



OIL AND HAZMAT RESPONSE DURING A DISASTER

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Feds

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 **Mission Assignment (MA)**

Definition: Work order for specific tasks issued by FEMA to a federal agency

- The MA anticipates or responds to a Presidential declaration of emergency or major disaster
- Specific tasks are generally connected to emergency support function (ESF) responsibilities



Emergency Support Function (ESF) 10

- There are 15 ESFs for federal agencies, covering a range of missions
- ESF10 covers Oil and Hazardous Materials
- EPA and the Coast Guard share responsibility for ESF10



Types of Mission Assignments

Technical Assistance (TA)

- TA for expert advice
- Requested by the State
- 100% Federally Funded
- Eligible after declaration



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Direct Federal Assistance (DFA)

- For goods and services beyond State's capability
- "Post" Declaration
- Request by the State
- Subject to cost-share
 - Example: Sampling, air monitoring



- ### State Request Process
- Requests for federal assistance are via an Action Request Form (ARF)
 - Requests should be as specific as possible
 - ARFs are typically processed through the state emergency management agencies, not the environmental agencies

- ### It's All About Relationships
- Get to know your emergency management colleagues
 - Discuss requests for assistance on environmental clean ups in advance
 - Preplanning for the environmental mission under ESF10 can occur even while lifesaving, mass care, USAR and other critical functions are occurring



QUESTIONS??

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