

# 2008 Democratic National Convention

RSC Case Studies, OSC Readiness  
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# Background - What Do We Do?

- Tony is the Data Team leader in Program Support for Ecosystem Protection and Remediation (EPR-PS). EPR includes SF Remedial, Removal, Federal Facilities, ER, Site Assessment, NEPA, non-permit Water Programs and Brownfields. Expertise in GIS, provides Site field, GIS and database mgmt. support on several sites.
- Marty is also in EPR-PS and provides direct site and field data management support to R8's Remedial and Removal Programs. He directs data management activities at Libby, is a member of the ER IT forum and also serves as Project Officer for the ESAT laboratory services contract.



# Our RSC/ER Background

- RSC members since ~ 04/05
- Tony is position trained as SUL, served 3 tours for 2005 Hurricane Response (GIS coordinator), TOPOFF4 (assistant SUL), 2008 DNC (SUL + GIS)
- Marty is position trained as EUL, provided data management support to the 2005 Hurricane Response, 2008 DNC (EUL), supports several time-critical removals, member of IT forum.

# RSC in the 2008 DNC IMT

- Most IMT positions filled by RSC members.
- OSCs in Operations and Liaison positions.
- Command, Operations, Situation and Environmental Units on 12 hour schedule, almost everyone else on regular 8-9 hr work day schedule
- Operations were at the Denver Federal Center, rest of IMT in the R8 REOC.

# EPA Region 8 Democratic Nation Convention

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## Region Incident Coordinator

Kimbel, Ostrander  
10-10 REOC

Incident Name: DCN 2008

Operational Period: 8/22 – 8/29, 2008

Date: 8/22/08 Time: 1:25pm

### Deputy Regional Incident Coordinator

Griswold, USCG-CDR Day  
10-10 REOC

### Information Officer / JIC Rep.

Pennock, Linnert  
10-10 REOC, otherwise on call

### Safety Officer

Chau, Daniels, Nakatsu  
10-10 REOC or DFC otherwise on call

### Liaison

David Janik  
Business hrs, EPA bldg.

### Denver EOC

3-R8 OSCs  
24/7 Webb bldg.

### FEMA RRCC/IOF

Steinhaus, Miullo, Baird,  
S. Stevenson  
24/7 bldg 710 DFC

### CDPHE

10-10, 1-RSC  
Glendale, CO

### MACC

Miller, Nguyen, Peronard,  
Shanahan  
24/7 bldg 810 DFC

### FBI JOC

Only stood up if an  
incident occurs

### CO DEM & HMCC

3-R8 OSCs  
24/7, CO DEM offices

### Logistics Section Chief

Hanley, Rudy, Hogle, Wake, Pearson  
10-10, EPA bldg.

### Planning Section Chief

Aguilar  
Normal bus hrs, EPA bldg.

### Finance / Admin Section Chief

Deb Janik, normal bus hrs EPA bldg  
Zimmerman, 10-10 DFC

### Operations Section Chief

Stevenson + 2 R8 OSCs  
10-10 DFC

### Support Branch

Wake  
Normal bus hrs

### Services Branch

John Gilbert, C. Myers  
10-10, EPA bldg. as  
needed

### Communications Unit

PST (2), field as needed

### Documentation Unit

Chrisenson, Kimes,  
Artemis, Hubbard  
10-10 EPA bldg

### Situation Unit (GIS)

Selle, Brobst, START (1)  
10-10 REOC

### Resource Unit

Chavez, Doris, Start (1),  
PST (2)  
10-10 REOC

### Environmental Unit

McComb + 4 R8 EPA  
START (1), ERT (1), ATSDR  
(1), NDT (1), RERT (1)  
10-10 REOC/DFC  
and on call

### Time Unit

Martha Walker  
Normal bus hrs, EPA bldg

### Procurement Unit

Harris, Girouard  
Normal business hrs, EPA  
bldg.

