

# Activation of the Fixed Wing Aerial Dispersant Capability

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**Reference** *Fixed Wing Aerial Dispersant Capability Joint SOP Version 2.0 dated 13 Aug 2013 AMSA Contract 13AMSA115. (Note: New JSOPs are currently being developed for the new Contract and this proceeding may change to reflect these SOPs at a later date)*

**Purpose** This Guidance should be observed by the AMSA Duty Officer responsible for either **placing on standby or activating** the FWADC as part of a pollution response.

## STEP 1 RECEIVE Request

**How requests are received** **All requests are to be put through AMSA Search and Rescue on 1800 641 792.**

**AMSA Search and Rescue advises MEPR Duty Officer**

- MEPR Duty Officer assesses need for AMSA response

**State or Territory Agency**

- Request by phone call, with follow up in writing via email (as soon as 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 (as soon as practicable), to AMSA

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

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

## STEP 2 ASSESS the request

**CONFIRM key information** **Confirm** key information:

- Requests from State/Territory or AMOSC to be taken at face value for action, but seek to confirm information in order to inform AMSA decision-makers and FWADC contractors - refer to existing POLREP
- Confirm location and timing of spill, pollutant type, and quantity spilled.
- If possible, seek information on where the Incident Controller is in the process to approve dispersant use. Note: activation should still occur as a pre-emptive measure without use-approval confirmation.
- *if additional information is required, contact the requesting agency.*

**Record** all details in NEMO.

**CONFIRM aircraft availability**

**Confirm** availability of FWADC aircraft (NOTE: This is not a **Stand-by** or **Activation** action)

- **Liaise** with FWADC Contractor Duty Officer to confirm availability of Primary Aircraft (*This will serve as a warning of a potential task*).
- **Outline** incident details as currently known to the FWADC Contractor Duty Officer – confirm in email as soon as possible.

In consultation with the FWADC Contractor Duty Officer,

- **Determine** what zone should respond
- **Review** likely operating airfields
- **Review** aircraft register for available aircraft

**Record** all details in NEMO.

\*Formal request based on internal State/NT arrangements

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### STEP 3 NOTIFY Stakeholders

<b>AMSA Authority</b>	<p><b>AMSA Officers</b> authorised to place the Contractor on <b>Standby</b> or to <b>Activate</b> are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manager, Marine Environment Pollution Response,</li> <li>• General Manager, Marine Environment,</li> <li>• AMSA Deputy CEO, or</li> <li>• MEPR Duty Officers (as directed by one of the above AMSA Officers, or when consultation with these Officers from Step 1, can't be completed within required timeframes).</li> </ul> <p><b>MEPR Duty Officer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is responsible to communicate the Standby and Activation request</li> </ul>
<b>Heads Up and ACTIVATION</b>	<p>Phone call to <b>FWADC Contractor Duty Officer</b>, followed by email (as soon as practicable) with details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incident location and on-site agency Incident Controller contact details</li> <li>• Number of aircraft to be on standby/activated for initial response</li> <li>• Oil &amp; dispersant type(s), including properties</li> <li>• In consultation with FWADC Contractor Duty Officer determine appropriate airfield/s</li> </ul> <p><b>Record</b> actions in NEMO</p>
<b>CONSIDER notifying</b>	<p><b>Internal (AMSA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GM Marine Environment Division</li> <li>• AMSA Media Section</li> <li>• AMSA Legal</li> <li>• Other MEPR Personnel – for assistance</li> <li>• AMSA Airbase Manager (when appointed)</li> </ul> <p><b>External</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affected jurisdictions</li> <li>• Other jurisdictions</li> <li>• GBRMPA – <i>if within boundary or adjacent</i></li> <li>• AMOSC – <i>if offshore area</i></li> <li>• NOPSEMA</li> </ul>
<b>Call Out Lists and Email contacts</b> (available in NEMO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FWADC contractor Duty Officer and Supervisor</li> <li>• State and Territory call out list</li> <li>• National Plan Call out list</li> </ul>

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### STEP 4 AMSA Duty Officer ACTIONS

- Forward Notice Phase**
- **Receive**, assess and confirm the request
  - **Determine** the spill location, size, time and properties of oil
  - **Liaise** with the requesting agency, and seek status of dispersant use approval process
  - **Contact** the FWADC Duty officer and notify them of the incident and that their services may be required. When doing so, ensure that they understand that the notification is for information only and not a formal activation
  - **Record** all details in NEMO.

- ACTIVATION Phase**
- Direct** FWADC Contractor to ACTIVATE the FWADC
- **Liaise** with FWADC Contractor Duty Officer to determine the location of a suitable aerodrome, closest aircraft, suitable stockpile of dispersants and pumps
  - **Obtain** AMSA Authority as is Step 3 above
  - **Confirm** Activation by email to FWADC Contractor – to include update on known information, including AMSA single point of contact
- Receive** Operational Updates from FWADC Contractor (AMSA Duty Officer to follow up with courtesy call if contractual time limits below are exceeded)
- **Stage 1:** within 30 min - FWADC Contractor to advise when nominated aircraft can commence and any limitations
  - **Stage 2:** within 60 min – FWADC Contractor to advise time other primary aircraft would be able to commence operations at nominated location
  - **Stage 3:** within 90 min – FWADC Contractor to advise the time that the FWADC Contractor **Liaison Officer** and FWADC Contractor **Loading Crews** would be at nominated aerodrome and ready to commence operations
- Inform** stakeholders on relevant updates/changes
- **Record** actions in NEMO
  - **Duty Officer provides all details of Activation to the AMSA FWADC Contract Liaison Officer, once appointed, for inclusion in the incident plans and Concept of Operations**

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