

## Guyana

### Focal Points

#### MINISTRY OF LEAD AGENCY

Ministry of Public Works and Communication  
Fort street Kingston Georgetown

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Tel : 5922263356

#### LEAD AGENCY

Maritime Administration Department  
Fort Street Kingston

Contact :Director General  
Tel : 5922263356

#### SPILL NOTIFICATION POINT

Coast Guard  
Guyana Defence Force  
Ruimveldt  
Georgetown

Tel: 592-260570 / 260579  
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#### RESPONSE AGENCY

GDF Coast Guard, MARAD

Contact :Commanding Officer  
Tel : 2269090

#### NATIONAL OPERATIONAL CONTACT (under MARPOL)

Civil defence commision

## Organization of the response

### Bilateral or multilateral agreements

There is no designated pollution response authority. The responsibilities in the maritime sector are split between several departments and ministries. The Lands and Surveys Department of the Ministry of Agriculture has jurisdiction in river waters. The Transport and Harbours Department of the Ministry of Public Works, Communications and Regional Development is responsible for port areas and territorial waters. However, the Coast Guard enforces all maritime regulations and is a key operational organisation in any marine incident investigating reports of pollution in navigable waters on behalf of the relevant ministry and department. In addition, the Guyana Defence Force and the Fire Service would also assume some operational responsibility for pollution response.

In 1996 a new Environment Protection Agency (EPA) was established with the role of conserving and protecting sensitive coastal zone habitat. Advice on fisheries and environmental issues is available from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries Department and from the EPA, respectively.

The local oil industry, represented by Esso, Shell, Texaco and Guyoil, have established the Guyana Joint Petroleum Companies Industrial Safety Steering Committee and Subcommittee on Coastal and River Transportation (ISSC). The aim is to agree codes of safe practice and minimum equipment standards, and to create an industry co-operative with pooled spill response resources. The ISSC initiative extends to co-operation in establishing a joint response capability for dealing with land spills.

## National Contingency Plan

Status ( <i>draft, approved, date of approval...</i> )	
Name	
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	Individual oil companies have their own oil spill plans.

## Response Policy

Monitoring and evaluation	
Dispersant	
Containment and Recovery	
Shoreline Protection and Cleanup	
In situ burning	
NEBA	
Waste management	Waste material is to be collected and either weathered in sand beds or burnt as fuel for industrial boilers.
Claims	
Wildlife recovery and care	
Volunteers management	
Additional comments	

### 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>	
<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>	Sensitivity maps indicating vulnerable areas , such as Mangroves, ferries, harbor, municipal markets, etc. exist.
<b>ESI Maps availability</b> <i>Where to find them?</i> <i>Are they in Annex of the NCP?</i>	
<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>	
<b>Mechanism for the entrance of equipment through Customs</b>	Protocol Customs & Trade Administration, GRA
<b>Additional comments</b>	No Government owned equipment.

### Exercises and Training

<b>Agency in charge of personnel training</b>	Oil companies
<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>	No national training center
<b>Last national exercises</b> <i>Dates</i> <i>Extent of the exercise (national, regional, local...)</i> <i>Lead organizer, participants, etc.</i>	
<b>Additional comments</b>	

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