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SPILL NOTIFICATION POINT

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COMPETENT NATIONAL AUTHORITY

Details are as for the spill notification point.

RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

The Philippine Coast Guard, is the responsible agency for preventing and controlling pollution in the country's territorial waters. The National Operation Centre for Oil Pollution, temporarily housed at the Coast Guard HQ, has been established to serve as a focal point. The NOCOP Commander serves as the national on-scene commander and is able to request assistance from other government, private and military sources. In addition to the NOCOP, there are eight Marine Environment Protection Offices under the control of the eight Coast Guard districts.

The National Marine Pollution Control Contingency Plan calls for a tiered response to oil spills. For a tier I spill, the spiller is required to undertake the clean-up using their own resources which, by law, they must operate. A tier II or III spill will involve the local Coast Guard commander as the local on-scene commander who will coordinate closely with the NOCOP. For a tier III spill, the Coast Guard has the power to call on other industry resources.

Oil impacting the coastline is cleaned by personnel under the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard with assistance from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

RESPONSE POLICY

The policy for combating spills at sea is limited by the lack of suitable resources. Any floating oil would be monitored and defensive booming would be used to protect any threatened coastal resources. Dispersant spraying is an option but is, however, limited by several criteria such as proximity of the spill location to sensitive resources. Authorisation must first be gained from the director of the NOCOP to use dispersants and those used must first be accredited.



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EQUIPMENT

Government

Since the limited equipment stockpile in Manila was destroyed in a fire in 1992, the Philippine Coast Guard has little resources of its own other than that provided by the Japanese Transport Ministry, through the OSPAR (Oil Spill Preparedness and Response in Asia) scheme. This is sited at equipment bases in Davao, Cebu and Manila and will include skimmers, boom, storage tanks, vessel based dispersant sprayers, transfer pumps, dispersant and sorbent.

The Sulawesi Sea Oil Spill Response Network, formed jointly with Indonesia and Malaysia with funding from UNDP, established a stockpile of equipment in Davao for use at spills in the Makassar Straights and Sulawesi Sea. This is operated on behalf of the member countries by the Philippine Coast Guard. The stockpile includes boom, several skimmers, a vessel dispersant spray system and a workboat.

Private

Under Philippine law, the oil industry must have resources available at their facilities to clean-up a Tier I spill. Such resources are located at refineries and depots in Manila Bay and at Batangas, Palawan and Cebu. In addition, Shell and Caltex have established the WISE (Waterborne Industry Oil Spill Equipment) cooperative. The equipment is stored on board tugs operating at the Batangas Bay refineries and includes containment and recovery equipment, storage facilities, pressure cleaners and dispersant spraying apparatus. In addition, Caltex and Shell are proposing to establish six smaller stockpiles around the country over the next two years.

PREVIOUS SPILL EXPERIENCE

The bunker barge PETRO QUEEN (1994) spilt 7-900 bbls of fuel oil following a collision at the entrance to the Pasig river. Clean-up was performed using WISE equipment with impact limited to fouling of the yacht club.

CONVENTIONS

Prevention & Safety					Oil Spill Response	Compensation					
MARPOL 73/78		Annexes			OPRC '90	CLC			Fund		
III	IV*	V	VI*		'69	'76	'92	'71	'76	'92	
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* not yet in force



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REGIONAL AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

The Sulawesi Sea Oil Spill Response Network, with Indonesia and Malaysia.

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

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

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