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INTRODUCTION

Between October 1, 1992 and September 30, 1993, NOAA's Hazardous Materials Response and Assessment Division Scientific Support Coordinators and scientific staff were notified of 91 spill incidents. These 91 incidents included potential spills, false alarms, and very minor spills for which reports were not prepared. Technical and operational assistance provided to the U.S. Coast Guard for 50 spill incidents in the Nation's coastal zone included 40 oil spills, 8 chemical spills, and 1 spill of unknown material. In addition to the spills listed, NOAA assisted the U.S. Coast Guard with 59 simulation exercises.

This volume of reports follows the format established for the Oil Spill Case Histories Report prepared in 1992 by the Division with U.S. Coast Guard Research and Development Center support so that major spills meeting the criteria for inclusion may be incorporated easily into updated case histories reports.

Each report in this volume is organized as follows:

- A list of headers that summarizes the spill name; location; product; size; use of dispersants, bioremediation, and *in-situ* burning; other special interests; shoreline types affected; and keywords.
- A brief *incident summary* including weather conditions and description of the overall spill response.
- A description of the behavior of the spilled material including movement, evaporation, mousse formation, and dispersion.
- A discussion of countermeasures and mitigation.
- A description of other *special interest issues* such as communication problems, unusual hazards encountered, and large losses of organisms.
- A list of *references* that document the response operations.

Although the master list on the following pages includes all of the incidents for which the Division provided support, only those incidents where the pollutant actually entered the environment are reported on in this volume. These reports are abbreviated and are meant to serve only as a summary of the Division's response to requests from Federal On-Scene Coordinators for each of the events.

Additional details on any of the responses may be obtained from the appropriate Scientific Support Coordinator or U.S. Coast Guard office.

Spill Report Keys

Name of Spill:

NOAA SSC:

Date of Spill (mmddyy):

Location of Spill: text description

Latitude: degrees, minutes, N or S

Longitude: degrees, minutes, E or W

Spilled Material: specific product

Spilled Material Type:

Type 1 - Very Light Oils (jet fuels, gasoline)

Type 2 - Light Oils (diesel, No. 2 fuel oil, light crudes)

Type 3 - Medium Oils (most crude oils)

Type 4 - Heavy Oils (heavy crude oils, No. 6 fuel oil, bunker c)

Type 5 - Hazardous material

Barrels (or weight in pounds if hazardous material):

Source of Spill: tank vessel, non-tank vessel, barge, facility, pipeline,

platform

Resources at Risk: See A

Dispersants: Yes or No

Bioremediation: Yes or No

In-situ Burning: Yes or No

Other Special Interest:

Destruction of marshes, mangroves, or tidal flats

Extraordinarily successful salvage operations

Massive habitat loss

Massive wildlife impact

Oil/ice interactions and adverse weather conditions

Unusual, experimental, or innovative cleanup techniques

Shoreline Types Impacted: See B

Keywords: See C

Incident Summary:

Date and time of incident

Location of incident

Weather at time of incident

Summary of events

Actions of responsible party and response organizations

Level of federal involvement

Duration of response

Behavior of Spilled Material:

Formation of slicks, sheen, or mousse

Movement on the water of spilled material

Movement in the air of spilled material

Areas impacted

Amount spilled; amount recovered

(land, sea, contaminated debris)

Amount not recovered

(sinking, evaporation, weathering, dissolution)

Countermeasures and Mitigation:

Control at incident site

Offloading and lightering operations; movement of vessel

Precautionary protection of sensitive areas

Open water recovery

Shoreline cleanup

Removal and disposal of spilled material or

contaminated debris

Other Special Interest Issues: See D

NOAA Activities:

Involvement in response (on-scene, by phone and fax)

Support provided

Participation in committees and special projects

Unusual responsibilities

Meetings attended/recommendations made

Duration of NOAA support

References:

Spill Report Keys

A Resources at Risk

Habitats

(See *shoreline types* key below), eelgrass beds, submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV), kelp, coral reefs, worm beds

Marine Mammals

Whales, dolphins, sea lions, seals, sea otters, manatees, walruses, polar bears, population concentration areas, haulouts, migration routes, seasonal use areas

Terrestrial Mammals

Mustelids, rodents, deer, bears, population concentration areas, intertidal feeding areas

Birds

Diving coastal birds, waterfowl, alcids, petrels, fulmars, shorebirds, wading birds, gulls, terns, raptors, rookeries, foraging areas, wintering areas, migration stopover areas, wintering concentration areas, nesting beaches, migratory routes, critical forage areas

