



# ITOPF – Role within Oil Spill Response

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## In the Event of a Spill of Oil OR Hazardous and Noxious Substance (chemical)

**Emergency Contact – Business Hours**  
Please use ITOPF's office telephone number:

**+44 (0)20 7566 6999**

**Emergency Contact – Outside Normal Office Hours**

**+44 (0)7623 984 606**

This number is linked to a message paging system. Callers should therefore be ready to leave their name, contact number and a brief message. The member of the ITOPF technical staff who is on duty will return the call and will require as much of the following information as possible:

**Essential Information**

- Contact details of the person reporting the incident
- Name of vessel and owner
- Date and time of the incident (specifying local time or GMT/UTC)
- Position (eg latitude and longitude or distance and direction from the nearest port or landmark)
- Cause of the incident (eg collision, grounding, explosion, fire, etc) and nature of damage
- Description and quantity of cargo and bunker fuel on board
- Estimate of the quantity spilled or likelihood of spillage
- Name of the cargo owner
- Action, both taken and intended (and by whom), to combat pollution
- Status of the vessel and any planned salvage activities

**Additional Useful Information**

- Weather and sea conditions, wind speed and direction
- Length, breadth and appearance of any slicks or plumes, including direction of movement
- Type of resources that may be at risk (eg fisheries or residential areas)
- Distribution of cargo and bunkers and location relative to damage

<b>Oil</b>	<b>HNS Chemicals</b>
• Density, viscosity, pour point, distillation characteristics, wax & asphaltene content	• State – solid, liquid, gas, bulk, packaged
	• UN or CAS number, MSDS, bill of lading

