



FRENCH ANTILLES

(Guadeloupe, Martinique, St Barths & St Martin)

SPILL NOTIFICATION POINT

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For spills in port, the relevant port authority should be notified

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RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

Martinique & Guadeloupe constitute overseas administrative units (Departement d'Outremer) of France headed by a prefect (Préfet de Region) who also acts as the chief executive for maritime affairs (Préfet Maritime) and would oversee any spill response mounted in the islands. Arrangements for response are based on the French POLMAR system - POLMAR-Mer for the maritime regions and POLMAR-Terre for the shoreline.

The designated agency through which the Prefect may exercise civil authority is the Regional Board for Maritime Affairs (Direction Regionale des Affaires Maritime) whilst his military authority flows through Le Commandant de la Marine (COMAR).

In the event of an oil spillage within the jurisdiction of a port or harbour, the port authority would be responsible for overseeing and/or executing anti-pollution measures. In the case of a spill elsewhere the Maritime Prefect would mobilise the necessary resources, particularly le Service des Phares et Balises (the specialist department for lights and buoys) to deal with the incident unless the owner of the polluting vessel or installation was responding to the situation in an adequate manner. For a serious incident the Maritime Prefect has call upon civil, military and private resources either by contract or through a requisitioning procedure. In this event, the naval authorities through the Marine Nationale in Martinique would take a primary role in directing any response arrangements.

Additional assistance may be called from France (eg Centre de Documentation Recherche et d'Experimentations - CEDRE).

RESPONSE POLICY

As in mainland France, the preferred cleanup technique is mechanical recovery, but the controlled use of dispersants is also accepted as an alternative approach.



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EQUIPMENT

Government

The French Administration has established POLMAR stockpiles at Fort de France and Pointe-a-Pitre through the Marine Nationale and the Department for Lights and Buoys. The stockpiles include tugs, booms, skimming systems and barges, pressure cleaning units, sorbent, temporary storage and separation tanks. In addition, La Marine Nationale at Fort Saint-Louis have spray gear and dispersant. Half of this dispersant stockpile is located in Guadeloupe.

Private

The Societe Anonyme de la Raffinerie des Antilles (SARA) an association of local oil companies at Fort de France have a small stockpile of boom and dispersant, operate vessels with dispersant spray gear and a tank truck. The local power station at Fort de France and Bellefontaine has booms, skimmers, dispersant, recovered oil storage tanks and operates a tank truck.

PREVIOUS SPILL EXPERIENCE

There have been no major spills in the waters of Guadeloupe & Martinique.

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	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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