

Activation of the Fixed Wing Aerial Dispersant Capability

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Reference Fixed Wing Aerial Dispersant Capability (FWADC) joint standard operating procedure (JSOP) Version 2.0 dated 13 August 2013 | AMSA Contract 13AMSA115.

- Note: New JSOPs are being developed for the new contract and this guidance may change.

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

STEP 1 – RECEIVE REQUEST

How requests are received

Requests from the Australian Marine Oil Spill Centre (AMOSC)

- AMOSC makes a request to the contractor for aircraft
- The contractor contacts AMSA Search and Rescue on 1800 641 792 and follow-up email for release of aircraft
- AMSA confirms the request, through AMSA Pollution Duty Officer, and approves in consultation with either:
 - Manager, Response Planning, or
 - Manager, Asset Management and Preparedness, or
 - Manager, AMSA Response Centre, or
 - an AMSA Response Centre Duty Manager, or
 - Executive Director Response Division.
- AMSA confirms release of the aircraft by email to the contractor.
- No further action is required for requests from AMOSC.

Requests from State / Territory / Commonwealth governments

- All requests are to be made to AMSA Search and Rescue on 1800 641 792
- AMSA Search and Rescue advises AMSA Pollution Duty Officer
- AMSA Pollution Duty Officer assesses need for AMSA response
- Formal request by phone call, with follow up in writing via email (as soon as practicable), to AMSA Pollution Duty Officer, from the Incident Controller*.
- AMSA confirms the request, through AMSA Pollution Duty Officer, in consultation with either:
 - Manager, Response Planning, or
 - Manager, Asset Management and Preparedness, or
 - Manager, AMSA Response Centre, or
 - an AMSA Response Centre Duty Manager, or
 - Executive Director Response Division

*Formal request based on internal State/NT arrangements

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STEP 2 – ASSESS REQUEST

Confirm key information

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- 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 (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.

STEP 3 – STANDBY / ACTIVATION

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- AMSA Officers authorised to place the Contractor on Standby or to Activate are:
 - Manager, Response Planning, or
 - Manager, Asset Management and Preparedness, or
 - Manager, AMSA Response Centre, or
 - ARC Duty Manager, or
 - Executive Director Response Division, or
 - AMSA CEO, or
 - AMSA Pollution Duty Officer (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).
- AMSA Pollution Duty Officer Is responsible to communicate the Standby and Activation request.

Heads-up and activation

Notification

- Phone call to FWADC Contractor Duty Officer, followed by email (as soon as practicable) with details:
 - Incident location and on-site agency Incident Controller contact details
 - Number of aircraft to be on standby/activated for initial response
 - Oil and dispersant type(s), including properties
 - In consultation with FWADC Contractor Duty Officer determine appropriate airfield/s.
- Record actions in NEMO.

Consider notifying

• Internal (AMSA)

- Executive Director Response Division
- AMSA Media, AMSA Office of Legal Counsel, other Response Planning Personnel – for assistance
- AMSA Airbase Manager (when appointed).

• External

- Affected jurisdictions
- Other jurisdictions
- GBRMPA – if within boundary or adjacent
- AMOSC – if offshore area
- NOPSEMA.

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AMSA Pollution Duty Officer checklist

Forward notice phase

Duty Officer will:

- 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

Duty Officer will:

- Direct FWADC contractor to activate the FWADC by:
 - Liaising with FWADC Contractor Duty Officer to determine the location of a suitable aerodrome, closest aircraft, suitable stockpile of dispersants and pumps
 - Obtaining AMSA authority as is Step 3 above
 - Confirming 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 Pollution 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
 - AMSA Pollution Duty Officer provides all details of activation to the AMSA FWADC Contract Liaison Officer, once appointed, for inclusion in the incident and tactical plans.

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