



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

SPILL NOTIFICATION POINT

Notification should be made to the nearest port of terminal authority and to:

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STO DOMINIGO	

RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

An Oil Spill Planning Committee which consists of representatives from the armed forces, the local oil industry, including the refinery and oil consumers (power plants, etc.) has been established and a draft National Contingency Plan has been produced.

The government agencies would rely on the refinery and oil industry to mount a response to an oil spill but would act as coordinator. The Navy and Air Force would assist with monitoring and surveillance.

RESPONSE POLICY

Dispersants have previously been used in the ports but there is no firm policy on the use of dispersants within the many designated national parks.

Liquid waste can be disposed of in slop tanks at the local refinery and small amounts of oily waste have been disposed via landfarming within the refinery precincts.

EQUIPMENT

Government

The government does not maintain any specialised spill response equipment. A large amount of local unskilled labour is available in the country. The Navy and Air forces would assist with monitoring and surveillance and could provide manpower for shoreline cleanup.

Private

Spill response equipment is maintained by ESSO and Shell in Santo Domingo and by the Refineria Dominicana de Petroleo in the port of Haina. This includes dispersant, boom, small skimmers and temporary storage. Manpower would be available from the refinery.

A major oil spill would require outside assistance from Clean Caribbean & Americas (CCA) in Miami through the membership of the oil companies.



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PREVIOUS SPILL EXPERIENCE

The HADRIAN (1995) spilt 230 tonnes of bunker oil after grounding in Samana Bay. The oil impacted several beaches and affected local subsistence fishing and tourism. Cleanup was undertaken by government authorities and a contractor, from Puerto Rico, appointed by the vessel owner. Several small spills have occurred in the ports.

CONVENTIONS

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

* not yet in force

REGIONAL AND BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS

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

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