

APPENDIX 15

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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.

State Plan

The Queensland Coastal Contingency Action Plan for oil spills outlines Maritime Safety Queensland's marine incident management structure and practice. MSQ does not currently have a contingency plan for response to ship-sourced bulk chemical spills and currently relies upon information provided in the National Marine Chemical Spill Contingency Plan.

Statutory Agency

Maritime Safety Queensland

Combat Agencies

MSQ has an obligation under the MSQ Act 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 ship-sourced chemical spill MSQ may seek advice and if possible operational support from the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service.

Support Agencies

Depending upon the location of a spill MSQ 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 Brisbane Bundaberg, Gladstone, Rockhampton (Port Alma), Mackay, Hay Point, 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 has specialised chemical spill response equipment including protective clothing, breathing apparatus and chemical detection and identification apparatus