Massachusetts Oil Spill Prevention & Response Program

Oil Spill Equipment Reporting and Resupply

MassDEP is providing oil spill response equipment and trailers for coastal municipalities in Massachusetts to improve and enhance local response to an oil spill during the early stages of a response.

MassDEP and each coastal municipality have signed the Standard Contract Form with Commonwealth Terms and Conditions and a Supplemental Terms and Conditions, which establishes a contract between MassDEP and that municipality regarding the custody and use of the oil spill response trailer and equipment. This agreement allows municipalities to use the equipment for certain agreed upon purposes while the Commonwealth of Massachusetts retains ownership of the equipment and the responsibility to maintain and restock the trailer and equipment.

Reporting

MassDEP requests that municipalities that deploy containment boom from the oil spill response equipment trailers in response to a release or threat of release of oil or hazardous materials report the incident to the appropriate MassDEP regional office Emergency Response Section as soon as possible after deployment. The contact numbers and hours of operation for MassDEP Regional office are listed below and can be found on the below web links. To facilitate MassDEP’s recovery of costs associated with response actions resulting from releases or threats of release of oil to the environment, please have the following information available to the best extent possible when providing notification.

- Date and time of release;
- Location;
- Brief description of incident;
- Name, address and contact number of responsible party;
- Amount and type of equipment used.
MassDEP Notification

1-888-304-1133 (24/7)

Northeast Regional Office
205B Lowell Street
Wilmington, MA. 01887
Office Hours M-F; 8:45 - 5:00 pm
(978) 694-3400
MassDEP - Northeast

Southeast Regional Office
20 Riverside Drive
Lakeville, MA. 02347
Office Hours M-F; 8:45 - 5:00 pm
(508) 946-2850
MassDEP - Southeast

Resupply and Maintenance

MassDEP has agreed to provide routine maintenance on the trailer and equipment and to restock those consumable items that have been used during response to an oil spill. On an annual basis the MassDEP will inspect the trailer and its contents and conduct an inventory of equipment. As part of this annual inventory consumable and non-consumable items will be replaced to restore the trailer to its original inventory. If a major event occurs during the year that results in the use of consumable items in quantities that replacement is required prior to the annual inspection please follow the above notification procedure and MassDEP will make arrangements to replace or restock the equipment as soon as possible.

It is requested that each community inspect the interior and exterior of the oil spill response trailer periodically during the year and to report to MassDEP any damage, vandalism or maintenance issue identified. It is also the responsibility of each community to store the unit in a secure location and to limit access to authorized individuals. To assist MassDEP in the accurate tracking and maintenance please provide updated information if the trailer is moved to a new storage location or if the Town’s point of contact changes.

Additional information on the Commonwealth Terms and Conditions Agreement signed between each community and the MassDEP please refer to the location; Contract Agreement

Mass DEP Contacts

General questions or concerns regarding oil spill response equipment may be directed to Steve Mahoney at 617 292-5516 or Stephen.Mahoney@MassMail.State.MA.US