

## GULF RESEARCH PROGRAM

### Oil Spill Response, Transformative Recovery, and Proactive Preparedness

NAS Building  
2101 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 10418

#### Day 1: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 (Room 125)

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8:30 AM	Registration Opens ( <i>in-person participants only</i> )
9:00 AM	Workshop Welcome and Introductions <b>Stephanie Houser</b> Program Officer, Gulf Research Program
9:05 AM	Welcome and Brief Intro from the Gulf Research Program <b>Lauren Alexander Augustine</b> Executive Director, Gulf Research Program
9:10 AM	Welcome Remarks from Workshop Planning Committee Chair <b>ED Levine</b> National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)-Retired Managing Director, Scientific Support & Coordination, LLC, New Jersey
9:20 AM	Keynote Speaker <b>Gary Shigenaka</b> NOAA-Retired, Washington
9:45 AM	Video and Introduction <b>Gregory Kallenberg</b> Rational Middle Media, Louisiana
10:00 AM	Recap of Anchorage and Thibodaux Workshops <b>Adriana Bejarano</b> Environmental Scientist, Texas
10:15 AM	<b>SESSION 1</b> This session will focus on strategies for effective information exchange and communication before, during, and after an oil spill. There will also be an emphasis on Incident Command System and communicating with the local community.  <b>Panel 1: Risk Communication</b> This panel will focus on how risk communication has improved, building upon lessons learned after disasters.  <b>MODERATOR</b> <b>ED Levine</b>  <b>PANELISTS</b> <b>Ann Hayward Walker</b> Founder, SEA Consulting, Virginia

**Anne Zink**

Former Chief Medical Officer of Alaska  
Senior Fellow, Yale School of Public Health

**Melissa Finucane**

Vice President of Science & Innovation, Union of Concerned Scientists, Massachusetts

11:15 AM

**BREAK**

11:30 AM

**Panel 2: Community Engagement**

This panel will focus on best practices in community-centered planning when engaging with local, impacted communities.

**MODERATOR**

**Mây Nguyễn**

Senior Philanthropic Advisor, East Bay Community Foundation

**PANELISTS**

**Ken Castner**

Former Mayor of Homer, Alaska

**Kristina Peterson**

Facilitator, Lowlander Center, Louisiana

**Elaina Thompson**

Executive Director, Islands' Oil Spill Association, Washington

12:30 PM

***Lunch (provided for in-person attendees)***

1:30 PM

**SESSION 2**

This session will focus on how to ensure that impacted community needs are prioritized based on lessons learned from previous oil spills and other disasters.

**MODERATOR**

**Karolien Debusschere**

Deputy Oil Spill Coordinator, Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office

**Panel 1: Impacted Communities**

This panel will focus on the mental, physical, economic, and social impacts felt by local communities.

**PANELISTS**

**Liesel Ritchie**

Professor, Virginia Tech

**Sandy Ha Nguyen**

Founder, Coastal Communities Consulting, Inc., Louisiana

**Jereme Altendorf**

US Coast Guard-Retired

Associate Director, Arctic Programs & Strategic Implementation, University of Alaska, Anchorage

## Panel 2: Response and Research Communities

This panel will focus on the mental, physical, economic, and social impacts felt by responders (e.g., government, industry, vessels of opportunity) and researchers.

### PANELISTS

#### Mike Drieu

US Coast Guard-Retired

Manager for GOM HSE Emergency, Preparedness & Response, Occidental Petroleum, Texas

#### Gabrielle McGrath

US Coast Guard-Retired

Spill Response Specialist, RPS, Rhode Island

#### Tim Steffek

Senior Policy Advisor, American Petroleum Institute, Virginia

3:15 PM

### BREAK

3:30 PM

Facilitated Breakout Discussion

4:25 PM

Closing Remarks

**ED Levine**

4:30 PM

Adjourn Workshop Day 1

----- In-person Networking Reception in the Great Hall to follow (4:30 - 6:00 PM) -----

## Day 2: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 (Member's Room)

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9:00 AM

Welcome Back and Summary Remarks from Day 1

**ED Levine**

9:05 AM

Keynote Speaker

**Maureen Lichtveld** (*National Academy of Medicine member*)

Dean, School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

9:30 AM

### SESSION 3

This session will focus on spill prevention measures across various sectors.

#### Prevention Presentations

These presentations will explore effective strategies, technologies, and policies aimed at preventing oil spills in the United States.

### PRESENTERS

#### Tom Coolbaugh

ExxonMobil-Retired

Founder, Coolbaugh Associates, Virginia

#### Donna Schantz

Executive Director, Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council, Alaska

**Kevin Sligh**

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement-Retired  
Founder, Promethean Global Consulting Group, Maryland

10:30 AM

**BREAK**

10:45 AM

**Prevention Panel**

This panel will delve into critical themes surrounding oil spill prevention in the United States, including policy initiatives, opportunities for improved community engagement, and challenges in resource allocation.

**MODERATOR**

**Fran Ulmer**

Former Lieutenant Governor of Alaska  
Visiting Senior Fellow, Belfer Center, Harvard University

**PANELISTS**

**Vice Admiral Tom Barrett**

US Coast Guard-Retired, Alaska  
Alyeska Pipeline Service Company-Retired

**Rich Sears**

Shell-Retired  
Gamechanger, LeadingEnergyNow, California

**Charlie Williams**

Shell-Retired  
Center for Offshore Safety-Retired  
Executive Energy Consultant, Virginia

12:00 PM

**Takeaway Session**

12:30 PM

**Closing Comments**

**Fran Ulmer**

12:45 PM

***Lunch (provided for in-person attendees)***