

# Phases of an Oil Spill Response



A reporting source makes notifications to unit personnel, federal, state and local

Responders control the source of the spill and implement measures to mitigate effects to the environment. Regulatory agencies and the Responsible Party establish a Unified Command (UC). The UC refers to Area Contingency Plans for cleanup.

Collection of documentation for multiple purposes especially for natural resources damage

Notification

Preliminary Assessment & Beginning of Action

Containment, Countermeasures, Cleanup, & Disposal

Proportionally Scale Operation

Documentation & Cost Recovery

Natural Resource Damage Assessment

First responders make evaluation of magnitude, severity of the spill and threat to human life and the environment in the affected area. If a responsible party does not self-report, on scene coordinators will identify potential responsible parties.

Majority of the cleanup is complete, Unified Command scales back equipment and personnel working on the response, as appropriate. Crews continue with the last portions of the cleanup.

Injury to the environment, wildlife and habitat are evaluated and estimated as a result of the spill for cost recovery from the responsible party. Trustees along with public input review, approve and implement restoration projects.