

302.4 Some measure of response functions will be performed each time the Plan is activated. The degree of response will be subject to the demands of each particular situation. The specific advisory and support functions of the JST will include:

- a) Monitoring incoming reports, evaluating the possible impact of reported pollution incidents and being at all times fully aware of the actions and plans of the OSC.
- b) Coordinating the actions of the various agencies in supplying the necessary resources and assistance to the OSC.
- c) Recruiting other agencies and industrial or scientific groups to play their appropriate parts in support actions.
- d) Determining when a shift of OSC from one Party or the other is indicated by the circumstances of the spill.
- e) Coordinating all reporting on the status of the pollution incident to the respective national authorities.
- f) Ensuring that the OSC has adequate public information support.

302.5 The national co-Chairmen of the JSTs shall make provision for periodic meetings to discuss mutual problems, and, as appropriate, to conduct exercises relating to the Plan.

### 303 On-Scene Commander/Coordinator (OSC)

303.1 The coordination and direction of the joint pollution control efforts at the scene of a pollution incident shall be achieved through an official appointed as the OSC.

The OSC is an agent designated by the Commissioner, Canadian Coast Guard or the National Agency of Environmental Protection for areas in which a pollution incident may occur.

His responsibility will continue until a shift in OSCs between the Parties is agreed upon, or until a shift in OSCs within the jurisdiction of one Party is directed by the Chairman of the JST or another national authority of the Party.

The OSC is supported by experts on whom he relies for advice in their various areas of expertise.

303.2 In the event of a pollution incident, the first official from an agency with responsibility under this Plan arriving at the site shall assume coordination of activities under the Plan until the designated OSC becomes available to take charge of the operation.

303.3 The OSC shall determine the pertinent facts about a particular pollution incident, including the nature, amount, and the location of material spilled, probable direction and time of travel of the material, resources available and needed, and the areas which may be affected. The OSC shall provide the priorities for protection.

303.4 The OSC shall initiate and direct, as required, Phase II, Phase III and Phase IV operations as mentioned in paragraph 400.