

France - French Guiana

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Organization of the response

Bilateral or multilateral agreements

The oversea region of Guyane (Departements d'Outremer) constitutes an administrative unit of France headed by a prefect (Prefet de Region) who also acts as the chief executive for maritime affairs (Délégué du gouvernement).

The designated spill response agency through which the prefect may exercise civil authority is the Regional Board for Maritime Affairs (Direction Regionale des Affaires Maritime) whilst his military authority flows through the French Navy (COMAR).

In the event of oil spillage within the jurisdiction of a port or harbour, the port authority will be responsible for overseeing and/or executing anti pollution measures. In the case of a spill elsewhere the Maritime Prefect will mobilize the necessary resources under the operational coordination of the EMZD, which is the regional crisis management headquarters. Also, the "Phares et Balises" (the specialist department for lights and buoys), which in charge to deal with the incident unless the owner of the polluting vessel or installation is responding to the situation in an adequate manner. For a serious incident the Maritime Prefect has call upon civil, military and private resources either by contract or through a requisitioning procedure. In this event, the naval authorities would take a primary role in directing any primary response arrangements.

Additional assistance may be called from CEDRE in France, the specialized Center for Documentation, Research and Experimentations on accidental water pollution (+33 2 98 33 10 10 – response team 24h)

National Contingency Plan

Status (<i>draft, approved, date of approval...</i>)	Adopted
Name	Dispositif de lutte contre les Pollutions Maritimes - Zone Antilles (Plan POLMAR-Guyane) In French only
Last Update	
Copy at the REMPEITC?	No
Is the NCP confidential?	
Authority in charge	
Are HNS (Hazardous Noxious Substances) spills included in the NCP?	
Future development	
Additional comments	

Response Policy

Monitoring and evaluation	Part of the response (detailed in the Plan POLMAR) The Centre Régional Opérationnel de Surveillance et de Sauvetage (CROSS, "Regional Operational Centre for Monitoring and Rescue"), is in charge of actions to evaluate and monitor pollutions. It has a 24h/24 operational permanence and has communication systems covering the entire zone of competence. There is no specialized aircraft for the detection and monitoring of marine pollutions in the Antilles-Guyane, but other aircrafts could be used with GPS systems and aerial pictures.
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Dispersant	The CEDRE has to be consulted before using any type of dispersant. Their use can be approved, under certain conditions (distance from shoreline, environmental considerations, viscosity...)
Containment and Recovery	Part of the response (detailed in the Plan POLMAR)
Shoreline Protection and Cleanup	Part of the response (detailed in the Plan POLMAR)
In situ burning	Not part of the response
NEBA	
Waste management	Procedure detailed in the Plan POLMAR. Liquid waste will be sent to the refinery, while the solids will go to a specialised treatment plant
Claims	
Wildlife recovery and care	Part of the response (detailed in the Plan POLMAR) : a contingency plan for wildlife indicates the measures to be taken, in annex of the Plan POLMAR-Terre.
Volunteers management	
Additional comments	In French Guiana, the most likely response policies are the use of containment and recovery methods, as well as the application of dispersants. However, this latter response policy has geographic limits based on water depth and distance to sensitive areas (coral reefs, mangroves, etc.).

Risk assessment

Risk assessment strategy	
Last oil spill assessment	
Previous Spills <i>Date, location, type of oil, quantity</i> <i>Is a list of spills maintained (who, where...)?</i>	
ESI (Environmental Sensitivity Index) Maps: <i>Do they exist? Areas covered?</i> <i>Date and last update?</i> <i>Version (paper/informatic/GIS)?</i> <i>Who built them? Who maintain them?</i>	French Guiana has sensitivity maps.
ESI Maps availability <i>Where to find them?</i> <i>Are they in Annex of the NCP?</i>	
Additional comments	

Equipment

Equipment List <i>Is a list maintained?</i> <i>Which format? Where to find it?</i> <i>Does the REMPEITC has a copy of it?</i>	
Equipment agreements for support?	
Mechanism for the entrance of equipment through Customs	
Additional comments	The French Administration through the French Navy have booms, skimmers, storage tanks + dispersants and spray gear.

Exercises and Training

Agency in charge of personnel training	
National training capabilities: <i>Does a national training center exist?</i> <i>Is a list of trained personnel maintained?</i> <i>Etc.</i>	
Last national exercises <i>Dates</i> <i>Extent of the exercise (national, regional, local...)</i> <i>Lead organizer, participants, etc.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2009 – Regina Village – Simulation of a truck crash, with spillage of 50 000 liters of gaz-oil, spread in a river (Approuague River). Organization and coordination belongs to EMZD, the regional crisis management center, under the responsibility of the prefect
Additional comments	

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