

UK - Montserrat

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LEAD AGENCY

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SPILL NOTIFICATION POINT

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RESPONSE AGENCY

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Organization of the response

Bilateral or multilateral agreements	Montserrat is not a party to any sub-regional or bilateral agreements.
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The lead agency for government control during an oil spill is the Office of Disaster Preparedness (ODP) in the Office of the Chief Minister. The Commissioner of the Royal Montserrat Police would act as On Scene Commander (OSC), and an existing Emergency Operations Centre in Police HQ would be activated as the operations centre for response. As lead agency, the ODP would be responsible for convening a pollution committee to oversee clean up operations, comprising representatives from the Royal Montserrat Police, the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Department of the Environment, the Montserrat Defence Force, the Department of Public Works and local oil companies.

In practice, government would call upon the industry for the first tier of response, after which assistance would be sought from the UK and from adjacent Caribbean Island states.

National Contingency Plan

Status (<i>draft, approved, date of approval...</i>)	Draft
Name	
Last Update	1996
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	
Dispersant	Part of the response policy
Containment and Recovery	Part of the response policy
Shoreline Protection and Cleanup	Part of the response policy
In situ burning	
NEBA	
Waste management	Disposal of oily wastes is controlled by the Department of the Environment. Contaminated beach material and debris could be landfilled at the Montserrat public refuse tip, probably co-disposed with domestic refuse to encourage natural degradation. Large volumes of recovered liquid oil would have to be exported for final treatment and disposal.
Claims	
Wildlife recovery and care	
Volunteers management	
Additional comments	

Risk assessment

Risk assessment strategy	
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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	

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?	Only very limited resources for oil spill response, held by Texaco West Indies, are located on Montserrat. Texaco WI is also a member of the Clean Caribbean and Americas (CCA).
Mechanism for the entrance of equipment through Customs	
Additional comments	<p>The government has no specialised equipment. However, the Department of Public Works is responsible for locating local labour and mechanical earthmoving equipment.</p> <p>No specialist oil spill clean up contractors are locally available.</p> <p>Only small fishing vessels and local launches are available to assist with at sea response. Helicopters and fixed wing aircraft for air surveillance are not available in Montserrat, but are available from nearby Antigua. Heavy counter pollution equipment from CCA and or OSLR has to be shipped via St. Maarten.</p> <p>Salvage, heavy powered Tugboats are available at St. Eustatius.</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>	The National Oil Spill Contingency Plan of Montserrat was co-exercised during the 1997 exercises in Turks and Caicos and Anguilla– table top and operational response exercise.
Additional comments	

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