



## FRENCH GUIANA

### SPILL NOTIFICATION POINT

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| CROSS AG - MRCC<br>(AG : Antilles – Guyane)<br>BP 621 - 97261 Fort de France cedex<br>Martinique FWI | Tel: + 596 596 70 92 92 (24hr)<br>Fax: + 596 596 63 24 50 |
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For spills in port, the relevant port authority should be notified

### COMPETENT NATIONAL AUTHORITY

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| Officier Operations Marine<br>Base Navale<br>Dégrad des Cannes | Tel: +594 594393000(24 hrs)<br>Fax: +594 594393005 |
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| In addition, the French Navy continuously monitors the Marine<br>Rescue Service Centre | Tel: +594 594395670<br>Fax: +594 594395589 |
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| Incidents in port or port approaches should be reported to:<br>Préfecture - Protection Civile<br>Rue Fiedmont<br>97307 Cayenne Cedex | Tel: +594 594394546<br>+594594394500(24-hrs)<br>Fax: +594 594 30 02 77 |
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### RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

French Guiana constitutes an overseas administrative unit (Departement d'Outremer) of France headed by a prefect (Préfet de Region) who also acts as the chief executive for maritime affairs (Préfet Maritime) and would oversee any spill response mounted in its waters. Arrangements for response are based on the French POLMAR system - POLMAR-Mer for the maritime regions and POLMAR-Terre for the shoreline which were joined into the "Plan Polmar Guyane" in 2004.

The designated agency through which the Prefect may exercise civil authority is the Regional Board for Maritime Affairs (Direction Regionale des Affaires Maritime) whilst his military authority flows through Le Commandant de la Marine (COMAR).

In the event of an oil spillage within the jurisdiction of a port or harbour, the port authority would be responsible for overseeing and/or executing anti-pollution measures. In the case of a spill elsewhere the Maritime Prefect would mobilise the necessary resources, particularly le Service des Phares et Balises (the specialist department for lights and buoys) to deal with the incident unless the owner of the polluting vessel or installation was responding to the situation in an adequate manner. For a serious incident the Maritime Prefect has call upon civil, military and private resources either by contract or through a requisitioning procedure. In this event, the naval authorities through the Marine Nationale in Martinique would take a primary role in directing any response arrangements.

Additional assistance may be called from France (eg Centre de Documentation Recherche et d'Experimentations - CEDRE).

### RESPONSE POLICY

As in mainland France, the preferred cleanup technique is mechanical recovery, but the controlled use of dispersants is also accepted as an alternative approach.



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## EQUIPMENT

### Government

The French Administration has established Polmar stockpiles at Cayenne through the Marine Nationale and the Department for Lights and Buoys. The stockpiles include tugs, booms, skimming systems and barges, pressure cleaning units, sorbent, temporary storage and separation tanks. In addition, La Marine Nationale at the Naval Base has spray gear and dispersant. The armed forces can provide helicopters suitable for aerial reconnaissance.

### Private

A consortium of importers of refined oil products, Societe Anonyme Raffineries Antillean (SARA) maintains a limited amount of equipment at Degrad des Cannes including dispersant spraying equipment. There are no specialised resources available for oil spill response outside the Cayenne area.

## PREVIOUS SPILL EXPERIENCE

There have been no major oil spills in French Guiana.

## CONVENTIONS

| Prevention & Safety |   |                     |   |  | Spill Response |           | Compensation    |  |   |          |           |      |        |
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| MARPOL 73/78        |   | Annexes III IV V VI |   |  | OPRC '90       | OPRC -HNS | CLC '69 '76 '92 |  |   | Fund '92 | Supp Fund | HNS* | Bunker |
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\* not yet in force

## REGIONAL AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

Operative Network for Regional Cooperation among Maritime Authorities of South America, Mexico & Panama (ROCRAM).

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