



for the reporting of oil discharges and releases of hazardous substances. I have personal knowledge of the facts in this declaration or have received such information in the course of my official duties.

2. The purpose of this declaration is to explain the ongoing impacts of the large call volume which the National Response Center is currently receiving.

3. The National Response Center typically receives approximately 100-150 phone calls per day that require immediate attention.

4. In the last few weeks, the National Response Center has seen an increasing number of phone calls from farms reporting releases of hazardous substances to the air from animal waste. The phone calls have increased from approximately 100-150 calls per day (not associated with air releases from farms) to over 1,000 phone calls per day.


5. Wait times have been up to two hours for calls, many of which require immediate attention.

6. The National Response Center has received a few reports via email, but the majority of reports continue to be made by phone call.

7. The National Response Center expects unprecedented call volume in the next few days as more farms begin to report.

8. We are coordinating with the Environmental Protection Agency daily to evaluate options as the situation continues to evolve.

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