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Mariana Islands Area Contingency Plan **Letter of Promulgation**

1. **PURPOSE**. The Mariana Islands Area Contingency Plan functions as the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and the Territory of Guam's Master Plan for primary response and planning coordination for conducting responses to discharges of oil and releases of hazardous substances in the coastal zone and hazardous substances inland, as defined by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (FWPCA). The plan shall be periodically exercised by the members of the response community.

2. **ACTION**. Members of the response community shall plan their operations in accordance with this plan. It provides federal, state, and local responders in the Micronesian region a single comprehensive planning and response document. The entire document has been reformatted along National Interagency Incident Management System (NIIMS) Incident Command System (ICS) lines with the U.S. Coast Guard Oil Spill Field Operations Guide (FOG) referenced throughout. The plan shall remain in effect until superseded and shall be amended periodically. When changes are promulgated, they shall be entered and noted on the record of changes page. This plan is a non-registered, unclassified publication. Extracts may be made.

3. **DIRECTIVES AFFECTED**. The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Response Plan dated 25 June 1993 and the Guam Area Response Plan dated 13 July 1995 are hereby cancelled in their entirety. Superseded plans shall be destroyed.

4. **IMPROVEMENTS**. Comments and suggestions concerning this plan are encouraged and should be submitted to the Mariana Islands Area Committee for consideration. Comments, suggestions, and corrections may be addressed to the Contingency Planning Department at Marine Safety Office Guam, (671) 339-2001 ext. 163.

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REQUIRED NOTIFICATIONS

All spills of oil or hazardous substance into navigable waters and all spills of a reportable quantity of hazardous substances (40 CFR Part 302) must be immediately reported by the spiller to the National Response Center (NRC). The NRC will contact appropriate local USCG or Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) offices. Notifying state offices does not relieve the spiller from federal requirements to notify the NRC.

National Response Center (NRC)

1-800-424-8802 Toll Free

1-202-267-2675 Toll Call

All spills of oil into Territory of Guam waters must be immediately reported to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Marine casualties, disabled vessels or near-miss incidents should also be reported

Guam's Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA)

24-Hour Emergency Spill Response

635-9500 (duty pager)

For spills of hazardous substances, the spiller is required to notify Guam's Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA).

Guam's Environmental Protection Agency

24-Hour Emergency Spill Response

635-9500 (duty pager)

U.S. Coast Guard

Marine Safety Office Guam

24-Hour Emergency Response

(671) 339-6100

(671) 339-7100

(671) 564-8724

All spills of oil into the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands waters must be immediately reported to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Marine casualties, disabled vessels or near-miss incidents should also be reported

CNMI's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
24-Hour Emergency Spill Response
(670) 664-8516
(670) 483-8516

For spills of hazardous substances, the spiller is required to notify the Emergency Management Office (EMO).

Emergency Management Office (EMO)
24-Hour Emergency Spill Response
(670) 664-850
(670) 483-3319

U.S. Coast Guard
Supervisor Marine Safety Detachment Saipan
(670) 236-2969 (Office)
(670) 483-8724 (Cellular)

FIRST RESPONDER GUIDELINES!!

REMAIN UPWIND, UPHILL OR UPSTREAM OF THE INCIDENT. FROM A SAFE DISTANCE, assess the situation. Use binoculars, if available, to view the scene. Attempt to determine if radiological materials or hazardous substances are present. Observe and note the following:

- Effects on people, animals, and the environment;
- Container types, markings, placards and labels. If available, use the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) Emergency Response Guidebook for reference;
- Signs of any released or discharged substances and any unusual or pungent odors (move farther away or upwind if you detect an odor and are not positive it is safe);
- Wind direction and prevailing weather;
- Distance and direction of nearby dwellings; and
- Distance and direction of any nearby surface water.

The initial responder shall then make notifications as listed in the preceding pages.

The initial responder shall not enter an area where the responder may become a victim, even to rescue another.

Until help arrives, the initial responder should:

- Cordon off the incident area and establish a safe zone. If chemical vapors or flammable/explosive materials are involved, evacuate all persons from the immediate area and remain upwind of the incident area; if sources of radiation or radioactive materials are suspected to be involved, use the principles of time, distance and shielding to reduce potential exposure;
- Enter the incident area only if properly trained and equipped with appropriate protective clothing and equipment;
- Render first aid to victims; be sure to notify medical personnel if radiation exposure or contamination is suspected;
- Serve as an on-scene communication point;
- Brief the response team leader or incident commander upon arrival.

Initial Assessment/Information Check-off List

The following information should be provided by the spiller or reporting agency:

Time of call –

Caller Name, Address & Phone Number –

Vessel/Facility Information:

1. Name
2. Name of Vessel, Railcar/Truck Number or other identifying information
3. Type and size of vessel/facility
4. Nationality(Vessel Only)
5. Location of Incident(Specific)

6. Date & Time of Incident (or when discovered)
7. Type of Incident (Explosion, Grounding, etc.)
8. Pollutants/Substances Released
9. Source of Material Released
10. Estimated Amount Spilled
11. Total Potential Quantity
12. Total Already Released
13. Spill released into Air, Ground, Water or Subsurface
14. Weather/Sea Conditions
15. Point of Contact (Responsible Party Name, Phone & Address)
16. Vessel/Facility Agent(s) (Name & Phone)
17. Name of Carrier
18. Number & Type of Injuries or Fatalities
19. Who is on-scene
20. What response activities are being done or have been completed
21. Whether Evacuations have occurred
22. Estimated Dollar amount of Property Damage
23. Other agencies notified

First Federal Official On-Scene

The first federal official, affiliated with an National Response Team (NRT) member agency, to arrive at the scene of a discharge should coordinate activities under the National Contingency Plan (NCP). This individual is authorized to initiate, in consultation with the Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC), any necessary actions normally carried out by the FOSC until the arrival of the Pre-Designated FOSC. This official may initiate federal fund-financed actions only as authorized by the FOSC.