JAMAICA

SPILL NOTIFICATION POINT

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RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

A National Response Team (NRT) has been established under the Contingency Plan, chaired by the Director of the Office of Disaster Preparedness (ODP), who in this role is referred to as the National Coordinator (NC).

RESPONSE POLICY

Jamaican policy requires the spiller to initiate necessary clean-up measures. However, it is recognised that in most ship-source spills those government agencies identified in the contingency plan would have to assume this responsibility. No particular strategy has been developed for dealing with spills but given the type of equipment available, response is likely to be limited to nearshore areas and shoreline clean-up.

The Jamaican economy is heavily dependent on tourism and so a very high priority is assigned to the protection and maintenance of amenity beaches. The use of dispersants, although not ruled out, is considered a final option.

Disposal of oily waste can be problematic due to potential contamination of the limestone aquifer by leachate.

EQUIPMENT

Government

The Jamaica Defence Force Coast Guard owns three containers of oil spill equipment currently located at Kingston, Montego Bay and Ocho Rios. These containers hold boom, skimmers, pumps and sorbent material. The Coast Guard holds similar equipment plus stocks of dispersant at the base in Port Royal and can supply vessels and helicopters for monitoring and surveillance.

Private

Petrojam operates a small amount of equipment and dispersant in Kingston, as does Esso in Montego Bay. Vacuum trucks, front-end loaders, etc. are available from commercial contractors. A crop-dusting company in Oracabessa has aircraft available for conversion to dispersant spraying.

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PREVIOUS SPILL EXPERIENCE

In 1981 the tanker ERODONA spilt 600 tonnes of Bunker C after grounding at Port Kaiser. The majority of the oil moved out to sea and dispersed naturally.

CONVENTIONS

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

* not yet in force

REGIONAL AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

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

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