

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
OFFICE OF SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE**

**NOTICE OF 15-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
FOR MODIFICATIONS TO TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS**

May 19, 2025

Pursuant to the requirements of Government Code section 11346.8(c), and section 44 of Title 1 of the California Code of Regulations, the Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) is providing this 15-day notice of modifications made to the Environmental Sensitive Site Protection rulemaking action.

OSPR has re-evaluated the operational feasibility and economic impact of a 2-hour protection time in Area Contingency Plan (ACP) 2, Geographic Response Area (GRA) 4 and ACP 5, GRA 2, illustrated in column two of the Site Protection Table within section 828.1. OSPR has removed this requirement and shifted the response resources required by the 2-hour protection time to the 4-hour protection time. OSPR believes these changes still meet the equipment requirements for the high risk GRAs, and the protection hours are more consistent with the timeline of an actual spill response and priorities. OSPR has also reduced equipment requirements in GRAs where required boom amounts exceeded the amount of boom listed in the ACP.

The additional proposed changes are illustrated in double underline and double strikeout in the following specific sections of Title 14, California Code of Regulations:

- Environmental Sensitive Site Protection [14 CCR 828.1]
- Tank Vessel and Marine Facility Oil Spill Contingency Plans [14 CCR 817.02, 817.03, 818.02, and 818.03]
- Nontank Vessel Oil Spill Contingency Plans [14 CCR 827.02]
- Ratings of Oil Spill Response Organizations [14 CCR 819.03, 819.04]
- Drills and Exercises [14 CCR 820.1]

The Economic and Fiscal Impact Statement (STD 399) has also been revised consistent with the modifications proposed for this 15-day comment period.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

OSPR will accept written comments regarding these additional proposed changes between, May 20, 2025 and June 3, 2025. **All written comments must be received by OSPR no later than 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2025**, to the following:

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All written comments that pertain to the illustrated changes and received by the above stated deadline will be reviewed by OSPR and summarized and responded to in the Final Statement of Reasons as part of the compilation of the rulemaking file.

OSPR requests that comments be prepared on a separate document, rather than as digital markups or digital notes embedded within the rulemaking documents.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

Additional information and all associated documents may be found on OSPR's website at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/OSPR/Legal/Rulemakings/Sensitive-Site-Protection>.