



SPILL NOTIFICATION POINT

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COMPETENT NATIONAL AUTHORITY

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RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

Greenland is an integral part of the State of Denmark and as such, responsibility for response to pollution at sea from oil and chemicals lies with the Danish Ministry of the Environment which has delegated planning and operational aspects to the Danish Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA). NEPA have prepared an oil spill contingency plan for Greenland.

Upon notification from the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre, the NEPA officer will decide upon the response. NEPA has overall authority and can, if necessary, request advice from various specialist agencies dealing with wildlife, fisheries, and general marine environment protection. Assistance can also be requested from the Danish Armed Forces as well as a number of civilian authorities. The local Communes are responsible for clean-up of beaches and harbours and the Civil Defence Corps can be called upon to provide equipment and personnel.

RESPONSE POLICY

The sea conditions, particularly in the winter months, prevent most clean-up methods. However, in view of the relatively pristine waters off Greenland and its unique marine biota, every effort will be made to recover as much spilt oil as possible and the use of dispersants would be prohibited.

EQUIPMENT

Government & Private

Greenland has no specialised clean-up resources, and it would be necessary to air freight equipment and trained personnel from either Denmark or Canada. NEPA has two main stockpiles of air-transportable equipment in Denmark, one in Copenhagen and the other in Korsøer but relies on the Navy and the Civil Defence Corps to maintain it and deploy it in time of need. It also has a fleet of oil combating ships but it is unlikely that these could reach Greenland in time to respond effectively. Resources may be brought in from Canada if possible.

PREVIOUS SPILL EXPERIENCE

There have been no serious spills in Greenland waters.



CONVENTIONS

Prevention & Safety					Oil Spill Response	Compensation					
MARPOL 73/78		Annexes III IV V VI			OPRC '90	CLC '69 '76 '92			Fund '71 '76 '92		
✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓			✓

* not yet in force

REGIONAL AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

With Canada for Baffin Bay, Davis Strait and other joint sea areas.

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