

## **Clean Caribbean Cooperative – Fact Sheet**

### **Role/Mission.**

In 1977 eight oil companies operating in the Caribbean and Latin America formed the Clean Caribbean Cooperative (CCC) with the objective of enhancing the capability to promptly and efficiently respond to marine oil spills in the region. Since then the CCC has grown to include most of the major international oil companies and oil related facilities in the Caribbean region. These companies have agreed to jointly support and fund the CCC in its mission to:

- Develop and maintain immediately accessible oil spill response resources and support for Members through a ready equipment stockpile and a trained contractor network; and promote training, coordination, and logistics planning with industry and governments in the Area of Interest.

### **Capabilities.**

The inventory of equipment and supplies, which are capable of responding to a major oil spill anywhere in the Caribbean and Latin America, is warehoused in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA, in close proximity to two major international airports. CCC equipment is specifically designed and packaged to fit in readily available commercial cargo aircraft (DC-8, B727, B707) capable of landing and unloading at a wide variety of airports.

The CCC has incorporated all recognized methods and tools of combating marine oil spills into its response inventory, including containment, mechanical recovery, temporary storage, shoreline clean-up, telecommunications for command and control. The CCC has also developed a significant dispersant capability, which includes the Airborne Dispersant Delivery System (ADDS) and approximately 30,000 gallons of dispersant, as well as a capability to conduct in-situ burning of oil at sea with fireproof boom. Additionally, a trained contractor network provides personnel to mobilize and deploy equipment.

### **Response Scenarios.**

The CCC, a non-profit corporation, operates on the premise that an effective response to a major oil spill is best accomplished through close cooperation and coordination with industry and national governments. An active Government-Industry Liaison program supports a Logistics Database, Oil Spill Response Training, and promotes National Contingency Planning with the governments in the Area of Interest. CCC resources are immediately available to members, and to non-members in the Caribbean and Latin America through a sale agreement based on a guarantee of funds.