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Mark Howard is an Environmental Scientist with the Headquarters Office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Regulation Implementation Division (RID) in Washington D.C. He is the Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) National Technical Expert. He also serves as the SPCC Team Leader, national project manager for the Inspector's Training Program, the Oil Program representative/instructor for the OSC academy, and the lead for the Oil Program Technical Workgroup. He is also the lead technical member of the SPCC rulemaking workgroup and is one of the authors of the SPCC rule (40 CFR part 112).

Mr. Howard served as the OEM lead for reviewing the Keystone Pipeline Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Agency Hydraulic Fracturing Study. Mr. Howard was consulted by the National Academy of Sciences on their diluted bitumen paper. Mr. Howard is an active voting member of the STI SP001 committee. Mark also is the EPA executive Committee representative for the International Oil Spill Conference. EPA has awarded Mr. Howard with a 2018 National Notable Achievement Award for inspector training, a silver medal and several bronze medals.

Prior to his Federal service he worked ten years as a State oil/Haz-Mat responder and AST inspector with the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality. Mr. Howard holds a Master of Science Degree in Biology (Specializing in Environmental Science and Policy) from George Mason University. He holds Virginia Emergency Services certifications as a Hazardous Materials Specialist and Incident Manager. After that self-serving grandiose list of accomplishments, he is most proud of his relationship with his wife Christine and daughter/class president Hope.