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Chairperson NOS-DCP Circular No: 02/ 2024

Subject: "Policy and Guidelines for use of Oil Spill Dispersants (OSD) in Indian waters-2025" Short title "OSD Guidelines 2025"

1. Refer to Chairman NOS-DCP Circular 01/2023 dated 03 Feb 23.
2. A Committee comprising of members from ICG, MoEF&CC, MoPSW, OISD, NIOT and NIO was constituted for review of Policy and Guidelines for use of OSD in Indian water.
3. The "Policy and Guidelines for use of Oil Spill Dispersants (OSD) in Indian waters-2025" has been promulgated and available on CG website. The guidelines will come into force w.e.f 01 Apr 25.
4. The objective of bioremediation is to minimize the damage resulting from shoreline pollution as it is a secondary cleanup technique requiring an expert group to monitor and execute the process. The available studies and practical observation indicate that the use of bioremediation is not suitable for at sea response to bulk oil due to the extent of dilution that would occur in open system. Therefore, it has been decided that ICG would not deal with the approval and use of bioremediation. However, the State Governments and Ports may utilize bioremediation for cleanup/restoration of coastline, wetlands, marshlands etc as deemed fit. Hence, the requirement of stocking bioremediation as per circular 03/2018 has been dispensed with.

5. In addition, the following are to be adhered to:-
- (a) The new procurement of OSDs is to be carried out i.a.w. parameters specified in new guidelines.
 - (b) All the OSD suppliers whose product is approved as mentioned in Chairperson NOS-DCP Circular 01/2023 are to apply afresh for approval i.a.w. these guidelines by 31 Dec 2024. The new suppliers may also apply for approval i.a.w. these guidelines.
 - (c) The existing stock, if not meeting any parameter i.a.w. new guidelines, may continue to be used till expiry of shelf life of OSD.
6. This is issued with the approval of the Chairperson, NOS-DCP.



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