



NEGARA BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

SPILL NOTIFICATION POINT

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COMPETENT NATIONAL AUTHORITY

Details as for spill notification point.

RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

Responsibility for oil spill preparedness and response lies with the Marine Department of the Ministry of Communications. The Marine Department is the focal point for coordinating the planning and implementation of the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCOP) and any associated activities. The plan has been prepared in line with the requirements of OPRC 90. It calls for a tiered response and lays out the mechanism for responding to a Tier 1 spill under the Director of the Marine Department. Response to Tier 2/3 spills will involve the National Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Task Force Agency Management Committee (MC) and Incident Management Team (IMT), which consist of other government agencies who have specific roles and responsibilities to fulfil in the event of an oil spill event.

The Marine Department Manual on Maritime Disaster Plan interfaces with the NOSCOP. This plan details how the Marine Emergency Action Team (MEAT) will respond to maritime casualties within Muara Port Limits and along the Brunei River. Outside of these areas the Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC) will be responsible for responding to any maritime casualties, as detailed in the SAR Plan. These plans detail the MEAT team's responsibilities, ie general emergency response procedures, salvage etc. In the event of a shipping incident involving an oil spill, both the Maritime Disaster/SAR Plans and the NOSCOP would be used by the government to respond to the incident.

All oil companies operating in Brunei are required to have their own oil spill contingency plans or other emergency response procedures. These plans should identify procedures for responding to Tier 1 spills, and identify resources available for responding to Tier 2/3 spills originating from oil industry operations. Where incidents exceed the response capability of third parties, the government will coordinate a national response calling on a range of different government agencies and the oil industry to assist.

A comprehensive Coastal Environment Sensitivity Map has been produced. This includes clean-up strategies for the various coastal types encountered and the sensitivity of certain areas to dispersant usage.

RESPONSE POLICY

The spill response strategy for the Brunei shoreline concentrates on preventing oil from entering the sheltered, more sensitive interior environments and from crossing international boundaries. The likely sequence of response activities would be dispersant application, mechanical containment and recovery and shoreline protection. Formal approval is required for dispersant use. Dispersants would not normally be applied less than 1 km from the shoreline or if the resulting dispersed oil could impact marine resources such as corals and fisheries.

EQUIPMENT

Government

The Marine Department operates two tugs at Muara equipped for dispersant spraying. New equipment, including that donated by the Japanese government, forms the basis of a small stockpile also based at Muara. This includes booms and a skimmer together with portable storage equipment.

Aircraft and helicopters for dispersant spraying and aerial surveillance together with other logistics would be provided by the armed forces and Brunei Shell Petroleum.

Private

The majority of pollution equipment is operated by the oil industry located in the north west of the country. This includes boom, skimmers, aerial and vessel dispersant spraying equipment, dispersant and various sorbent materials. In addition, several offshore supply vessels and berthing tugs operated by the oil industry have a dispersant storage and spraying capability. All these resources can be mobilised directly by the Marine Department on-scene commander. A mutual aid agreement exists with the oil industry in Malaysia to share equipment and resources if required.

PREVIOUS SPILL EXPERIENCE

There have been no major spills in Brunei waters.

CONVENTIONS

Prevention & Safety					Spill Response			Compensation					
MARPOL 73/78		Annexes III IV V VI			OPRC '90	OPRC -HNS	'69	CLC '76	'92	Fund '92	Supp Fund	HNS*	Bunker
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* not yet in force



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*A Summary of Oil Spill Response Arrangements
& Resources Worldwide*

REGIONAL AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

ASEAN - OSRAP (Association of South East Asian Nations Oil Spill Response Action Plan) with the other ASEAN countries and with contributions from Japan.

Regional Programme for the Prevention and Management of Marine Pollution in the East Asian Seas with the ASEAN countries, China, Cambodia and Vietnam.

A Standard Operating Procedure exists for joint spill combat in the South China Sea including Brunei Bay with Malaysia.

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