

UK - Turks and Caicos

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Organization of the response

Bilateral or multilateral agreements	Turks and Caicos is not a party to any bilateral agreements
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The government Lead Agency for oil spill control is the National Disaster Preparedness Office (NDPO) within the Governor's Office.

In the event of an incident, a Marine Pollution Action Group (MPAG), comprising representatives from government departments and the local oil industry, and chaired by the island's Deputy Governor, would convene to provide assistance.

An On-Scene Commander (OSC) would be appointed, operating under the overall control and direction of NDPO/MPAG. The Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) has been established.

The local Oil Industry on Turks and Caicos has agreed to provide the first tier response - and tier 2 & 3 if one of their tankers is involved. In other situations assistance would be sought from the UK and from adjacent Caribbean Island States and Territories using procedures identified in the Caribbean Island OPRC Plan.

National Contingency Plan

Status (<i>draft, approved, date of approval...</i>)	
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. The use of dispersants requires the approval of the MPAG
Containment and Recovery	Part of the response.
Shoreline Protection and Cleanup	Part of the response.
In situ burning	
NEBA	
Waste management	Limited amounts of contaminated beach material debris could be landfilled at the Turks and Caicos public refuse tip, Larger volumes and recovered liquid oil would be exported for final treatment and disposal.
Claims	
Wildlife recovery and care	
Volunteers management	
Additional comments	

Risk assessment

Risk assessment strategy	
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?	
Mechanism for the entrance of equipment through Customs	
Additional comments	<p>There is no government owned recovery equipment ion stock on the island for offshore counter measures.</p> <p>The Department of Public Works & Utilities could arrange local labour and some earth moving equipment for shoreline cleanup.</p> <p>There are no local stockpiles of dispersant or application equipment.</p> <p>The local oil industry has limited equipment in place to response to small spills from their facilities. The Airport of Turks and Caicos could only handle light type aircraft and helicopters for aerial surveillance purposes and passengers handling. Heavy counter pollution equipment from CCA and or OSLR has to be shipped via Fort Lauderdale or the Dominican Republic.</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 Turks and Caicos was exercised in 1997 table top and operational response exercise.
Additional comments	

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