**Annex 8.1.7**

**OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY**

**Purpose**

The requirement to have an oil spill contingency plan around UK waters has been formalized by the Merchant Shipping Regulations 1998 which implements the International convention on Oil pollution (OPRC 1990). The convention adopted by the International Maritime Agency (IMO) is aimed to mitigate the consequences of oil pollution incidents.

While the River is below the size to require a full pollution plan of its own and there are no refueling facilities on or near the water’s edge, the following measures have been put into place in the event of any pollution incidents.

A spillcare kit is available in the event of a small pollution incident (Tier 1) & this consists of:

* 40 Oil Pads
* 4 Oil socks 125cm
* 1 Oil socks 300cm
* 2 Oil cushions
* 3 Disposable bags

The spillcare kit is housed in the Harbour Office and the harbour launch. All staff are aware of its location & familiar with the use of the contents.

Should a spill occur, and it cannot be dealt with using the immediately available resource the Harbour Master or Deputy should consider contacting the Environment Agency for advice and help.

Devon County Council’s Emergency Planning Team is responsible for the compilation, publication and distribution of amendments to the Costal Pollution plan

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/emergencies/emergency-response/>

The Counter Pollution Officer contact details are:

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A site-specific boom deployment plan was completed by Devon County Council in November 2006 the plan covers a small local pollution incident primarily resulting from a large-scale incident at sea where Southerly or Westerly winds would push any form pollutant into the River.

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency

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**SOSREP**

Should the incident be beyond the immediate ability of local resources the Secretary of State may appoint a Representative (SOSREP) who has a particular brief to prevent or control pollution and is most likely to take charge when pollution may be involved, but their derogated powers are not limited to this area. The primacy of SOSREP is to be acknowledged in all marine emergency situations.