



Alaska Incident Management System (AIMS) Update - Summary of Key Issues

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Issue	Action Taken
Emphasize Non-Prescriptive Nature of the AIMS Guide	Additional emphasis placed on existing text to re-state that the AIMS Guide is non-prescriptive in nature.
Field Response Team (FRT) Concept	Additional text added to clarify this concept and further explain the roles and responsibilities of the FRT.
Incident Command Post (ICP) vs. Emergency Operations Center (EOC)	ICP replaces the term EOC and denotes the location of the IMT; the term Field Command Post (FCP) denotes the on-site function.
Identification of an Incident Commander separate from Unified Command	The figures in the AIMS Guide have been modified to reflect that the RP fills the RPOSC/IC position in the Unified Command.
More emphasis on protecting the environment.	Text added to address this issue.
More emphasis on coordination & cooperation.	Text added to address this issue.
Recognize/expand the authorities and responsibilities of natural resource trustees (consultation).	Information from the National Contingency Plan (NCP) added to generally address trustee roles and responsibilities.
Add text on the Programmatic Agreement for the Protection of Historic Properties	Information from the NCP has been added to address this issue.
Include consultation requirements under Endangered Species Act	Information from the NCP has been added to address this issue.
Provide consistent information on NRDA	Information from the NCP has been added. Additional text added to explain the function of NRDA in relation to response activities.
Comply with NRT Technical Assistance Document on ICS/UC	Information from the NCP has been added.
Generic Unified Command Objectives	Generic UC response objectives added inside front cover.
Standard ICS structures	Operations Section expanded to better align with the updated FOG and USCG Incident Management Handbook (IMH). In Situ Burn Operations, Dispersant Operations, and Law Enforcement added.
Organizational Charts and Terminology	Figures have been updated to better represent a hypothetical escalation from the FRT to the Crisis Management Team (CMT), indicating inter-relationships and locations of these functions. A new figure has been added to describe the relationship of these three teams (FRT, IMT, and CMT). The AIMS organization chart has been modified to read "Example"
Technical Specialists and Other Unit Staff	The AIMS Guide (Appendix B) now addresses Technical Specialists and Other Unit as separate and distinct IMT staff resources.
Investigation Teams	Text added to expand on the nature and roles of the Investigation Teams (activated by the government and industry)
IMT Meeting Guidelines	The information on the meetings and planning cycle had been enhanced with additional text and diagrams.
Tracking of Required Permits and Plans	An example "Permits/ Plans Status" board has been added to Appendix F.

Section/Appendix	Summary of Changes
Cover, Executive Summary	<p>“General Response Objectives” added to inside front cover. “Acknowledgements” page updated</p>
Section 1: Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional emphasis placed on existing text to re-state that the AIMS Guide is non-prescriptive in nature. • Text added to stress emphasis on protecting the environment and the need for coordination & cooperation for effective incident management.
Section 2: Organizational Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional text added to clarify this concept and further explain the roles and responsibilities of the FRT. • ICP replaces the term EOC and denotes the location of the IMT; the term Field Command Post (FCP) denotes the on-site function. • The figures and text have been modified to reflect that the RP fills the RPOSC/ IC position in the Unified Command. • Figures have been updated to better represent a hypothetical escalation from the FRT to the Crisis Management Team (CMT), indicating inter-relationships and locations of these functions. • A new figure has been added to describe the relationship of these three teams (FRT, IMT, and CMT). • Information from the National Contingency Plan (NCP) added to address trustee roles and responsibilities.
Section 3: Incident Management System – FRTs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional text added to clarify this concept and further explain the roles and responsibilities of the FRT. • ICP replaces the term EOC and denotes the location of the IMT; the term Field Command Post (FCP) denotes the on-site function.
Section 4: Incident Management System – IMT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General update to coincide with changes in other sections and appendices.
Section 5: Incident Management System – CMT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference to the USCG Incident Management Handbook for a description of the CG’s upper support structure for an event.
Appendix A: Overview of the Organization and Management Principles of the Incident Command System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General update to coincide with changes in other sections and appendices. • The AIMS organization chart has been modified to read “Example” • Text added to expand on the nature and roles of the Investigation Teams (activated by the government and industry)
Appendix B: AIMS Position Descriptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General update to coincide with changes in other sections and appendices. • The AIMS Guide (Appendix B) now addresses Technical Specialists and Other Unit as separate and distinct IMT staff resources. • Operations Section expanded to include In Situ Burn Operations, Dispersant Operations, and Law Enforcement. • NRDA Liaison description added. • Information from the NCP has been added to address natural resource trustee responsibilities during an incident.
Appendix C – Knowledge/Training Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major changes. Minor administrative updates.
Appendix D – IMT Meeting Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information on the meetings and planning cycle had been enhanced with additional text and diagrams.
Appendix E – General Purpose and Description of ICS Forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An example of the Tactical Command Worksheet has been added.
Appendix F – Incident Situation Display Status Boards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permits/ Plans Status Board added.
Appendix G – Glossary of AIMS Acronyms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional acronyms added to the list.