

An FOSC's Guide to NOAA Scientific Support -

This guidebook, written for oil and chemical spill responders and Federal On-Scene Coordinators (FOSCs), provides a quick reference to the range of scientific support services available through NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration (OR&R), Emergency Response Division (ERD, commonly known as "NOAA HAZMAT").

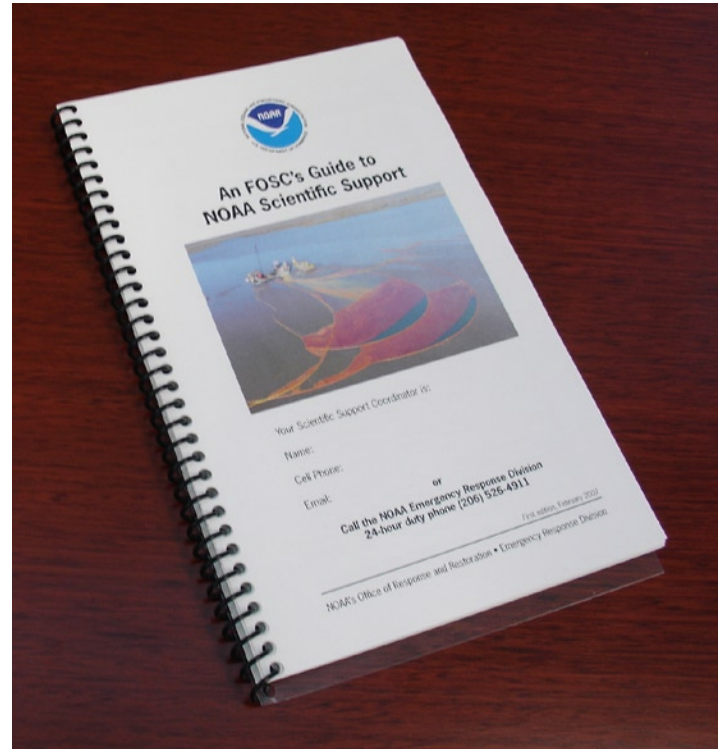
Through the NOAA Scientific Support Coordinator (SSC), a full NOAA Scientific Support Team (SST) experienced in incident response science support is available to the Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC), day or night. The NOAA SSC is one of the special technical advisors within the Incident Command System (ICS), as specified in the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP, 40 CFR § 300.145).

This guide describes the components of the NOAA SST, the duties and composition of the team elements, and their value to the FOSC and Unified Command. For a quick orientation to NOAA Science Support, Section 4 gives a description of what to expect from the NOAA Scientific Support Team once you contact the SSC and the response progresses.

NOAA Scientific Support should be requested by an FOSC by contacting the NOAA Scientific Support Coordinator (NOAA SSC) assigned to their Coast Guard District.

The guidebook is available as portable document format (PDF) files, in the following versions:

- An electronic version, with links to other files, Web sites, and e-mail addresses. These links, mostly contained in the appendixes, take the user directly to those references (Internet connection required). The purpose of their inclusion is to provide a single, instant reference to the many products and services provided by NOAA's Emergency Response Division. This version can be printed on 8.5" x 11" paper.
- A "booklet" version that you can print double-sided, then fold and staple to create a 5.5" x 8.5" booklet.



The electronic version of the guidebook is the most current, and the most useful since it contains active links to Web-based response information. After accessing the guidebook Web page at <http://response.restoration.noaa.gov/foscguide>, follow the directions to download the PDF document to your computer, then use it from there while connected to the Internet.

U.S. Coast Guard FOSC's and their staff may contact their assigned NOAA SSC to obtain spiral bound versions of the guidebook. Copies may also be available for a nominal fee by contacting the OR&R Photos and Orders Specialist at orr.library@noaa.gov.

For more information

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