provides a means to meet the regulated requirement for members to have an agreement with a certified RO.
- ECRC provides marine oil spill response services, when requested, to the "responsible party".
- ECRC can provide to the "On-Scene Commander" (OSC) a plan of action, equipment, resources and operational management for an oil spill clean-up effort.



ECRC~SIMEC RP Relationship





ECRC~SIMEC Clients

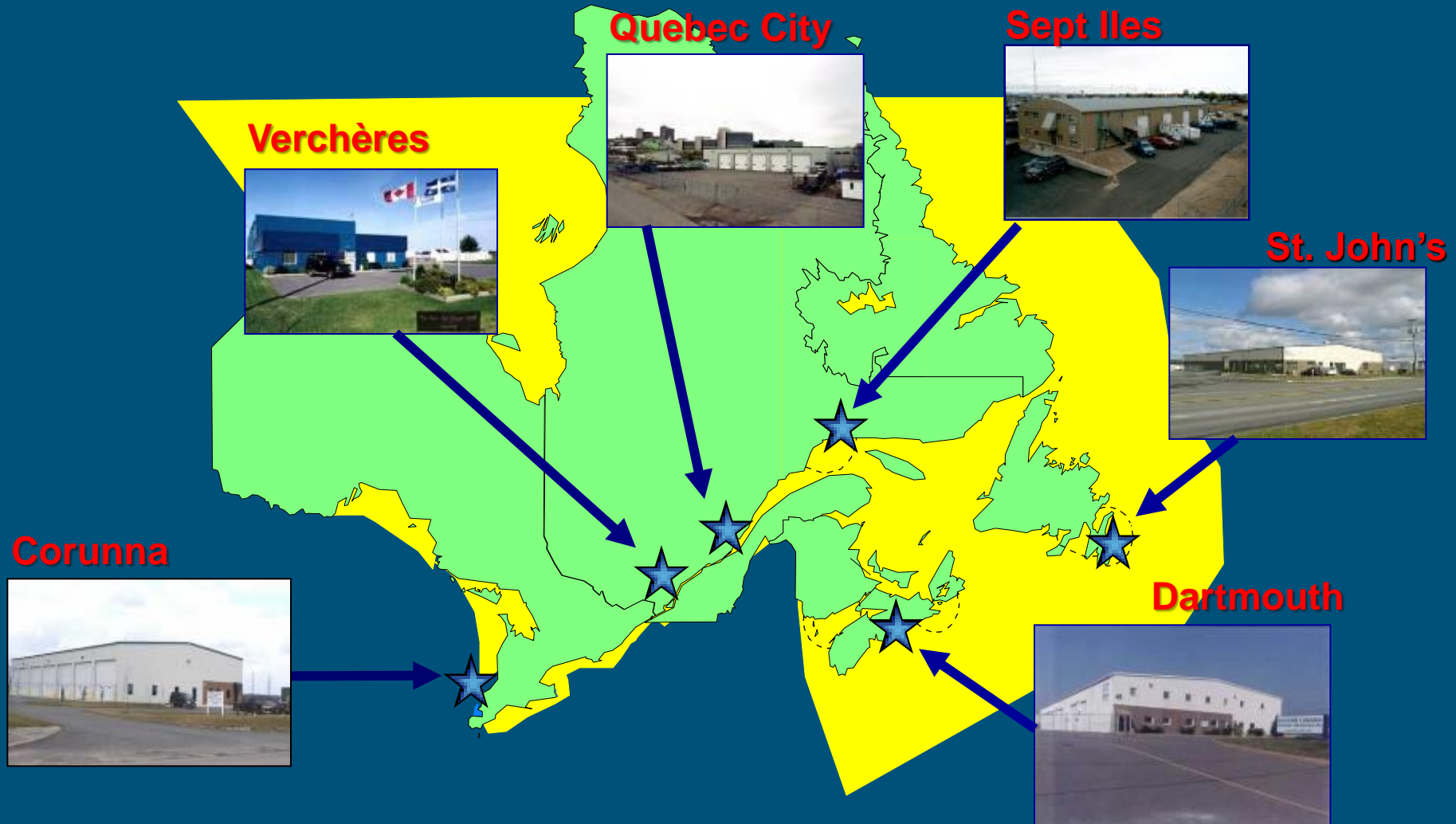
- >2300 total members
 - >2200 Vessel Members
(700 Bulk & 1500 Non-Bulk)
 - 87 Oil Handling Facilities Members
 - 22 Subscribers
(Elective Members Pay an Annual Fee, but no cargo Fee)



Enbridge Pipelines, Montreal Pipe Line Ltd., TransNorthern Pipelines, Hibernia Mgt & Dev. Co. Ltd, Husky Oil, Exxon-Mobil, Suncor Energy, Chevron, MI Drilling Fluids NS, Bruce Power Tiverton, Hydro Quebec, Nova Chemicals (Canada) Ltd., IOL Pipe Line, CN Rail, CP Rail, Pipeline St-Laurent...



ECRC~SIMEC Response Centres





Equipment

- 2,500 tonnes capacity at each of five Response Centres & 3,500 at St. John's, NL.
- Containment, recovery, transfer, clean-up
- Road transportable
- Operators accompany the equipment





ECRC~SIMEC National Inventory

Boats: 100 plus

Booms: Sheltered water 54,000 m

Unsheltered water 6,000 m

Skimmers: 100 plus (Various capacities, manufacturers, sizes)

Storage: Solid barges 34 (13,000 m³ capacity)
Flexible barges 30 (3,000 m³ capacity)

***NOTE:** Most equipment is road transportable and most is found on trailers to allow cascading to other regions for enhanced response capability.