### Contract Support

Sandoval, Payan  
10-10 DFC

### Air Monitoring & Sampling Branch

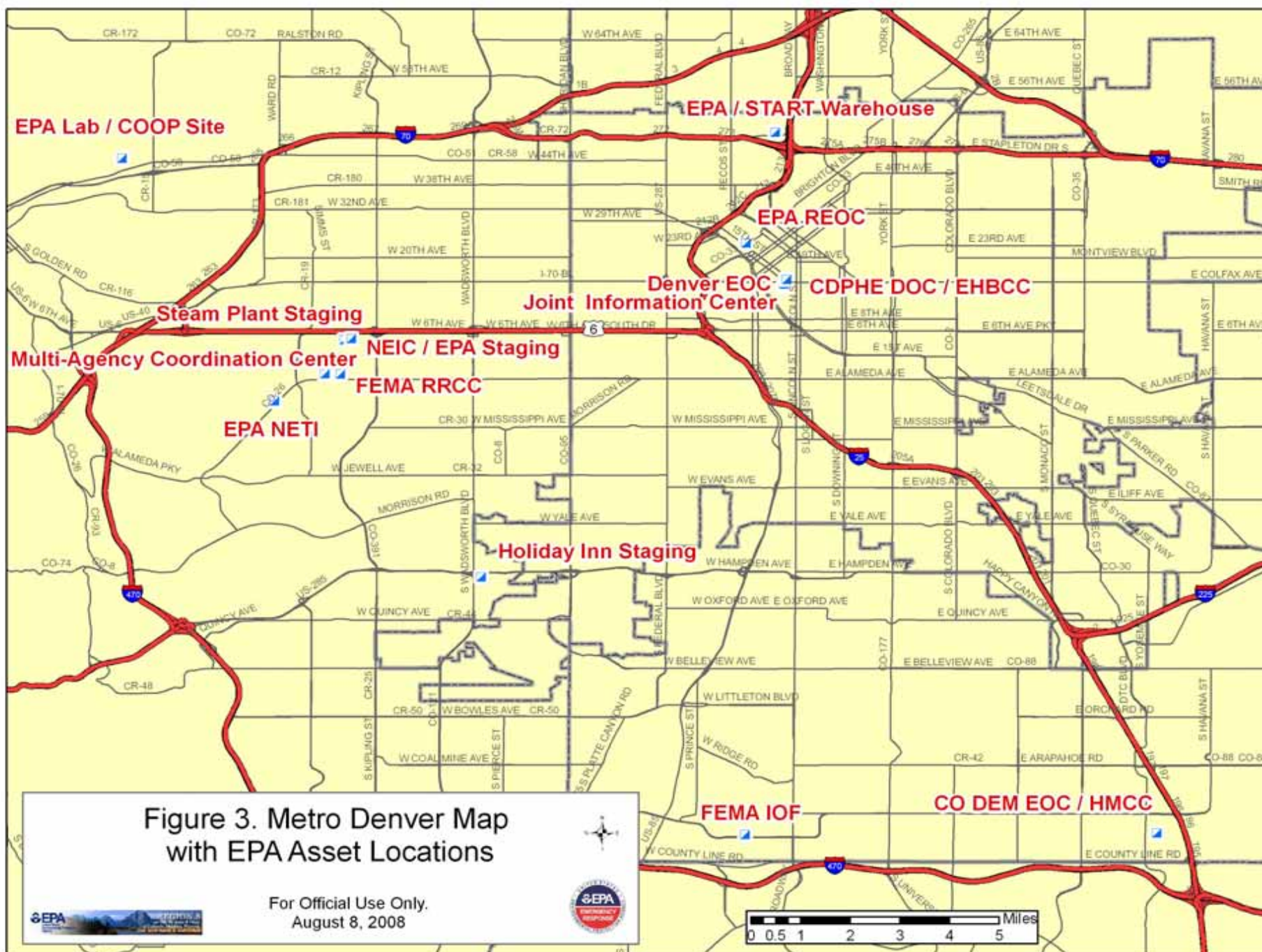
T. Nguyen

### Deputy Ops Sec Chief

Myers  
10-10 DFC

### Emergency Response/ Clean-up Branch

USCG-CWO Munoz





## 2008 DNC Operations – DFC





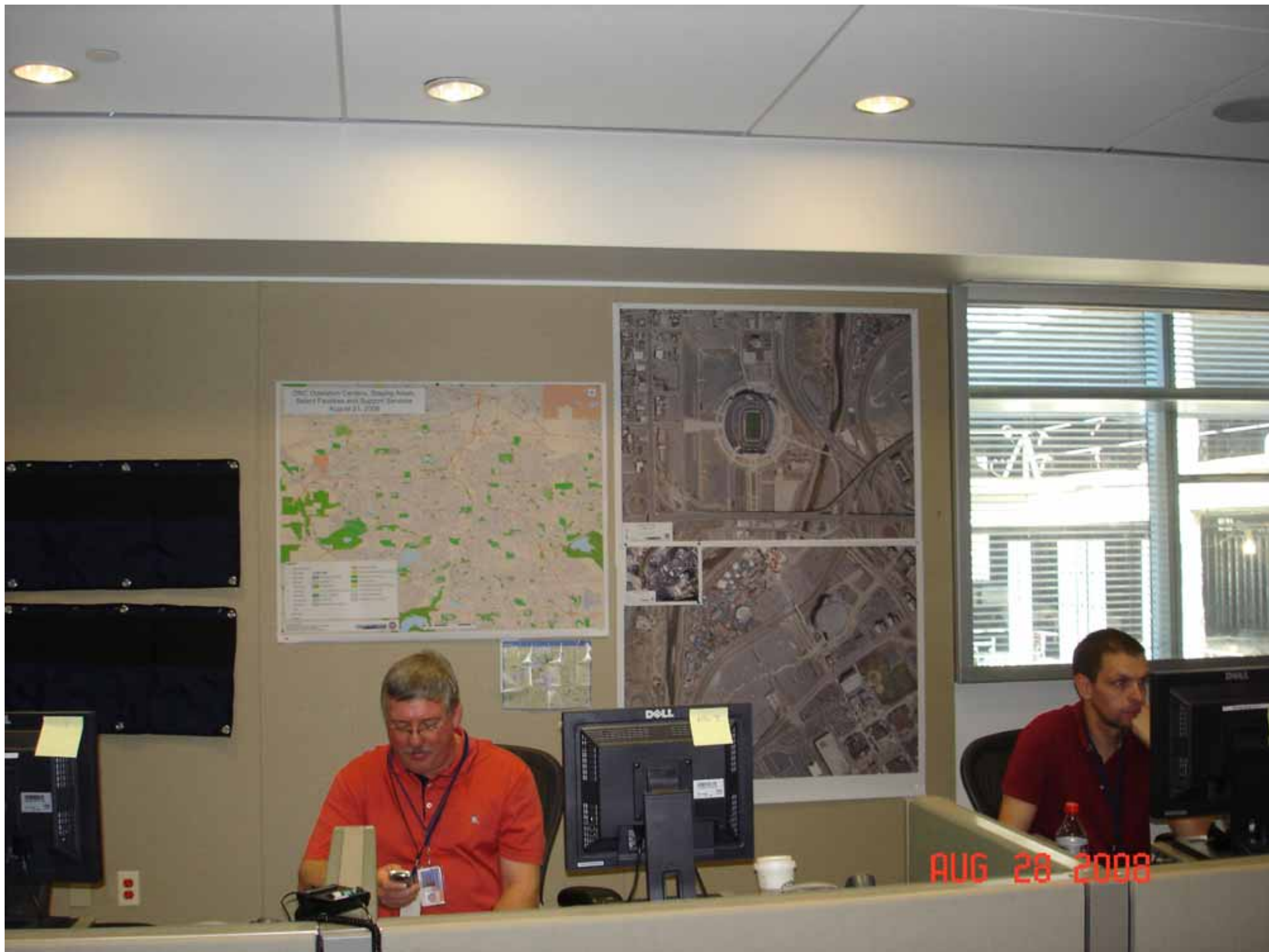
# Operations



## Mobile Assets



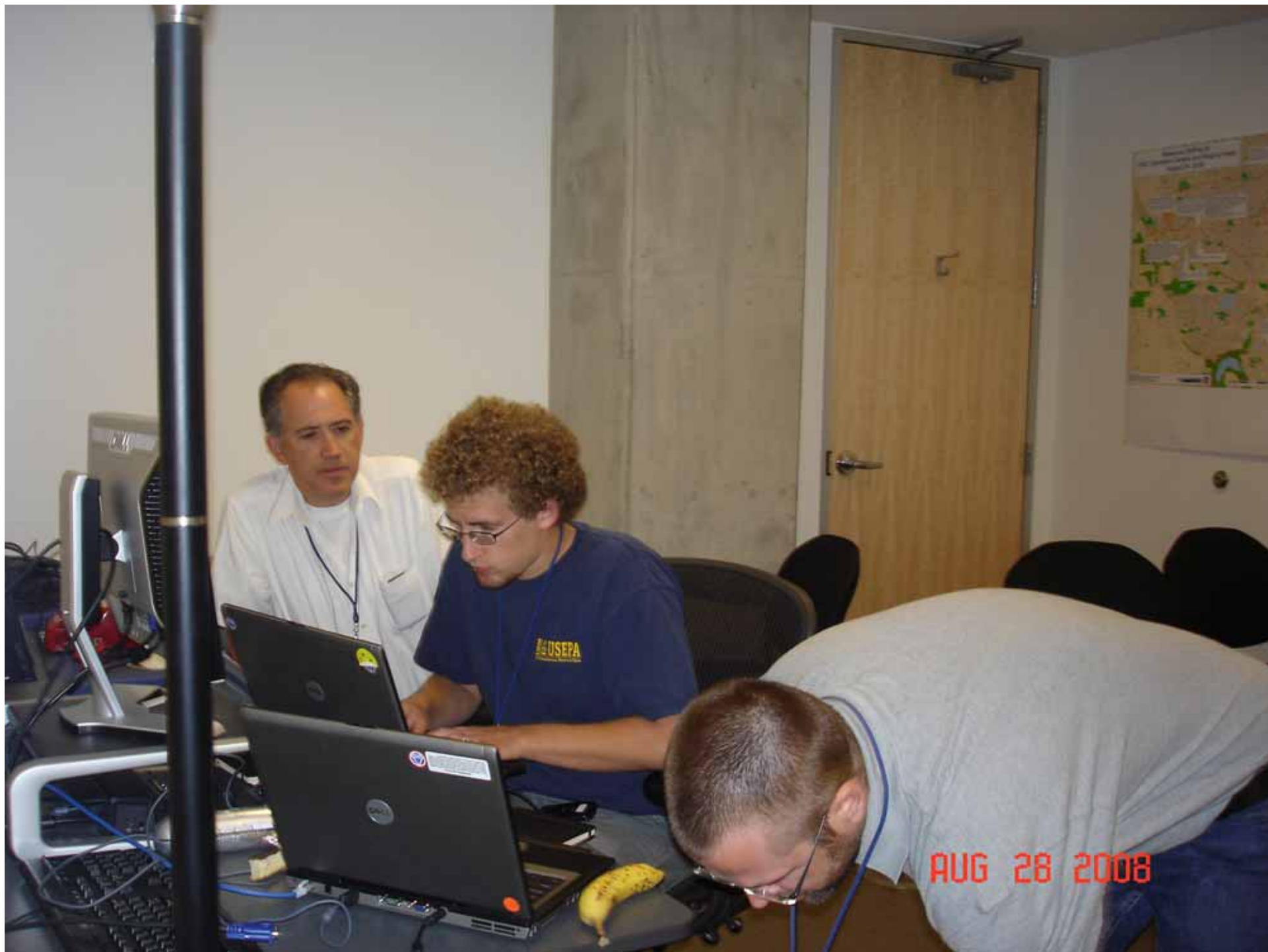




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# DAILY OPERATIONS SCHEDULE

(WHO SHOULD ATTEND)

8/22/08

- 0900 hours: MACC Briefing Ops Section Chief / Mike Cook (PSC, Liaison)
