

Qualified Individual Training

U.S. EPA Region 8 Oil Section

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Introductions

- Steve Merritt – Oil Program Manager / Section Supervisor
- Angie Villa – Facility Response Plan Coordinator/Oil Inspector
- Kyle B. Corcoran – On-Scene Coordinator



Participant Introductions

Name

Role

**Facility and
Location**

**Experience as
a Qualified
Individual**

**What do you
expect from
this training?**

Welcome Back and Opening Remarks

- Workshop Materials/Presentations
- Participant Feedback Forms
- [2026 Sioux Falls FRP Workshop](#)

Steve Merritt – Oil Section Supervisor

- EPA Workshops and QI Training Intent
- RRT Meeting and EPA Region 8 subArea Contingency Plans



The screenshot shows the EPA OSC On-Scene Coordinator website. The header includes the EPA logo and navigation links: Environmental Topics, Laws & Regulations, Report a Violation, and About EPA. Below the header, there is a search bar and a navigation menu with links for Profile, Notices, Images, Documents, Pol/SitReps, Contacts, Links, and Account. The main content area features a green map icon, the title "2026 FRP Compliance Assistance Workshop in Sioux Falls, SD", and a photograph of a site with a yellow containment line. To the right of the photo, the "Site Contact" is listed as Kyle Corcoran (corcoran.kyle@epa.gov) and the "Site Location" is Siouxland Libraries Downtown Library, 200 N Dakota Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, with a link to response.epa.gov/2026SiouxFallsFRPWorkshop. Below the photo are buttons for "Edit Site Info" and "Edit Contaminants". On the right side, there is a "Resources" section with links to Documents (SPCC-FRP Compliance Assistance..., Fact Sheet..., Fact Sheet..., Fact Sheets..., All Documents) and Contacts (Kyle Corcoran (corcoran.kyle@epa.gov), START, Suddha Graves (suddha.graves@tetratech.com), All Contacts).

Region 8 Regional Response Team Meeting

- April 8, 2026
- EPA Region 8 Conference Center (1595 Wynkoop St, Denver, CO 80202)
- Incorporating feedback about all 10 subArea Contingency Plans and updates to the Region 8 Area Contingency Plan
- RRT Coordinator:
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Recap: Compliance Assistance Workshop

- Laws, Regulations & Contingency Plans
- Facility Response Plans
- SPCC and FRP Inspections
- Preparedness for Response Exercise Program
- Government-Initiated Unannounced Exercises
- QI Responsibilities and Interviews
- Reconsideration Requests



QI Training Objective: Pivot to Spill Response

To ensure Facility Response Plan (FRP) facilities have qualified individuals that are aware of the roles and responsibilities outlined in 40 CFR Part 112 and the NCP (40 CFR 300), so they are prepared to effectively respond to a worst-case discharge (WCD).



Agenda

- Module 1: Pivot to Spills and Regulatory Context for QIs (Steve)
- Module 2: Oil Spill Best Management Practices (Steve and Kyle)
- Module 3: Case Studies and Response Actions (Kyle)
- Break
- Module 4: - Intro to Oil Spill Tabletop Exercise (Kyle)
- Lunch
- Module 5 - Oil Spill Tabletop Exercise (All)
- Module 6: Large/Complex Oil Spill Responses (Steve)
- Open Q&A Session, Course Evaluations, and Closing Remarks (All)

Spill Scenario for QI Training

- Medium (NCP - Major) discharge volume (>850 bbls or >36,000 gallons)
- Outside containment and impacting WOTUS
- Requires external response and cleanup resources
- Potential human health and environmental impacts
- High interest from the public, media, and elected officials



Setting the Stage for Qualified Individuals

