

**Table 11: Oil Spill and Oil Spill Clean up**

	<b>Relevant Authorities for this activity</b>	<b>Other Competent Authorities</b>	<b>Other associated organisations</b>
<b>Authorities associated with activity</b>	Isle of Wight Council (IWC) Ventnor Haven; English Nature (EN); Harbour Authorities; Dockyard Port of Portsmouth (QHM), Environment Agency Ministry of Defence		
<b>Location</b>	Minor oil spills have occurred in Sandown Bay.		
<b>Frequency</b>	It can potentially happen at any time of the year and with the presence of Fawley Oil refinery in the immediate SWMEMS area there is a possibility of a catastrophic spillage.		
<b>Potential effects with regards to Reg. 33 advice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smothering</li> <li>• Visual</li> <li>• Introduction of oil and petrochemical compounds.</li> </ul>		
<b>Research undertaken</b>	Water quality monitoring by the Environment Agency takes place vicinity of Ventnor Haven. The Dockyard Port Safety Management System includes the ability to record events and to examine the impact.		
<b>Research required</b>	Unknown		
<b>Ongoing management</b>	<p>Oil pollution response rests with unitary authorities in liaison with neighbouring authorities (McInnes, 1998). Additionally each unitary authority should have a contingency plan with regard to assisting central government in oil clean-up at sea (McInnes, 1998). Oil spill plans for the Isle of Wight are included in the Isle of Wight County Oil Spill Contingency Plan. The iWC Unitary Development Plan (UDP) has many policies relating to pollution in general but none specifically regarding oil pollution and its subsequent cleanup.</p> <p>This activity is regulated under The Oil Pollution, Preparedness, Response and Cooperation (OPPRC) Regulations 1998, of which harbour authorities, local authorities and the Ministry of Defence are members, the Environment Agency is a non-statutory member; the Solent Oil Spill Contingency Plan; and Regulations relating to the movement of hazardous cargo. Other management initiatives include SOLFIRE procedure, the National Contingency Plan, and Standing call-off contract with Oil Spill Response Limited</p> <p>Permission is required from EN for any operation likely to damage a SSSI. EN may consent, assist or advise on any operations listed as 'an operation requiring EN's consent (formerly Operations Likely to Damage, OLD). EN is able to prosecute anyone for damage to a SSSI under the CRoW Act 2000. EN is also able to make byelaws for the protection of a European marine site under Regulation 36 of the Conservation Regulations 1994 but this is considered a last resort in the management of this site. EN is also a member of the Oil Spill Environment Group, the marine response centre, the salvage control centre and the shoreline response centre</p>		
<b>Gaps in management</b>			
<b>New actions required</b>	<b>Relevant Authority to implement new actions</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chase up/link with IWC emergency Plan.</li> <li>• Regional authorities to keep plans up to date.</li> </ul>	IWC/Secretariat	One-off	