

Saint Vincent & the Grenadines

Focal Points

MINISTRY OF LEAD AGENCY

Ministry of National Security Government Administrative Center Bay Street Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines	TEL: +1(784) 456-1703 / 1111 FAX: +1(784) 457-2152 EMAIL: pmosvg@caribsurf.com POC: Mr. Godfrey Pompey
--	---

LEAD AGENCY

National Emergency Management Organization New Montrose Kingstown St. Vincent and the Grenadines	TEL: +1(784) 456-2975 FAX: +1(784) 457-1691 EMAIL: nemosvg@gmail.com or nemosvg@gov.vc POC: Mr. Howie Prince, Director
---	---

SPILL NOTIFICATION POINT

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Coast Guard Coast Guard Headquarters P.O. Box 835 Calliaqua, St. Vincent and the Grenadines	TEL: +1(784) 457-4578/457-4554 FAX:+1(784) 457-4586 EMAIL: svgcoguard@caribsurf.com POC: Lt Cdr Brenton Cain, Coast Guard Commander
---	--

RESPONSE AGENCY

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Coast Guard Coast Guard Headquarters P.O. Box 835 Calliaqua, St. Vincent and the Grenadines	TEL: +1(784) 457-4578/457-4554 FAX:+1(784) 457-4586 EMAIL: svgcoguard@caribsurf.com POC: Lt Cdr Brenton Cain, Coast Guard Commander
---	--

NATIONAL OPERATIONAL CONTACT (under MARPOL)

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Coast Guard Coast Guard Headquarters P.O. Box 835 Calliaqua, St. Vincent and the Grenadines	TEL: +1(784) 457-4578/457-4554 FAX:+1(784) 457-4586 EMAIL: svgcoguard@caribsurf.com POC: Lt Cdr Brenton Cain, Coast Guard Commander
---	--

Organization of the response

Bilateral or multilateral agreements	
---	--

The National Disaster Co-ordinator established a Marine Pollution and Oil Spills Management Committee to prepare a National Oil Spill Contingency Plan in 1989. The members of the Committee comprised representatives from several Departments, the Coast Guard, and Oil Industry, drafted a temporary Plan which envisages a co-ordinated response amongst the above organisations.

At present reliance would be placed on industry resources to combat spills in port or arising from passing traffic

National Contingency Plan

Status (<i>draft, approved, date of approval...</i>)	Draft
Name	SVG National Oil Spill Contingency Plan
Last Update	39845
Copy at the REMPEITC?	Yes (draft Feb 09)
Is the NCP confidential?	
Authority in charge	National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO)
Are HNS (Hazardous Noxious Substances) spills included in the NCP?	
Future development	
Additional comments	<p>In 1996 REMPEITC-Carib was requested to assist in redrafting the plan to international OPRC standards. This National Pollution Contingency Plan was presented to National Disaster Co-ordinator in 1997.</p> <p>In February 2009, the draft plan was updated during a national OPRC workshop organized by REMPEITC.</p> <p>The National Plan is a subsidiary part of the existing national framework for preparedness and response to hazards as mandated by the National Emergency and Disaster Management Act No. 15 of 2006.</p>

Response Policy

Monitoring and evaluation	
Dispersant	The criteria for the use of chemical dispersants in the Caribbean Region are the ones established in the Caribbean Island OPRC Plan.
Containment and Recovery	
Shoreline Protection and Cleanup	Due to severe problems of erosion, manual-cleaning methods must be used on sand beaches. In order to protect the few remaining mangroves in St. Vincent and more extensive mangroves on the island of the Grenadines, minimal cleanup should be carried out in these areas. Cleaning of rocky areas should be restricted to hand.
In situ burning	Criteria for in-situ burning in the Caribbean Region are the ones established in the Caribbean Island OPRC Plan.
NEBA	

Waste management	
Claims	Procedures included in the plan.
Wildlife recovery and care	
Volunteers management	
Additional comments	

Risk assessment

Risk assessment strategy	Sensitive areas are defined in appendix of the plan.
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>	
ESI Maps availability <i>Where to find them?</i> <i>Are they in Annex of the NCP?</i>	
Additional comments	St. Vincent and the Grenadines lie to the of principal tanker routes and since the prevailing winds and currents are westerly, the islands are not at risk from tanker spills and none have been experienced to date.

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	Procedure described in Annex V of the NCP.
Additional comments	<p>The Coastguard has a small fleet of patrol vessels, one of which has a reasonable deck area that could be used to carry and deploy response equipment. However, there is currently no government owned specialised pollution equipment in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.</p> <p>Chevron West Indies Limited and SOL EC Limited operate terminals and store fuel in Kingstown and hold a small stock of pollution response equipment comprising booms and skimmers sufficient to handle a Tier 1 spill at its facility. Chevron West Indies is a member of the Clean Caribbean and Americas (CCA) and would rely on its resources in the event of a major oil spill.</p>

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>	
Additional comments	

Last update 19-Feb-09