

Appendix 15

Queensland Contingency Arrangements for Marine Chemical Spills

Area of Application

These arrangements apply to Queensland coastal waters.

Relevant State Legislation

Transport Operations (Marine Pollution) Act, 1995.

Maritime Safety Queensland Act 2002.

Supporting Regulations, Memorandums of Understanding and Other Instruments

Transport Operations (Marine Pollution) Regulation, 1995.

Memorandum of Understanding between Maritime Safety Queensland and the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service on response to ship-sourced spills of hazardous and noxious substances dated 15 February 2007

State Plan

The Queensland Coastal Contingency Action Plan for oil spills outlines Maritime Safety Queensland's marine incident management structure and practice. Maritime Safety Queensland does not currently have a contingency plan for dealing specifically with spills of hazardous and noxious substances but instead refers to information provided in the National Marine Chemical Spill Contingency Plan.

Statutory Agency

Maritime Safety Queensland

Combat Agencies

Maritime Safety Queensland has an obligation under the MSQ Act 2002 to "deal with the discharge of ship-sourced pollutants into coastal waters" but is not currently equipped or trained for operational response to ship-sourced chemical spills. In the event of a spill of hazardous or noxious substances from a ship in Queensland Coastal Waters Maritime Safety Queensland will seek advice and operational support from the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service.

Support Agencies

Depending upon the location of a spill Maritime Safety Queensland may seek advice and operational support from the following agencies:

Queensland Fire and Rescue Service

Queensland Police Service

Queensland Environmental Protection Agency

National Plan Equipment Stockpile Locations

Oil spill response equipment is located at the ports of Brisbane, Bundaberg, Gladstone, Rockhampton, Hay Point, Mackay, Abbot Point, Townsville, Lucinda, Mourilyan, Cairns, Cape Flattery, Thursday Island, Skardon River, Weipa and Karumba.

Specialist Hazardous Materials Equipment Sources

The Queensland Fire and Rescue Service hold stockpiles of chemical spill response equipment including protective clothing, breathing apparatus and chemical detection and identification apparatus.