DEQ

Updating Oregon's Coastal Oil Spill Response Plans

The plans for protecting the Oregon Coast from oil spills are 25 years old. It's time for an update.



Oil Spill Response Planning in Oregon

In Oregon, oil spill response planning is the responsibility of both the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and facilities that store, transport, or process large amounts of oil products. Vessels and facilities have their own plans for stopping spills before they can spread. DEQ develops plans for areas that contain many potential sources of oil spills or that are especially vulnerable to harm from oil spills. The Oregon Coast is one such area. In 2019, DEQ will release updated oil spill response plans for the Oregon coast with new strategies to contain and collect spilled oil and keep it away from sensitive natural, cultural, historic, and socioeconomic resources. These plans will also include information for notifying resource managers and affected facilities when spills happen. To learn more about oil spill response planning and operations in Oregon, visit https://www.oregon.gov/deq/Hazards-and-Cleanup/env-cleanup/Pages/Emergency-Response.aspx.

How long will the project take?

Draft strategies (the building blocks of the plans) are available for review now. Draft plans will be available online in May 2019. Final plans will be available online in fall 2019.

When are comments due?

Initial comment period (strategies only): Fall 2018 - December 31, 2018 Second comment period (full plans): May - July, 2019

How can I get learn more or get involved?

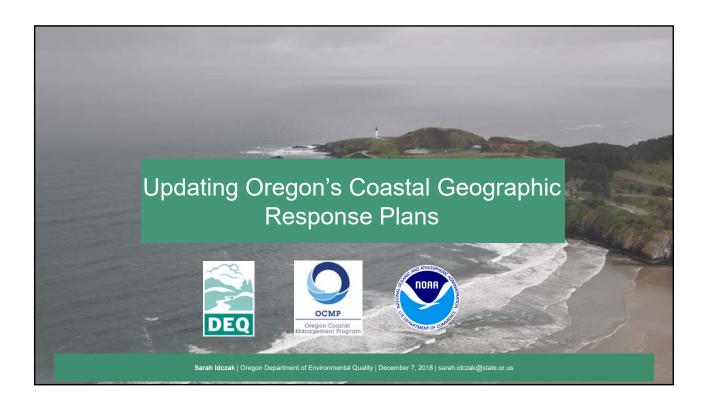
Visit our project story map: https://goo.gl/jfno7q

You can use this site to compare the draft oil spill response strategies to the old ones, download the complete current plans, and submit comments. This is also where to find details on the public meetings and webinars that we will hold in spring 2019.

How can I contact the planning team?

Email or call:

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Project Overview

2 types of oil spill plans in Oregon:

- Facility/Vessel Contingency Plans
- Geographic Response Plans

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Project Overview

- Update geographic oil spill response plans (GRPs) for Oregon's coastal zone
- Improve effectiveness & usability
- Engage with tribes and stakeholders
- Incorporate recent data
- Design an efficient GRP update process for Oregon



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Project Vision

More proactive plans

More user-friendly plans

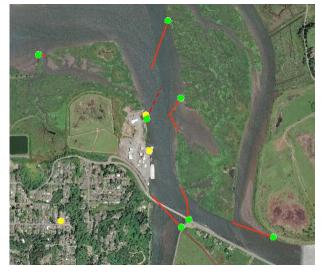
More feasible & effective strategies

More frequent plan updates

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Project Status

- Draft strategies are ready for initial review!
- We started with:
 - 171 response strategies
 - 6 notification strategies
- We now have:
 - 433 response strategies
 - 1,615 notification strategies



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Highlights of Strategy Changes

- Strategies are more specific
- More collection strategies
- Skimming strategies
- More focus on estuaries and potential sources of smaller spills
- Condition-dependent strategies



Initial Comment Period – Now Through December 31

Ways to review draft strategies:

- Online
- Google Earth
- Desktop GIS software

Ways to comment:

- Email: sarah.ldczak@state.or.us
- Phone: 503-229-5457
- Export drawings from web map
- Online comment

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Strategy/Plan Review: Help Make Our Plans Better!

• Initial comment period (strategies only):

Now through December 31

• Second comment period (full draft plans):

May-June 2019

Review strategies, submit comments, and sign up for project updates:

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Thank You

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