

Accessing National Plan Support Arrangements

- Purpose** The National Plan for Maritime Environmental Emergencies is a national capability. All jurisdictions can both contribute to and make use of these arrangements, agreements, contracts and capabilities that together provide Australia with the ability to mobilise personnel, expertise and equipment to respond quickly to maritime environmental emergencies. These arrangements, etc. are active at all times. AMSA has the responsibility to act as a clearing house for requests and hub for providing all jurisdictions with suitable support.
- Scope** This Guideline covers all jurisdictions of Australia (the Commonwealth and the States and Northern Territory) and the agencies within each State/NT that have a control agency role in a maritime emergency or marine pollution response. To assist offshore petroleum industry Titleholders, AMSA has invited them to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ('MOU'), which sets out an understanding of respective roles and responsibilities when responding to ship-sourced marine pollution incidents and non-ship-sourced marine pollution incidents. This Guideline outlines the process to be followed by jurisdictions when seeking National Plan capability and support.

Formal notification of request to AMSA

AMSA is responsible for the mobilisation and coordination of the following National Plan capabilities:

- National Plan oil spill pollution equipment
- National Response Team personnel
- National Response Support Team
- Environment, Science and Technical Network
- Fixed wing aerial dispersant capability
- Trajectory modelling capability
- Science support capability (CSIRO) for incidents

A Jurisdiction should notify AMSA that a State/NT Control Agency is responding to a maritime environmental incident and that National Plan resources are or may be required to assist.

All requests should be made through AMSA Search and Rescue on 1800 641 792.

AMSA Search and Rescue advises MEPR Duty Officer

- MEPR Duty Officer coordinate AMSA's resources

State or Territory Agency

- Request by phone call, with follow up in writing via email (when practicable), to AMSA Duty Officer, from the Incident Controller

AMOSC (on behalf of the offshore industry)

- Request by phone call, and in writing via email (when practicable), to AMSA

AMSA confirms the request, through AMSA Duty Officer, in consultation with either:

- Manager, Marine Environment Pollution Response,
- General Manager, Marine Environment Division

Once formal notification is received, AMSA will apply its internal and National Plan procedures to assist the Control Agency.

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