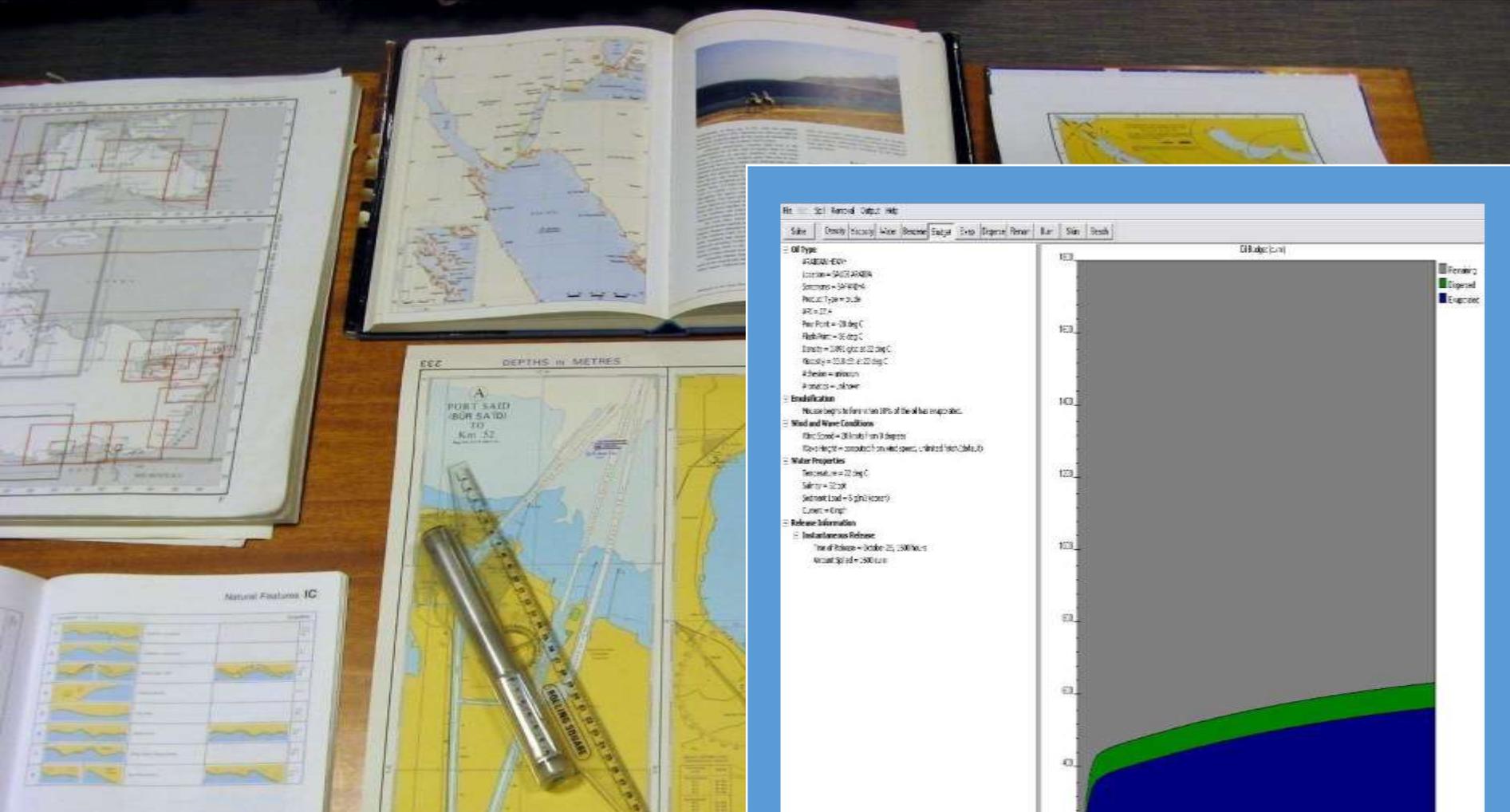


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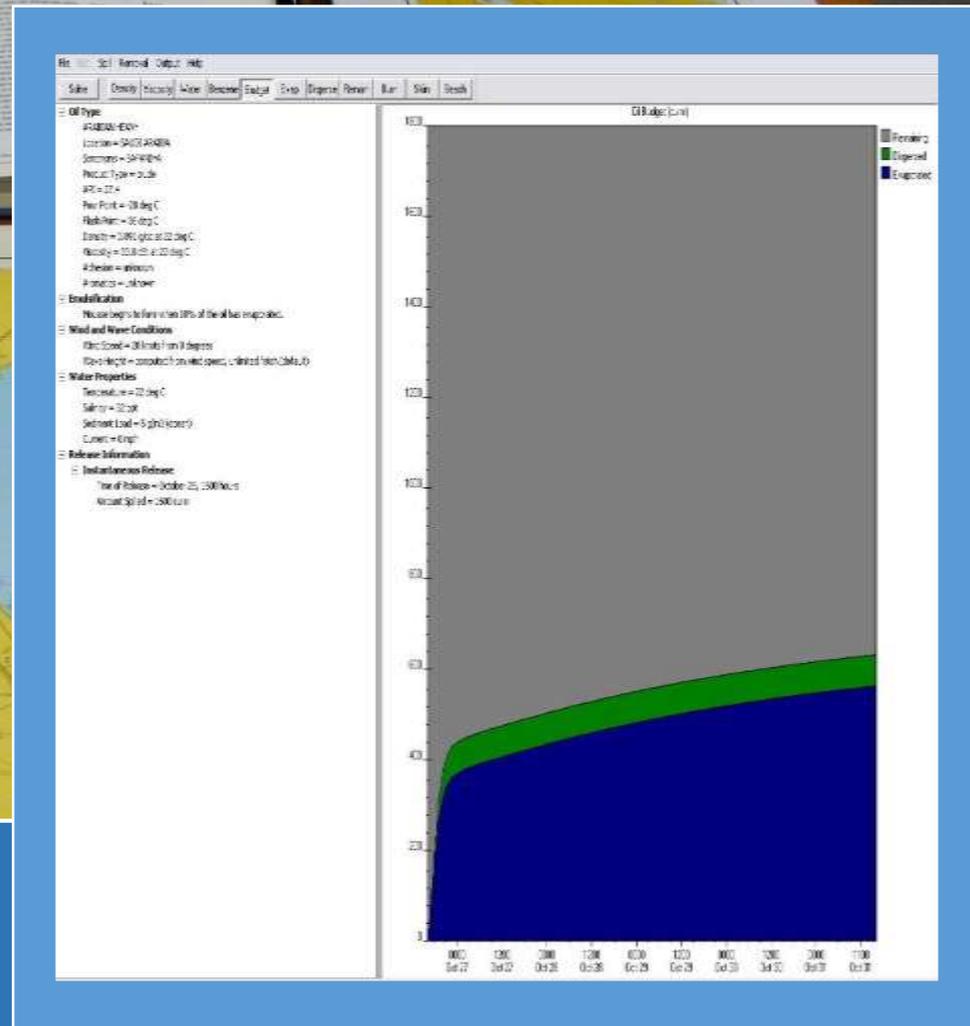
- P&I Club – insurer of vessel
- Lloyd's Casual Reporting Service
- Ship owner or cargo owner
- Correspondent or surveyor
- IOPC Fund, Government or other contacts

