



## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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### THE USE OF OIL SPILL CLEANUP AGENTS IN WATERS OF THE STATE

At the time of an oil spill incident, all Oil Spill Cleanup Agents (OSCA) must be approved in advance of use by the Region IX Regional Response Team (RRT). This includes dispersants, in-situ burning and chemical OSCAs. Once the RRT grants approval, a product can be used. In order for a product to be considered for use, the product must be listed on the National Contingency Plan (NCP) and licensed by the Administrator of the Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR).

California Government Code Section 8670.13.1(b) states that sorbents and other cleanup devices that do not employ the use of active chemical cleanup agents, or are otherwise determined not to cause aquatic toxicity, are not subject to the licensing provisions. A list of products that have met the exemption criteria as well as products currently licensed as oil spill cleanup agents, can be found at the OSPR web-site listed below.

Please be advised, the Office of Spill Prevention and Response restricts the use of loose particulate materials for purposes of on-water spill response. As such, loose particulate materials must be contained, either in pillows, socks or within the confines of booms or booming operations, for use in cleanup for all waters of the State. These restrictions are necessary to ensure that large quantities of foreign materials are not lost to the environment where they can become available to wildlife.

#### Additional Contact Information:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency:

[www.epa.gov/oilspill/ncp](http://www.epa.gov/oilspill/ncp)

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