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The Environment Group

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The concept of an ENVIRONMENT GROUP (EG), followed a recommended by Lord Donaldson in his report:

'Review of Salvage and Intervention and their Command and Control'

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UK Standing Environment Groups

1 Northern Ireland
2 Scotland
3 North East
4 Tees
5 Humber
6 Norfolk and The Wash
7 Greater Thames
8 Kent and Sussex
9 Solent
10 Dorset
11 Devon
12 Cornwall
13 Bristol Channel
14 West Wales
15 North Wales
16 North West

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Environment Group (EG)

- Function
  - To provide advice and guidance on environmental matters to SCU, OCU, MRC & SCG/RCG
- Role is purely advisory
  - EG has no formal powers (although members may have)

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Environment Group membership

- CORE MEMBERSHIP
  - **Environmental Regulator**
  - **Statutory Nature Conservation Body**
  - **Fisheries Department**
  - **Public Health Officer**

- Not just for the big incidents
- Dependant upon location, nature and scale of the incident
- Other organisations may be invited to join EG at the discretion of the chair

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Environment Group tasks:

- Provision of advice to <u>all</u> response units on potential / real impacts to public health and environment
- Assess environmental risk and impact of incident and implemented response measures

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Environment Group tasks:

- Monitor, assess and document public health and environmental impact of an incident and measures implemented in the response
- Facilitate welfare, rehabilitation or humane disposal of wildlife casualties

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Environment Group tasks:

- Site prioritisation
  - Advise on relative importance of environmental features and wildlife
  - Resolution of conflicting issues and priorities

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Environment Group tasks:

- Support clean-up assessment teams
- Facilitate welfare, rehabilitation or humane disposal of wildlife casualties
- Environmental Monitoring – including assessment of long term impact on human health and environment

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Environment Group membership

- The core membership may choose to invite:
  - Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities (IFCAs)
  - National Park Authorities
  - Local Health Authority
  - HSE
  - Health Protection Agency
  - Animal Welfare bodies - RSPCA, SSPCA
  - Bird casualty record collation - RSPB
  - NGO's
  - Local Wildlife Trusts
  - Local Animal Welfare Trusts

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POLREPs

- Pollution Reports
- Sequential serial numbers
- Classification; Doubtful, Probable, Confirmed
- Alphabetical prefixes – Set criteria
- Criteria Includes: Date, Time, Position, Weather, Characteristics, Source or Cause, Traffic, Images, Remedial Action, Predictions, other relevant information
- Supplementary section

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Message 00044-01092010
Priority: Normal
01/09/2010 13:01:26
From: Solent Coastguard
To: Name Method
Cc: Name Method

POLREP

POLREP 01/2010 SITREP No1
None

Classification: **A**. Confirmed
Date & Time: **B**. 142356UTC Jan 2010
Position: **C**. 50 50.48N 001 19.88W Fawley Oil Terminal berth No.2. Unknown amount of light Hydraulic oil extending 5 cables South East from the oil terminal approximately 100 metres in width.
Tide, Wind: **D**. HW Southampton 142239UTC. Tide: 142 1.2 knots. Wind: Calm.
Weather: **E**. Weather: Fog. Sea: Smooth
Characteristics (of pollution): **F**. Light Lube Oil
Source & Cause: **G**. Split Pipe at the Terminal
Vessels in the Area: **H**. N/A
Photographs: **J**. No
Remedial Action: **K**. Esso Fawley are currently attempting to boom the spill with tugs. Southampton VTS have declared it a tier 1 spill and have called in OSRL to assist.
Forecast (likely effect): **L**. Estimated to hit Calshot Castle and the promontory by 0200 and possibly spread out up as far as Ashlett Creek if the promontory contains the spill. Should that not be the case the spill will only extend 5 cables south of Calshot Promontory by Low water when it will return on itself possibly affecting the Eastern side of Calshot Beach
Names:
Other Information: **M**. None
Results of Sample: **N**. None
Results of Photo Analysis: **O**. N/A
Results of Enquiries: **P**. None
Results of Models: **Q**. None
R. See Para L

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Sources of further information:

- STOp note 2/2016
- NCP Section 9.13

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