### KEY INFORMATION

- Vessel details
- Location & time
- Spill type & scale
- Weather/sea state
- Response actions



- Confirm incident details
- Utilise in-house information
- Predict oil fate & resources at risk
- Assess response preparedness





- Discuss severity with P&I Club and/or IOPC Fund
- Technical adviser(s) mobilised on request
- Support provided from London office



- Briefing from correspondent and/or surveyor
- Meet with lead authority and/or spill responders
- Conduct initial survey of affected area (ideally jointly)

## Shipping Interests

- Correspondent / local P&I office
- Local & London lawyers
- Owner's representative
- Salvors & SCR
- Local surveyors
- Spill Management Team (US)
- Clean-up Contractor / OSRO

## Technical Specialists

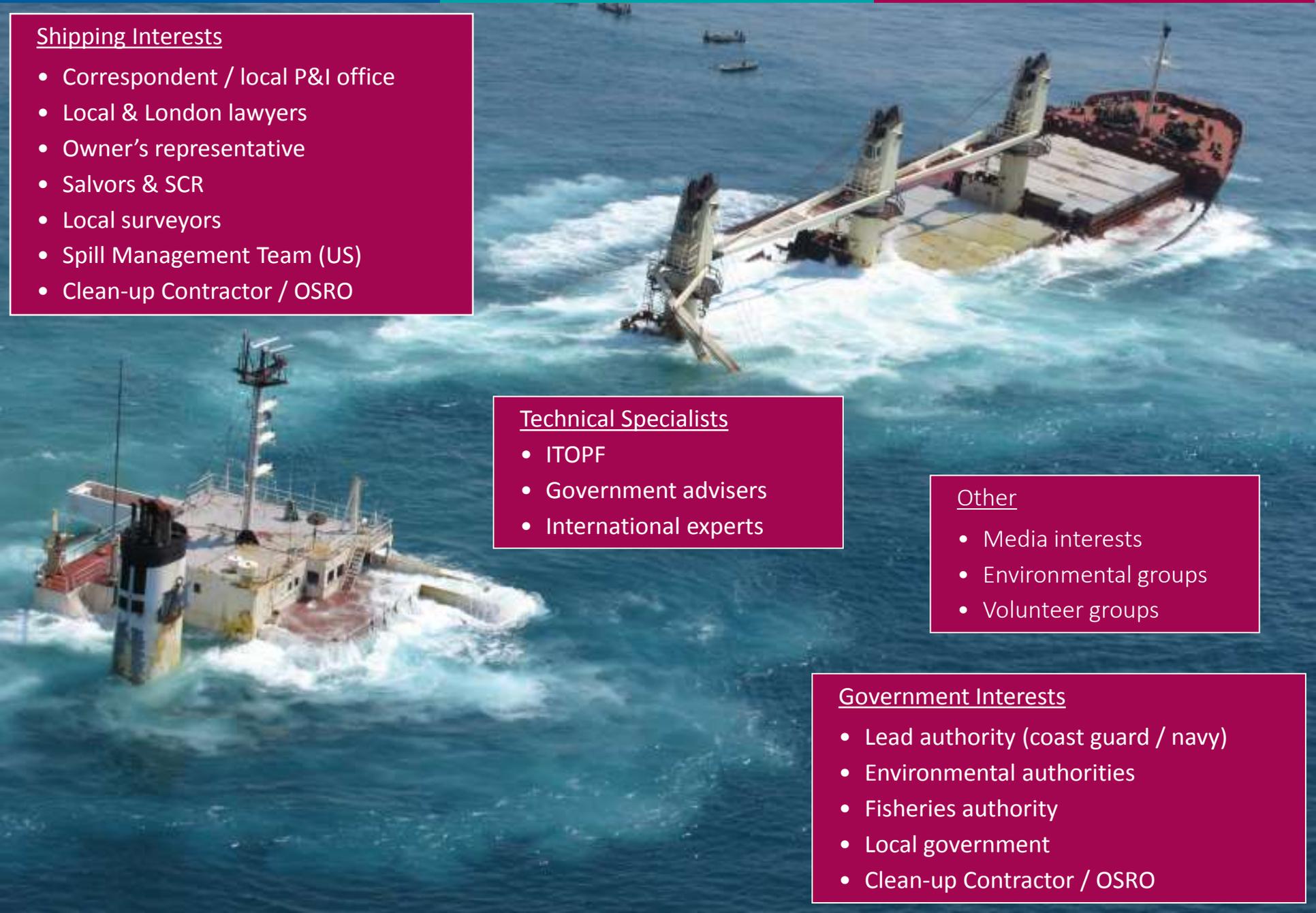
- ITOPF
- Government advisers
- International experts

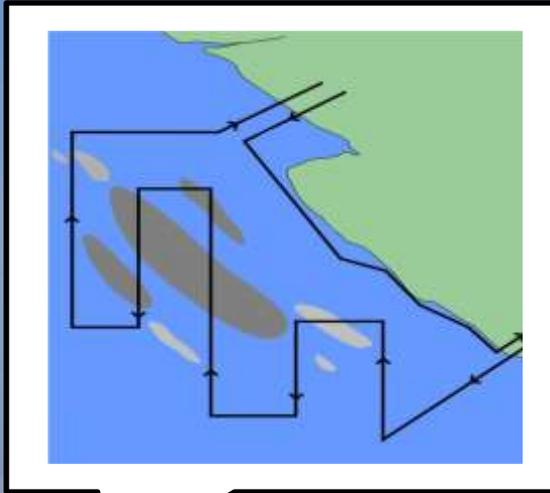
## Other

- Media interests
- Environmental groups
- Volunteer groups

## Government Interests

- Lead authority (coast guard / navy)
- Environmental authorities
- Fisheries authority
- Local government
- Clean-up Contractor / OSRO



















# KEY ACTIONS: RECOMMENDING TECHNIQUES





How clean is clean?







- Carried out by ITOPF & fisheries experts
- Meet claimants and investigate losses
- Guidance on protection & mitigation
- Advice on fishing bans and criteria



***"TO PROMOTE AN EFFECTIVE RESPONSE  
TO MARINE SPILLS OF OIL, CHEMICALS  
AND OTHER SUBSTANCES."***



- Objective technical advice on all aspects of marine pollution response
- Support and advice to industry, government and the public
- International experience of spill response strategies and techniques
- Support in developing environmental monitoring and impact assessment studies
- Assessment of spills on tourism, fisheries and similar coastal maritime activities



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