

# What is the National Contingency Plan Product Schedule?

**Oil or Chemical Spill Notification**  
call the National Response Center at  
**800-424-8802**

## **Oil Spill Response**

in the Region IV Coastal Zone,  
contact the U.S. Coast Guard  
Marine Safety Office (MSO):

MSO Wilmington, NC 910-792-8408	MSO Charleston, SC 843-724-7616
MSO Savannah, GA 912-652-4353	MSO Jacksonville, FL 904-247-7310
MSO Miami, FL 305-732-0160	MSO Tampa, FL 813-228-2189
MSO Mobile, AL 334-441-5121	

In the Region IV Inland Zone,  
contact the U.S. Environmental  
Protection Agency:  
404-562-8700

Inland Zone U.S. Coast Guard Offices are:

MSO Huntington, WV 800-253-7465	MSO Louisville, KY 800-253-7465
MSO Paducah, KY 502-442-1621	MSO Memphis, TN 901-544-3912

State Pollution Response Contacts are:

North Carolina 919-733-3867	South Carolina 888-481-0125
Georgia 404-656-4300	Florida 850-413-9911
Alabama 334-242-4378	Mississippi 601-352-9100
Tennessee 800-258-3300	Kentucky 800-928-2380

## Pre-Authorization:

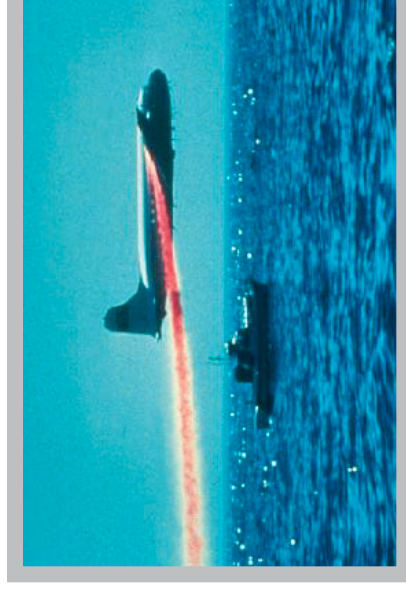
The Regional Response Team (RRT) and various Area Committees shall address during their planning activities, the desirability of using appropriate dispersants, surface washing agents, surface collecting agents, bioremediation agents, or miscellaneous oil spill control agents listed on the NCP Product Schedule and the desirability of using appropriate burning agents.

Within federal Region IV the RRT has developed and published Dispersant Use and In-Situ Burn Use Agreements/Plans that delineate the pre-approved use of dispersants and burning agents within the region. When the respective pre-authorization plan addresses the current spill scenario, there may be no site specific approval required.

## Use When There Is A Threat to Human Health:

The federal OSC may authorize the use of any product or agent listed on the NCP Product Schedule including products and agents not listed on the schedule or burn agents over applicable waters threatened by a pollution release or discharge, when, in the judgement of the OSC, the use of the product is necessary to prevent or substantially reduce a hazard to human life. When the OSC makes this type of authorization he/she shall notify the principles listed under a site specific approval as soon as possible. Once the threat to human life subsides, the continued use of a product should be in accordance with approved practices.

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## What is the National Contingency Plan (NCP) Product Schedule?

The Clean Water Act (CWA) requires that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to prepare a schedule of dispersants, other chemicals, and other spill mitigating devices and substances that may be used in carrying out the provisions of the National Contingency Plan (NCP).

Subpart J within Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations Part 300 or the National Contingency Plan (NCP) was developed to address the above requirement. This subpart applies to the use of any chemical agents or other additives that may be used to remove or control oil discharges.

Subpart J addresses other provisions for use of advanced countermeasures such as the:

- The applicability on responses to oil discharges in certain waters and federally managed natural resources.
- Covers authorization process such as:
  - pre-authorization Plans;
  - site-specific approvals; and
  - hazard to human life.
- If pre-authorized, then site specific approval may not be necessary.

## What is the NCP Product Schedule's Area of Applicability?

The NCP Product Schedule's provisions are applicable for incidents occurring in navigable waters of the U.S. and adjoining shorelines, the waters of the contiguous zone, and the high seas beyond the contiguous zone in connection with activities under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, activities under the Deepwater Port Act of 1974, or activities that may affect natural resources belonging to, appertaining to, or under the exclusive management authority of the U.S., including resources under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976.

## How Do You Get a Product Reviewed Under the NCP Product Schedule Program?

To add any chemical agent or other additive to the NCP Product Schedule, you must submit the technical product data specified within 300.915 of Subpart J to the:

Emergency Response Division (5202-G)  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
401 M Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20460

The EPA reserves the right to request further documentation of the manufacturers' test results. EPA also reserves the right to verify test results and consider the results of EPA's verification testing in determining whether the product meets listing criteria.

## NCP Product Schedule Disclaimer:

A product name listed on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's NCP Product Schedule does NOT mean that EPA approves, recommends, licenses, certifies, or authorizes the use of that product on an oil discharge. This listing means only that data has been submitted to EPA as required by Subpart J of the NCP.

## Some Useful Definitions:

- **Chemical Agents.** Those elements, compounds, or mixtures that coagulate, disperse, dissolve, emulsify, foam, neutralize, precipitate, reduce, solubilize, oxidize, concentrate, congeal, entrap, fix, make the pollutant mass more rigid or viscous, or otherwise facilitate the mitigation or removal.
- **Dispersant.** Chemical agents that emulsify, disperse, or solubilize oil into the water column or promote the surface spreading of oil slicks to facilitate dispersal of the oil into the water column.
- **Surface Washing Agents.** Removes oil from solid surfaces such as beaches and rocks through a detergent mechanism and does not involve dispersing or solubilizing the oil into the water column.

## NCP Product Schedule Testing:

- All products require toxicity, heavy metals, and chlorinated hydrocarbons test/screen.
- Dispersants and bioremediation agents also require efficacy tests (45% minimum for dispersants).
- "Mixed" products will be categorized by EPA...decisions being made on the best data available.

## Types of Products Addressed within NCP Product Schedule:

- Dispersants;
- Surface Washing Agents;
- Surface Collecting Agents;
- Bioremediation Agents; and
- Miscellaneous Oil Spill Control Agents.

No sinking agents are allowed to be listed on the Product Schedule. Burning agents are addressed within the NCP but not listed on schedule and sorbents are not listed on the schedule.

## Site Specific Approvals:

For spill situations that are not addressed by a pre-authorization agreement or plan, only the federal On Scene Coordinator (OSC) with the concurrence of:

- the EPA representative of the RRT;
- as appropriate the RRT representative from the state or commonwealth with jurisdiction over the waters threatened by the pollution incident; and
- in consultation with the Department of Interior and Commerce natural resource trustees.

may authorize the use of a product listed on the NCP Product Schedule and use of burning agents on a case-by-case basis.