



# VIETNAM

## SPILL NOTIFICATION POINT

Spills should be notified to the local maritime administration and to the local People's Committee:	
Ho Chi Minh Maritime Administration	Tel: +84 8 291825/6 Fax: +84 8 224168 Tlx: 812772 SGPORT VT
Nha Trang Maritime Administration (for Van Phong)	Tel: +84 58 881028/31 Fax: +84 581029
Vung Tau Maritime Administration	Tel: +84 64 852270/2

## COMPETENT NATIONAL AUTHORITY

National Committee for Search and Rescue (VINASARCOM) Number 26 Hoang Dieu Str, Ba Dinh Hanoi	Tel: +84437333664 Fax: +84437333845
National Environment Agency Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment (MoNRE) 39 Tran Hung Dao Hanoi	Tel: +84 261 517 +84 228 750 Fax: +84 251 518 +84 252 733

## RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

The National Committee for Search and Rescue (VINASARCOM) is the lead agency for oil spill response and is responsible for the implementation of the National Contingency Plan (NCP). The national plan ("National Plan on Coping with Oil Spill Incidents") was ratified by government in 2001.

The Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment (MoNRE) is responsible for assessing environmental damage and works closely with VINASARCOM during an incident. The Ministry of Defence may also be called upon at the request of VINASARCOM to organise the deployment of army forces in combating a spill. At the regional level, the local People's Committee of the relevant province organises the response. Local facilities are required to have their own contingency plans and equipment to respond to Tier 1 spills.

Vietnam opened its first oil spill response centre in the central port city of Dang Nang in autumn 2004. The Centre is in charge of responding to oil spills in 9 central coastal provinces stretching from Quang Tri to Ninh Thuan. A second oil spill response centre was opened in the southern part of Vietnam in 2006 and a third centre in the north of the country is planned. The centres have equipment sufficient to deal with Tier 1 and 2 level spills.

In cases where response efforts exceed the capabilities of domestic forces and provisions, VINASARCOM will seek foreign assistance.

## RESPONSE POLICY

Vietnam's response policy is outlined in a Circular produced by MoNRE in December 1995. Both manual and mechanical clean-up methods are recommended. Any use of dispersants must be approved by MoNRE. Dispersants are not permitted in estuaries, lagoons and enclosed bays and shallow waters along the coast.



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## EQUIPMENT

### Government & Private

Vietnam's new oil spill response centre is equipped with boom, 2 skimmers, a helicopter-spraying system, tanks to hold recovered oil, a vessel, trucks and other specialised equipment. Manpower for any shoreline clean-up would be provided by the army, police, fire brigade and other local forces. A stock of response equipment including that for offshore, nearshore containment and recovery, dispersant application and for shoreline clean-up is also maintained as a joint venture between Briggs Marine and PTSC a supply vessel operator.

VIETSOVPETROL and Petroleum Technical Services operate stockpiles of equipment at Vung Tau, including spraying and recovery equipment. The recovery equipment has been selected to recover heavy oil. Vifrasal (Vietnamese French Salvage Company) operates several tugs at Van Phong and Vung Tau equipped with boom, skimmers, dispersant and spraying equipment.

The state oil company Petrolimex has boom and several small skimmers.

## PREVIOUS SPILL EXPERIENCE

Vietnam has experienced several small spills. The NEPTUNE ARIES (1994) spilt 1500 tonnes of gas oil after impacting a jetty. Little clean-up was undertaken although the oil damaged rice paddies. In 2001 the tanker FORMOSA ONE collided with tanker PETROLIMEX 1 IN Ganh Rai Bay, Vung Tau City, spilling 615 tonnes of gas oil cargo.

## HAZARDOUS AND NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES (HNS)

Vietnam has no specific arrangements in place for dealing with spills of HNS.

## 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
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\* not yet in force



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## REGIONAL AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

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

Joint statement on oil spill response between Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand in the Gulf of Thailand signed in 2006.

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