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*Connecticut's  
Disaster Debris Management Process*

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# CT's Disaster Debris Management Process Presentation / Overview

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- Background / History
- Planning Documents:
  - Disaster Debris Management Plan, Oct 07 (pending FEMA final approval)
  - Request for Proposals – Debris Management Clean-up; and Monitoring
- Short-term Next Steps
- Discussion
  - Lessons learned from developing the Plan and RFPs
  - Inter-agency Communications
  - Staging area determinations
  - Q&A



## CT's Disaster Debris Management Process Background and History

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- Timeline (see handout) showing key activities for the period pre-Sept 2006 through May/June – ongoing 2008



## CT's Disaster Debris Management Process Planning Documents

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- Disaster Debris Management Plan (DDMP), Oct 07  
(pending final approval)
- State Natural Disaster Plan 2006
- State Solid Waste Management Plan, amended 2006



## CT's Disaster Debris Management Process Request for Proposals

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- Disaster Debris Management Services  
(Removal/Clean-up Operations)
- Disaster Debris Monitoring Services



## CT's Disaster Debris Management Process Short Term Next Steps

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- Execute Contracts
- Revise the State's Disaster Debris Management Plan
- Finalize the CTDEP Emergency Permitting Authorizations
- Develop Communications Strategy
- Enhance Municipal Coordination and Outreach



## CT's Disaster Debris Management Process Lessons Learned from Developing the Plan

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- Understanding federal and state emergency operations, policies, process and procedures
- Technical assistance (federal/states) was critical, as well as good guidance documents
- Leadership and participation from the highest levels of state government/programs was essential
- High level meetings – Commissioner level meetings (2) leading to Governor's Meeting



## CT's Disaster Debris Management Process Lessons Learned from Developing the Plan

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- Establishing Points of Contact (POCs) among State agencies/scheduled meetings to identify and discuss issues and bring to resolution
- Identify agencies that may have a role, and clearly define and get agreement on roles and responsibilities early in the process
- Limited number of potentially suitable TDSRS sites (DEP properties only)
- Interfacing with municipalities early on in the process is important





## CT's Disaster Debris Management Process Lessons Learned from Developing the Plan

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- Plan – format/content; tie back to existing plans and related documents; demarcation of assigned debris management zones; appropriate management of waste streams (asbestos; vessels; other)
- RFP – format/content; appropriate management of waste streams; process to accommodate disposal out of state; agreement as to contract manager
- Time period needed to develop both the Plan and RFPs; the need to develop both on a parallel track
- Flow chart the RFPs – very useful to understand the inter-relationships of debris removal and debris monitoring



## CT's Disaster Debris Management Process Inter-agency Communications

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- Critical to have open and constructive dialogue
- Communication and Coordination is important among all government sectors, as well as others:
  - Federal – EPA, FEMA, USACE
  - State – Governor's Office, OPM, DEP, DAS, DEMHS, DOT, DPW, DOL, DMV, DPS, DPH
  - Municipal – Coastal municipalities/Council Regional Governments
  - Others – CRRRA; DEP Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee; Yale Center for Public Health Preparedness; Tree Wardens Society



## CT's Disaster Debris Management Process Staging Area Determinations

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- DEP developed siting criteria and evaluated DEP properties only as potentially suitable sites for TDSRS
- DEP refines lists and requests DPH to review a total of 42 potentially suitable sites; DPH provides comments and DEP narrows down the number of sites potentially suitable: 6 sites identified – 5 of these sites are located along the coast



# CT's Disaster Debris Management Process Questions and Answers

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- Open Discussion