



SPILL NOTIFICATION POINT

National Disaster Council PO Box G11 Honiara	Tel: +677 23662/ or 23667/23665 +677 23660 (24 hr) Fax: + 677 23660
Notification of spills occurring during bunkering operations in the port should also be reported to: Shell (Pacific Islands) Ltd.	Tel: +677 25546/21838/9 +677 24569 (24 hrs) Fax: +677 23481
In the case of major incidents, notification should also be immediately made to the Regional Incident Reporting Centre located at the Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Australia:	
Maritime Rescue and Co-ordination Centre Canberra Australia	Tel: +61 6 274 5244 Fax: +61 6 257 2036 Tlx: 62349

COMPETENT NATIONAL AUTHORITY

Environment and Conservation Division Ministry of Forests, Environment & Conservation PO Box G24 Honiara	Tel: +677 21521 Fax: +677 21245
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RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

The designated authority charged with responding to marine oil pollution is the National Disaster Council.

There is currently no oil spill contingency plan in place. In the event of a serious pollution incident the National Disaster Council would be convened under the chairmanship of a permanent government employee and would comprise representatives of various government departments (including the Commissioner of Police and the Superintendent of Marine). The Council has the mandate to respond to oil spills in whatever way it deems appropriate and would more than likely mobilise the Ministry of Works and Utilities to respond on the ground. Due to the lack of technical expertise available in the country, it is envisaged that the Council would rely heavily on the industry and outside organisations for further advice and assistance.

Shell has a shared contingency plan with its larger operation in Papua New Guinea. This provides the capability to respond to small operational spills originating from one of its facilities during bunkering operations. However, there is no statutory requirement for oil handling facilities or ports to maintain their own contingency plans.

RESPONSE POLICY

Not known



EQUIPMENT

Government & Private

Specialised spill response equipment located in the Solomon Islands is fairly limited. Shell maintains limited amounts of boom and dispersant in order to respond to small spills in port. Mobil also possesses small amounts of dispersant to respond to a minor spill from its facility. Neither the National Disaster Council nor any other section of the islands government maintain any specialised response equipment.

PREVIOUS SPILL EXPERIENCE

There have been no major oil pollution incidents in the Solomon Islands

CONVENTIONS

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

* not yet in force

The Solomon Islands is not a party to any of the above conventions.



REGIONAL AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

Noumea Convention (with states of the South Pacific Region).

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