- 1000 hours: Shift change/briefing (Shift 1 starts)
- 1030 hours: Shift 2 ends
- 1030 hours: Off-site locations check in with/update Situation Unit
- 1100 hours: IMT Briefing by Regional Incident Coordinator (RIC) (Command General Staff)
- 1130 hours: EPA Region 8 Senior Staff Briefing (Yellowstone Rm) (PSC, OPS, LOGs, Finance, PIO, Liaison)
- 1200 hours: EPA Region 8- HQ Video Conference (RIC)
- 1300 hours: FEMA Interagency Command Post Video/Audio conference (Place Holder)
- 1600 hours: Begin preparation of ICS 204 Div Assignments & Sit Rep
- 1600 hours: Environmental Unit/Operations Section Video Conference (Marty & Pete)
- 1700 hours: MACC Briefing Ops Section Chief / RIC / Mike Cook (PSC, Liaison)
- 1800 hours: Finalize ICS 204/Sit Rep
- 2200 hours: Operations Section shift change/briefing (Shift 2 starts). ReOC closes until 1000 hrs



# Situation Unit Mission

- Develop Situation Report draft by 10:00am daily, finalize by 11:30am.
- Provide weather updates, situation updates, requested maps for all briefings
- Additional duties included acting as REOC manager, backfilling PSC when necessary, and being the communications check-in point for EPA staff in other EOCs.









