

## Antigua & Barbuda

### Focal Points

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#### LEAD AGENCY

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#### RESPONSE AGENCY

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## Organization of the response

### Bilateral or multilateral agreements

The lead agency for government control during an oil spill is the National Office of Disaster Services (NODS), which is part of the Ministry of Social Transformation. Other Government departments with an interest or operational role in spills are the Antigua and Barbuda Port Authority, Antigua and Barbuda Police Force, Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force, Ministry of Agriculture, Lands and Fisheries, and the Ministry of Public Works and the Environment Division of the Ministry of Tourism and Environment.

The OSC is designated from the Antigua Coast Guard (normally the Operations officer) with an alternate from the Port Authority. A Marine Pollution Sub Committee (MPS) consisting of representatives from all involved parties has been established. The MPS has a dual role of pre planning for spills and an advisory role to the OSC during response. The response team would be based in the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) in the NODS.

## National Contingency Plan

Status ( <i>draft, approved, date of approval...</i> )	Approved in 1995
Name	
Last Update	
Copy at the REMPEITC?	
Is the NCP confidential?	
Authority in charge	
Are HNS (Hazardous Noxious Substances) spills included in the NCP?	
Future development	A new NCP is being developed by a consultant, under the supervision of NODS and the Maritime Affairs, and is expected in 2012.
Additional comments	

## Response Policy

Monitoring and evaluation	Fixed wing charter aircraft and helicopters for air surveillance are available.
Dispersant	The prevalence of sensitive resources (corals, mangroves, fisheries and tourism) necessitates consultation with MPS before the use of chemicals would be approved.
Containment and Recovery	
Shoreline Protection and Cleanup	
In situ burning	
NEBA	
Waste management	Regulations for managing waste: National Solid Waste Management Authority – Management Act of 1995 implemented in 1999. Small volumes of oily beach material could be landfilled with government approval. Small volumes of liquid oil could be handled by the local oil industry. Larger volumes of waste would probably have to be exported.
Claims	
Wildlife recovery and care	

Volunteers management	
Additional comments	Antigua and Barbuda favours the combined approach of containment & recovery, chemical dispersion and manual/mechanical shoreline cleanup.

### Risk assessment

<b>Risk assessment strategy</b>	
<b>Last oil spill assessment</b>	
<b>Previous Spills</b> <i>Date, location, type of oil, quantity</i> <i>Is a list of spills maintained (who, where...)?</i>	2000 Minor Spill North East of the island in close proximity to the country's main desalination plant. May 2003 Antigua faced a Crude Oil Spill of ca. 1,000 USG.
<b>ESI (Environmental Sensitivity Index) Maps:</b> <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>	ESI maps have been developed by the REMPEITC in GIS / paper format for Antigua and Barbuda, released in April 2012. They are maintained by NODS.
<b>ESI Maps availability</b> <i>Where to find them?</i> <i>Are they in Annex of the NCP?</i>	There are copies of them at the REMPEITC.
<b>Additional comments</b>	

### Equipment

<b>Equipment List</b> <i>Is a list maintained?</i> <i>Which format? Where to find it?</i> <i>Does the REMPEITC has a copy of it?</i>	
<b>Equipment agreements for support?</b>	The West Indies Oil company has a small response stockpile. However, there is not national response stockpile of equipment for oil spills. The National Disaster Warehouse inventory does not have oil-spill specific response items in stock.
<b>Mechanism for the entrance of equipment through Customs</b>	In emergency/disasters the National Office of Disaster Services in collaboration with Customs, Port and Immigration will facilitate the clearing of response or relief items from the Ports of Entry.

<p><b>Additional comments</b></p>	<p>The Port Authority can provide tugs fitted with dispersant spray gear and storage tanks. Equipment and manpower necessary for shore clean up can be provided by the Ministry of Public Works and the Ministry of Labour Co-operatives and Public Safety. Small vessels and tugs are available locally and would be accessed through the Port Authority for at sea response. Fixed wing charter aircraft and helicopters for air surveillance are available.</p> <p>The local oil companies hold some resources for dealing with incidents at their own facilities including dispersant and application equipment. This also provides the first tier of response to spills from other sources for the government. Three tankers on long term charter to Shell Antilles and Guianas Ltd, carry on board oil pollution response equipment for use by shoreside personnel.</p> <p>General indication of the type and amount of oil spill cleanup equipment and materials available from both government and private companies at Antigua and Barbuda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 x 600' Boom</li> <li>12 x 55 USG dispersant (chemical)</li> <li>2 x Workboats</li> <li>oil dispersant distribution equipment</li> </ul>
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Exercises and Training	
<p><b>Agency in charge of personnel training</b></p>	
<p><b>National training capabilities:</b> <i>Does a national training center exist?</i> <i>Is a list of trained personnel maintained?</i> <i>Etc.</i></p>	<p>There is no established centre for training and resources are extremely limited. (outside of the West Indies Oil Company)</p>
<p><b>Last national exercises</b> <i>Dates</i> <i>Extent of the exercise (national, regional, local...)</i> <i>Lead organizer, participants, etc.</i></p>	<p>In 1997 a table top exercise was conducted by The National Office of Disaster Services, which included all of the stakeholders. Other exercises may have taken place since, that were agency specific, but the National Office of Disaster Services was not involved.</p>
<p><b>Additional comments</b></p>	

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