



## SPILL NOTIFICATION POINT

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| Navy Headquarters  |      | +233 21 766850 |
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| Accra  | Fax: | +233 21 761390 |
| or Coast Radio Station MF, HF, VHF                             |      |                |
| or Port Radio Stations (Tema, Takoradi) VHF Ch 14 & 16, MF, HF |      |                |

## COMPETENT NATIONAL AUTHORITY

|   |      |                    |
|---|------|--------------------|
| Environmental Protection Agency<br>PO Box M326<br>Ministries Post Office<br>Accra | Tel: | +233 21 664697/8   |
|   | Fax: | +233 21 662690     |
| <i>and</i>  |      |                    |
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## RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

A National Oil Spill Contingency Plan has been prepared. The lead agency for dealing with oil spills is the Environment Protection Agency of the Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology, which works in conjunction with the Ministry of Transport and Communications. The Chief of Naval Operations would provide the on-scene commander to coordinate military involvement in spill reconnaissance and clean-up.

## RESPONSE POLICY

The National Plan gives containment and recovery as the preferred policy options for oil spill response. Dispersant use, however, is listed as being both feasible and desirable in some cases. Any clean-up would involve manual shoreline cleaning due to the predominantly onshore winds for much of the year.

Disposal options include landfill, burning, recycling recovered oil at a refinery or reusing in industry.

## EQUIPMENT

### Government

There is very little dedicated oil spill response equipment available in Ghana. The Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority have two tugs at Tema and one tug at Takoradi fitted with booms, skimmers and tank receptacles. Also some vacuum trucks are available. Military sources under the control of the on-scene commander would provide aircraft for surveillance and monitoring duties.

### Private

Both mechanical and agricultural equipment suitable for beach cleaning, and labour, are available commercially. Tank trucks and pumps are available commercially. Locally readily available waste materials (coconut husk and poultry feathers) are suitable as cheap sorbents.



# GHANA

## PREVIOUS SPILL EXPERIENCE

There does not appear to have been any major spills in Ghana waters. Small spills have been reported at the Tema oil refinery and at the ports of Tema and Takoradi.

## CONVENTIONS

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

\* not yet in force

## REGIONAL AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

Abidjan Convention (with states of the West and Central African Region).

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