



## SPILL NOTIFICATION POINT

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## COMPETENT NATIONAL AUTHORITY

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## RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

A revised Barbados National Oil Spill Contingency Plan was approved and adopted in 2002 and a Barbados National Response Team (BNRT) established with representatives from the Environmental Protection Department, Central Emergency Relief Organisation (CERO), Barbados Coast Guard, National Conservation Commission, Barbados Port Authority, Coastal Zone Management Unit, Barbados Fire Service, Royal Barbados Police Force, Energy Division, Barbados National Oil Company Ltd, Barbados National Terminal Company Ltd and the local petroleum industry Marine Oil Spill Action Plan (MOSAP). The Director of the Environmental Protection Department is the Chair of the BNRT and the Director of CERO is the National Co-ordinator. The Barbados Coast Guard is the first response agency and on-scene co-ordinator for marine spill incidents. The duties of the BNRT include providing collective advice and assistance to the OSC so that effective response actions can be formulated and to inform the relevant authorities and the public of the actions taken.

A 2007 revision of the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan is expected to be approved and adopted in 2008.

Government policy is to encourage the spiller to undertake the clean-up. The local oil companies are, therefore, required to maintain a response capability for small spills at their installations. Since government resources are limited, reliance is placed on industry equipment and manpower to deal with spills from other sources.

## RESPONSE POLICY

Physical removal of the spilt oil is the primary response method. However, dispersants approved by the government can be used in accordance with the BNRT's draft dispersant use policy. This policy is expected to be approved and adopted in 2008.

The priority for shoreline clean-up is to limit the removal of sand, and manual techniques are recommended.



## EQUIPMENT

### Government

The government owns a small quantity of oil sorbent materials. The Coast Guard and the Port Authority own a number of marine vessels which could be used in the event of a spill.

### Private

Simpson Oil Company, Esso, Texaco, the Barbados National Oil Company Ltd., and the Barbados National Terminal Company Ltd., have boom, skimmers, dispersant and spraying equipment. Vacuum trucks, front-end loaders, etc. are available from commercial contractors.

## PREVIOUS SPILL EXPERIENCE

There have been no major spills affecting Barbados although small spills have occurred from routine oil transfer operations.

## CONVENTIONS

Prevention & Safety					Spill Response		Compensation						
MARPOL 73/78		Annexes III IV V VI			OPRC '90	OPRC -HNS	CLC '69 '76 '92			Fund '92	Supp Fund	HNS*	Bunker
✓	✓		✓	✓					✓	✓	✓		✓

\* not yet in force



## REGIONAL AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

Cartagena Convention (with states of the Wider Caribbean Region).

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