Fish

Anadromous fish, beach spawners, kelp spawners, nursery areas, reef fish (includes fish using hard-bottom habitats) spawning streams, spawning beaches, estuarine fish, demersal fish

Mollusks

Oysters, mussels, clams, scallops, abalone, conch, whelk, squid, octopus, seed beds, leased beds, abundant beds, harvest areas, high concentration sites

Crustaceans

Shrimp, crabs, lobster, nursery areas, high concentration sites

Reptiles

Sea turtles, alligators, nesting beaches, concentration areas

Recreation

Beaches, marinas, boat ramps, diving areas, high-use recreational boating areas, high-use recreational fishing areas, State Parks

Management Areas

Marine Sanctuaries, National Parks, Refuges, Wildlife Preserves, Reserves

Resource Extraction

Subsistence, officially designated harvest sites, commercial fisheries, power plant water intakes, drinking water intakes, industrial water intakes, intertidal and subtidal mining leases, fish/shrimp/bivalve/plant aquaculture sites, log storage areas

Cultural

low banks mangroves marshes

mixed sand and shell beaches

Archaeological sites, Native American Lands

B Shoreline Types Impacted

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mixed sediment beaches

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riprap

salt marsh

saltwater marshes

sand/gravel beaches

shell beaches

sheltered bedrock bluffs

sheltered fine-grained sand beaches

sheltered impermeable banks

sheltered mangroves

sheltered marshes

sheltered rocky shores

sheltered seawalls

sheltered tidal flats

shelving bedrock shores

spoil bank

supratidal marshes

swamp

tidal mudflat

unforested upland

unvegetated steep banks and cliffs

vegetated bluffs

vegetated low banks

vegetated riverbank

vertical rocky shores

wavecut platforms

C Key words

air activated pumps

bioremediation

Center for Disease Control

Clean Bay Inc.

containment boom

Corexit 9527

dispersant

endangered species

evaporation

exposed rocky shores

filter fences

Food and Drug Administration

ground truth

high-pressure warm-water washing

hydro-blasting

in-situ burning

International Bird Rescue and Research Center

International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation (ITOPF)

low-pressure washing

NAVSUPSALV

NOAA National Marine Fisheries Laboratory

Pacific flyway

potential spill

propane cannons

remote sensing

reoiling

salvage

seafood harvesting ban

shallow water recovery

siphon dams

skimmers

SLAR (side-looking airborne radar)

smothering

sorbent boom

sorbent pompoms

starshell-type device

tourism losses

vacuum trucks

volunteers

weed cutters

weir/pump skimmer

D Other Special Interest Issues

Effects to tourism, recreation areas, or personal property

Closure of commercial or recreational fishing areas and public lands

Closure of shipping lanes and vehicle traffic routes

Wildlife impacts and rehabilitation

Ecological destruction and habitat loss due to spilled material impacts

Ecological destruction and habitat loss due to cleanup operations

Effects to human health and safety

Bioremediation, dispersant, in-situ burning operations

Unusual, experimental, or innovative cleanup techniques

Complex successful salvage operations

Logistical or operational problems

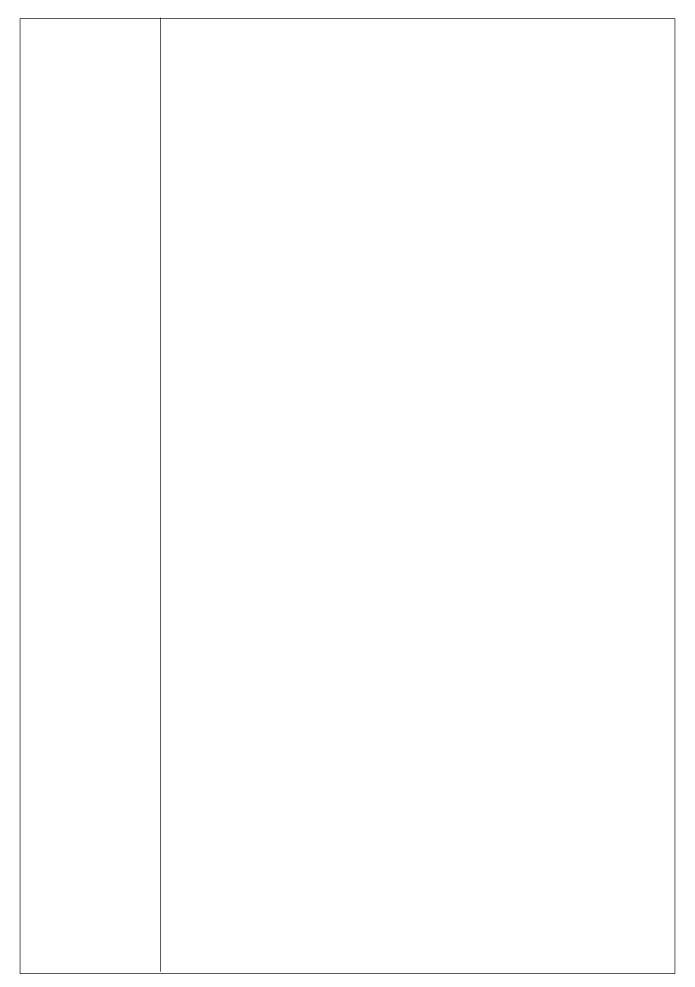
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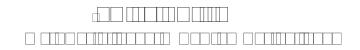
Interaction with foreign or Native authorities

