



## SPILL NOTIFICATION POINT

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## RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

The National Emergency Planning Organization (NEPO) finalised the Commonwealth of Dominica National Pollution Contingency Plan in 1996. The National Plan provides a framework for government, industrial and regional cooperation to ensure prompt and effective response to oil pollution incidents (actual or threatened). The Plan is an integral part of the National Disaster Plan, and is effective for the territorial waters of the Commonwealth of Dominica, its adjoining shoreline and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

The government lead agency is the NEPO, represented by the National Disaster Coordinator in the office of the Ministry of Communication, Works and Housing. The Environmental Pollution Committee (EPC) would assist the lead agency in the event of a pollution incident and comprises representatives from government and the oil industry. The Director of Forestry and Wildlife would chair the EPC.

At the operational level, the General Manager of the Dominican Port Authority (DPA) would be the designated On-Scene Commander (OSC). He would be assisted by the Commonwealth of Dominica Police Force Marine Unit (DFMU).

The oil industry (Texaco Dominica, West Indies and National Petroleum) have agreed to provide tier 1 response assistance (although in 1997 only Texaco was equipped for this service).

## RESPONSE POLICY

The response strategy for Dominica is based on the combined approach of recovery/containment, the use of dispersants and manual shoreline cleanup. The use of dispersant needs the approval of the EPC.

Small quantities of oily beach material could be landfilled. Large quantities and bulk waste would have to be exported for final disposal.

## EQUIPMENT

### Government

There is no government-owned dedicated counter pollution equipment in stock on the island for offshore deployment, but the Department of Works and the Dominican Fire and Ambulance Service (DFAS), as major sources of material, equipment and personnel, could be called upon by the EPC to assist in cleanup operations. There are no local stockpiles of dispersant or application equipment. The International Airport of the Commonwealth of Dominica has limited capacity to handle aircraft transporting heavy equipment for cleanup operations.



## Private

Texaco has cleanup resources comprising boom and skimmers sufficient to handle a small spill (Tier 1) at any one of the three terminals on the island. In the event of a larger (Tier 2 or 3) spill, Texaco and National Petroleum, both members of Clean Caribbean & Americas (CCA), would rely on CCA resources.

## PREVIOUS SPILL EXPERIENCE

No major spills are known to have affected Dominica.

## 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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