Personnel

- 47 personnel ECRC~SIMEC
 - Mutual aid, GRN
- 100 advisors trained / identified
 - 19 national
 - 81 regional
- 437 responders trained
 - 74 Great Lakes
 - 205 Québec
 - 160 Atlantic





TRAINING OCEAN BUSTER BARGE PETITE BASQUE UNITOR BAG 500T





Exercises

35 per year

Alert

Tier 1: 150 Tons (equipment)

Tier 2: 1 000 tonnes

Tier 3: 2 500 tonnes (equipment)

Tier 4: 10 000 tonnes



Participation of RP, clients, agencies when available





Spill Responses

- Over 300 in 20 years (3 Regions)
 - Varying sizes
 - Involving different products
 - Varying durations
 - Different weather conditions
 - Varied workforce



Cooperation beyond borders

- One border
 - One neighbour, USA

- Many borders, barriers
 - Locally
 - Regionally
 - ...



International boundaries responses

- One neighbour, USA
- Joint Marine Pollution Contingency Plan
- Responsibility of USCG and CCG
- Annexes
 - CANUSLAK
 - CANUSLANT
 - CANUSPAC
 - CANUSDIX
 - CANUSNORTH



International boundaries responses

- To provide coordinated system for planning, preparedness and response
- Predicated on the use of private sector resources augmented by public resources
- To ensure that coordinated planning is accomplished at the local level
- To facilitate transboundary movement of response resources



Canadian context

- Increased and improved response capacity
- Lower frequency of spills
- Maximizing what was in place
 - Building on existing strength
 - Reinforcing links
 - Filling gaps
 - Overcoming barriers



Locally...

- Industrial / emergency response contractor
- Marine resources
 - Commercial activities
 - Fisherman
- Volunteers



Industrial contractors

- Emergency response
 - Tank truck roll over
 - Small ship spills
- Clean-up of tanks – ship
- Refineries
 - Storage tank clean-up

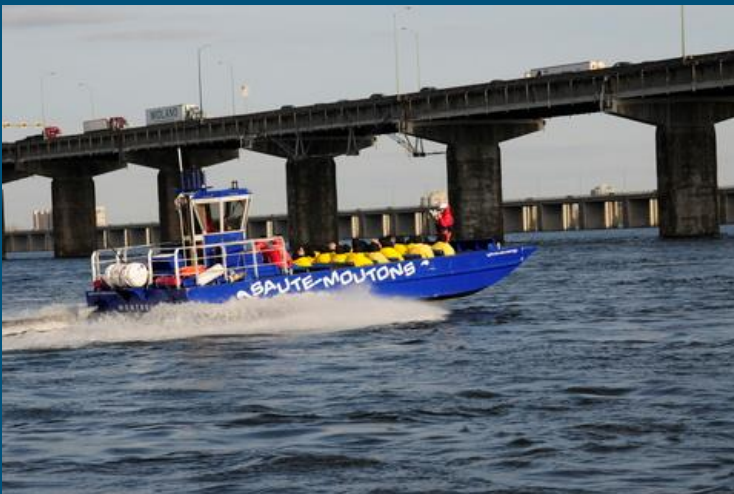


Core of our workforce



Marine resources

- Tugs
- Port services
- Small companies
- Fishermen





Volunteers

- Working safely and covered in case of an accident
- Have to work under a coordinated structure
- Hired by a shoreline clean up contractor
- Hired by the Wildlife Rehabilitation group





Regionally

- Other Canadian Response Organizations
- Canadian Coast Guard
- Other agencies



Other RO

- Three RO
 - WCMRC
 - ALERT
 - PTMS
- Mutual aid
 - Personnel
 - Equipment
 - Contractors





Canadian Coast Guard

- Lead agency
 - FMO or OSC
- Personnel, equipment
 - In remote or less populated areas
- International boundaries responses
 - Joint Marine Pollution Contingency Plan
 - CANUSLAKE, CANUSLANT, CANUS...





Other agencies

- SCAT (Shoreline Clean-up Assessment Technique)
 - In place since many years
 - Environment Canada, ECRC~SIMEC, OCC
 - Expertise and experience
- Wildlife response
 - CWS, CCG, ECRC~SIMEC
 - Based on local, regional, national, international resources



Global Response Network

Global Response Network



Operational Team	Lead
Offshore	MSRC
Shallow water / onshore	ECRC~SIMEC
Dispersant	OSRL
In-Situ burning	MSRC
Remote sensing	NOFO
Ice covered water	ACS
Response management	WCMRC



Cooperation beyond borders

➤ SCAT

- CANADA – Wabamun
- USA – Macondo

➤ Response in ice

- ACS, ECRC~SIMEC, OSRL
- Cross Training, Quebec, Alaska, Vermont

Cooperation beyond borders

SCAT

Sharing personnel, expertise



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Response in ice

Sharing personnel, expertise

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Cooperation beyond borders

- *Canada-USA*
 - *JMPCP in place*
- *But borders, barriers can be anywhere*
 - *Cooperation between organisations is key to success*
 - *Cooperation has to be initiated before the response*

Some limitations to movement of personnel and equipment, keeping response capability in Canada