Media interest

Volunteer response and organization

Studies conducted; ongoing research





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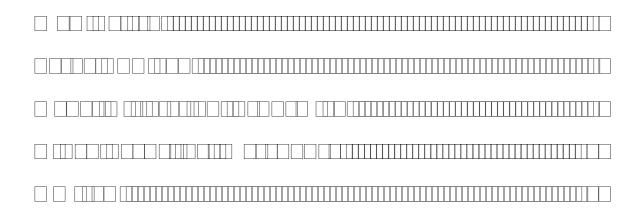
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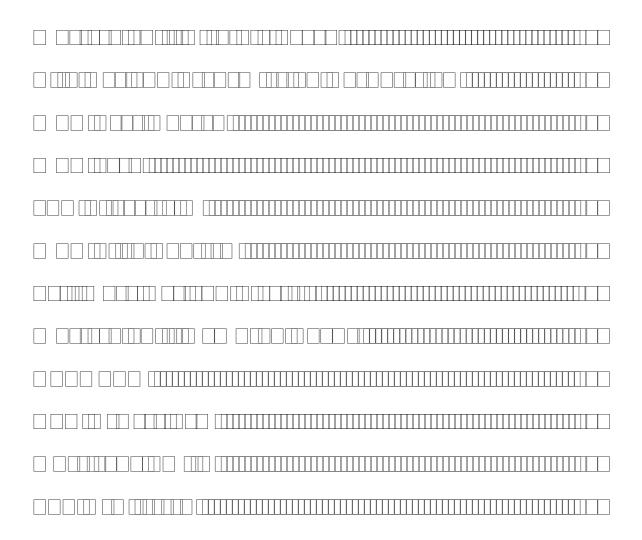
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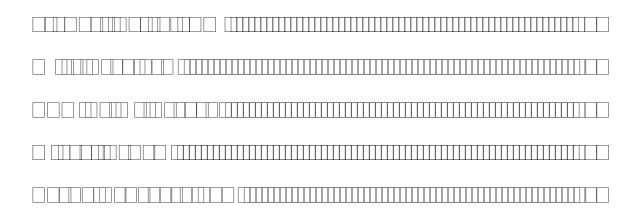
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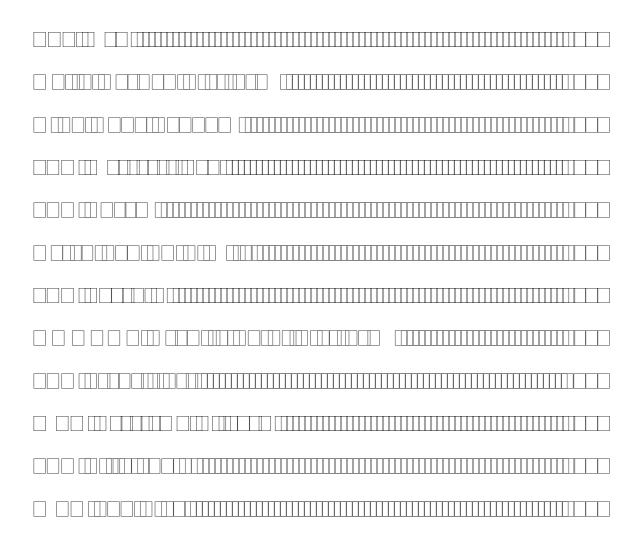
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