



TIERED RESPONSE TO OIL SPILLS

LARGE SPILL
(typ. > 1,000 tons)

**TIER
THREE**

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MEDIUM SPILL
(typ. < 500 tons)

**TIER
TWO**

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THREE**

SMALL SPILL
(typ. < 20 tons)

**TIER
ONE**

**TIER
TWO**

**TIER
TWO**

LOCAL

VICINITY

REMOTE

Tier One

Small, operational-type spills that typically occur at a company's own facilities (e.g. jetties or terminals), and as a consequence of its own activities. The operator would typically provide its own resources to respond to the spill, i.e. *"the spill may be handled by the spiller"*.

Tier Two

A medium-sized spill that typically occurs *within public or multi-user facilities*, and which typically is associated with shipping accidents in ports or harbours. Personnel and equipment resources would be pooled from other companies and the industry, with local government agencies acting as coordinators.

Tier Three

A large spill with potentially catastrophic consequences, that typically results from spillages *at sea from tankers and offshore platforms*. Substantial resources and support from local, national and international stockpiles would be mobilized.