



SPILL NOTIFICATION POINT

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RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

The National Contingency Plan was launched at a GI WACAF workshop in 2008. Responsibility for oil pollution control in Senegal lies with Haute Autorité Chargéé de la Coordination de la Sécurité Maritime et de la Protection de l'Environnement Marin (HASSMAR). Specific details are not know, but responsibility for at sea response lies with the Navy who will appoint an at sea operations commander. Shoreline clean-up is the responsibility of the fire department of the Ministry of the Interior. The on-shore operations commander will be appointed from this department.

RESPONSE POLICY

Mechanical containment and recovery appear to be the preferred options but dispersants are recognised as a valid response technique. An approved list of dispersants is being prepared based on testing carried out in other countries such as France, Australia and the US and zones where the application of dispersants is permitted will be identified based on water depth, distance to shore and sensitive resources. HASSMAR is the authority responsible for giving formal authorisation for the application of dispersants during a spill (Information from GI WACAF 2011) The disposal of bulk oil may be facilitated through a private waste oil disposal firm in Dakar. The disposal options for oily waste are not known.

EQUIPMENT

Government & Private

At present there are few resources for responding to oil spills. The Environmental Directorate operates several small boats together with some storage tanks, boom and sorbent. Other resources are held by public works departments and port authorities and include agricultural equipment and labour for shoreline clean-up.

PREVIOUS SPILL EXPERIENCE

There do not appear to have been any major spills in Senegalese waters.



SENEGAL

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

Abidjan Convention (with states of the West and Central African Region).

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