

Regional Response Team

Regional VI Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan

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From: Co – Chair, Regional Response Team VI

To: All Coastal On-Scene Coordinators (OSC's)

Regional Response Team (RRT) VI, in accordance with the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (40 CFR Part 300, Section 300.910), grants pre-authorization to all coastal OSC's for using surface washing agents in pre-identified in Area Contingency Plans (ACPs), as defined by the "RRT VI Emergency Response Pre-approved Guidelines to Decontaminate Vessels and Hard Structure in Coastal Port Areas".

This pre-authorization is based on RRT VI's last semi-annual meeting held in Fort Smith, Arkansas on June 18, 2003. These guidelines authorizes the OSC's the use of surface washing agents under the following conditions:

For a product to be used, it must be listed on the National Contingency Plan (NCP) Product Schedule. Only pre-identified and approved port locations listed in or amended to your ACP are to be considered. Surface washing agents may be considered when conventional flushing techniques are inadequate in removing oil residues to the required cleanup standard or when cleanup time can be reduced such that a significant positive impact on overall cleanup goal is achieved. Efforts must be made to minimize the use of chemical agents and to collect, contain, and recover all flushed oil.

The provisions of the "RRT VI, Emergency Response Pre-Approval Guidelines to Decontaminate Vessel and Hard Structure in Coastal Port Areas" must be fully complied with in order to meet the requirements of these guidelines.

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