# Upper Delaware River Area Contingency Planning

EPA, NPS, FWS, States of NY, NJ & PA, county OEMs

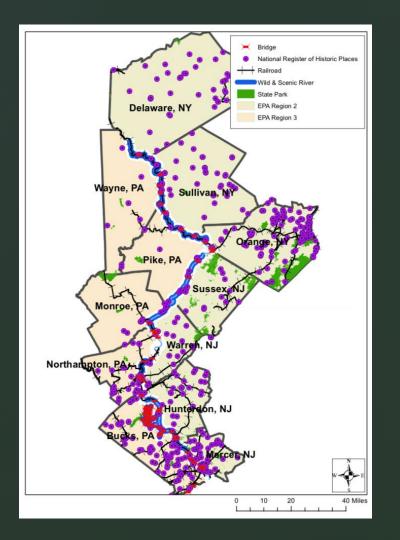
## Background on Upper Delaware River

- Longest undammed river east of the Mississippi
- Non-tidal mainstem, above Trenton zone (EPA inland zone portion): 214 miles from Hancock, NY to Trenton, NJ
- Nearly all is protected under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act
  - outstanding recreational opportunities and pristine ecological and scenic resources

## Management of Delaware River Segments

- Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River is managed by the National Park Service (NPS) in partnership with the Upper Delaware Council (UDC)
  - UDC is 13 municipalities, 2 states, and the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC)
- The Middle Delaware Scenic and Recreational River is managed solely by the NPS (Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area).
- The Lower Delaware Scenic and Recreational River is considered a Partnership Wild and Scenic River, and is co-managed between the NPS, the Lower Delaware Management Council (LDMC)
  - LDMC is 34 municipalities, 5 counties, 2 states, Delaware River Basin Commission, and several partnering NGOs
- Additionally, USFWS manages federally-listed, threatened and endangered (T&E) species within the watershed. States also maintain state-listed species

## Upper Delaware River





## Joint Upper Delaware Tabletop Exercise

#### Participating Agencies

- EPA R2/R3
- DOI
- NPS
- FWS
- NYSDEC (R3 & Central Office EM)
- NJDEP, NJOEM
- PA DEP
- County Emergency Services
  - Orange, Delaware, NY
  - Warren, Sussex, NJ
  - Monroe, PA

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- Monroe County (PA) EOC
- MS Teams/Virtual
- Scenario

Train Derailment in Sparrow Bush, NY;

- Bakken Crude Oil Spill and Fire/Explosion
- July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend/Peak capacity
  - Kayakers/tubers/campsites
- Shoreline Impacts to NY, PA & NJ

## Joint Upper Delaware Tabletop Exercise

Series of Facilitated Discussion Questions/Topics:

- initial notification and communication;
- environmental response and public safety;
- operational coordination and response structure;
- situational Information
- public information and warning.

## Joint Upper Delaware Tabletop Exercise

- First of a series of exercises which would take place in 2022:
  - Tactical table-top exercise (Spring '22),
  - Development of pre-planned tactical response strategies (GRPs) in selected areas/segments of the Upper Delaware (early Summer '22);
  - Full scale deployment exercise (late Summer '22)
    - Develop agreements for multi-jurisdictional response in the Upper Delaware and surrounds, and
    - help validate response strategies
- Update/Revise the applicable area contingency plans and the NPS
  Upper Delaware River Spill Response Plan.