# Situation Unit Lessons Learned

- Most of the work is in the pre-planning stages for this kind of event. Ensure available time (and contractors time) before the scheduled event.
- Effectively used the Operational period to test technology, methods and to train/exercise.
- Having part-time PSC and other positions was problematic, SULs had to fill PSC role for large segments of time.
- Regional ER management now confident in RSCs staffing the IMT.
- Situation supported information flow to command and senior EPA officials more than meeting Operational needs for this staging mission.

# Structure of DNC Environmental Unit

**Environmental Unit Leader  
(M. McComb)**

**Ecological and Health Assessment  
Team (C. Poulet)**

Extensive EOC / reach back support

**Sampling and Monitoring Plan  
Team (M. McComb)**

1 START FTE

**Laboratory Services  
Team (A. Tien)**

R8 Lab / ESAT / START reach back

**Data Management  
Team (J. Schaefer)**

1 ESAT Support FTE, ERT reach back

**ASPECT  
Team (M. Thomas)**

Multiple support personnel

# Key Mission Parameters for the EU

- the EU's "Official Functions", relationship to Special Teams (ASPECT, NCERT) and coordination with HQs re: data management are all unclear
- Tasked with providing support to both EPA Ops and the City of Denver
- Unit pre-deployed amongst chaos: not co-located with Ops or the City of Denver
- Unit must function independently for 48 hours should something happen





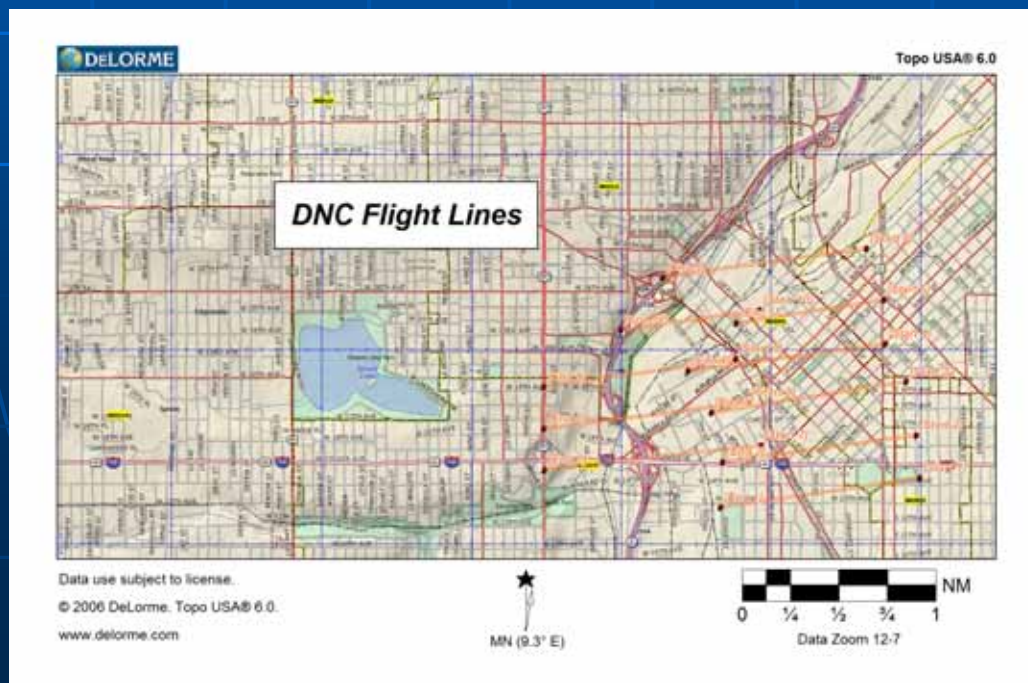
# EU Lessons Learned during the DNC

- Being pre-deployed in a different location than Ops is not ideal
- Maintaining regular contact with reach back assets is worth the effort
- Flow of information cares not for ICS: Be creative!
- Treat false alarms / low priority tasks like exercises
- Foster strong relationships with SIT / GIS personnel
- Special Teams (NCERT, ASPECT) not aware of potential EU support
- Be self-sufficient and keep it light



# EU Lessons Learned re: ASPECT

- ASPECT Team is smart and hard working
- Amazing ability to gather current information
- Be prepared for the ASPECT wow factor
- ICS staff need to clearly understand ASPECTS capabilities and limitations
- Strong need to streamline data processing and reporting functions
- Regional staff should be included in ASPECT Project Planning



# Contacts

Questions?

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