

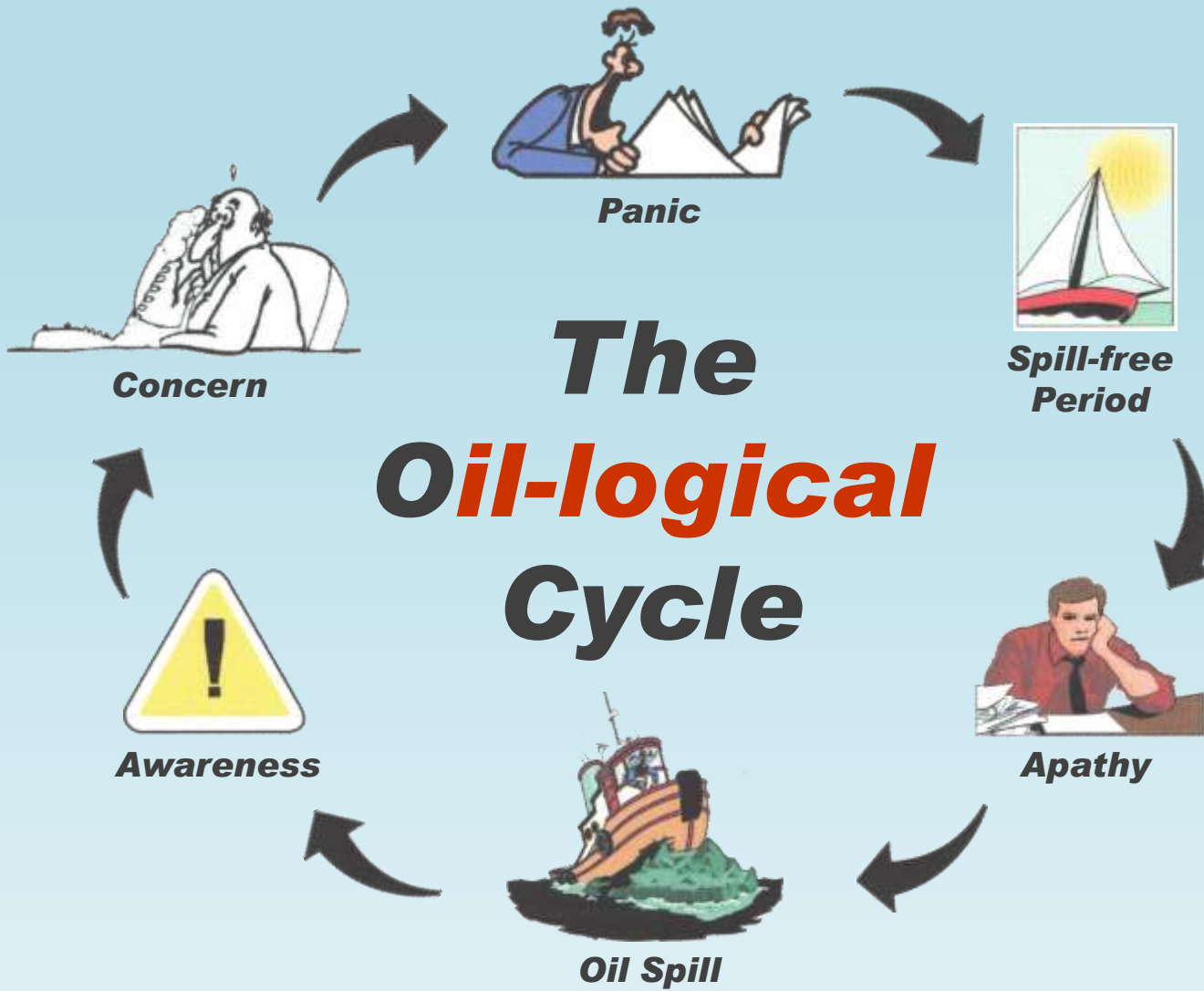
# Report of Emergency Preparedness Task Force

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# Emergency Preparedness Task Force

- Formed by action of the GLC at 2010 Annual Meeting
- Composed of members from Great Lakes – St. Lawrence States and Provinces
- Established in response to 2010 spills occurring in the Gulf of Mexico, Marshall, Michigan and Romeoville/Lockport, Illinois



# Task Force Charge

- Review status of state/provincial preparedness and response programs
- Review the adequacy of federal programs
- Prepare a report with recommendations on regional preparedness and response priorities and needs



# Task Force Activities and Progress

- Bi-monthly Conference Calls since July 2011
- Reviewed previous Task Force program summary report and 1989 policy statement
- Reviewed recommendations from earlier Great – St. Lawrence River reports
- Prepared a report examining four priority areas (pipelines, vessels, facilities and cold-weather response)

# Key Report Findings

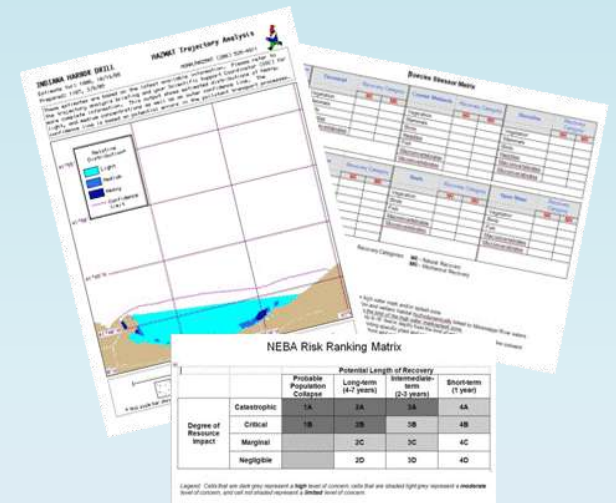
- Region well prepared overall
- Agency-industry relationships well established
- Prevention focus has paid off
- Number and volume of spills down (2010 an outlier)
- Data collection and reporting requires improvement
- Programmatic and legislative gaps exist
- Agency budgets need attention





# Key Task Force Recommendations

- Communication and coordination
- Data collection, information and reporting needs
- Training, exercising and risk assessments
- Program, planning and legislative gaps
- Research needs
- Funding



# Questions?





