

# **ASSOCIATED BRITISH PORTS**

# HUMBER ESTUARY SERIOUS MARINE EMERGENCY PLAN



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## 1. Definition of Plan & Responsibilities

#### 1.1 Introduction

The Port Marine Safety Code (**PMSC**) requires the Safety Management System (**SMS**) to manage the hazards and risks along with any preparations for emergencies. The Humber Estuary Serious Marine Emergency Plan (**HESMEP**) has been formulated after discussion with and in agreement by the appropriate authorities on the Humber; it sets out the action to be taken in the event of a Serious Marine Emergency occurring within the limits of the Humber Harbour Area as laid down in the Humber Navigation Byelaws 1990.

Responsibility to produce the plan and the co-ordination of interested organisations has been undertaken by Associated British Ports as the Harbour Authority.

The Plan focuses on various types of emergencies and the provision of an appropriate response. If the incident involves oil pollution, then **Humber Clean** will be invoked. It should be noted however, that one type of emergency may frequently escalate into another and therefore **HESMEP** is closely aligned to Humber Clean.

The purpose of this plan is to provide a means of raising the alarm and the communication and co-ordination between the various organisations and vessels involved, providing a framework for the management of the incident and cargoes involved.

Each organisation involved in a Humber Serious Marine Emergency, will be responsible for implementing their individual plans and procedures. Several organisations operate on or adjacent to the Humber Area and have their own individual emergency response plans which have been designed to interface with **HESMEP**. Details of these can be found in section 7.

ABP are a Category 2 Cooperating Body under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.

### 1.2 Definition

A **Serious Marine Emergency** is an accident affecting shipping in the Humber which creates, or is likely to create, a significant danger to navigation, life, property, or the environment. It may include, but not be limited to; **Fire, Explosion, Collision, Grounding, Sinking, Release of cargo and Toxic Vapours or Serious Oil Pollution which requires for its proper control, resources not immediately available to the ships master or others at the scene.** 



### 1.3 Raising the Alarm

The Master of a vessel or others at the scene, involved in a serious incident (which falls within the definition of a "Serious Marine Emergency" as defined in section 1.2,) should call VTS Humber or HMCG, endeavouring to pass all relevant information which may include: -

- 1. Type of emergency
- 2. Precise location
- 3. Name of vessel
- 4. Number of survivors
- 5. Number of casualties
- 6. Details of cargo (including the classification of any dangerous substances on board vessel)
- 7. Actual or risk of a release of flammable or toxic liquids or vapours
- 8. Risk of danger to other vessels or installations
- 9. Bunker quantities
- 10. Details required by the Incident Assessment form (Appendix 2)

Having raised the alarm, the Master of the vessel should proceed as directed by the Harbour Master or a designated deputy; if the circumstances are such that the Master cannot comply with the direction, they shall take all necessary precautions to avoid creating a danger to other vessels or installations.



### 1.4 Implementation of the plan

Following a report of a Serious Marine Emergency, the decision to initiate the plan may be taken by: -

The Harbour Master Humber, a designated deputy or persons with delegated Powers of the Harbour Master.

The Harbour Master Humber may make the decision to initiate the plan after an escalation of a relatively minor incident at the request of the Master of the vessel and in consultation with other emergency services, including HM Coastguard.

#### **1.5** Co-ordination

Overall co-ordination of the plan will be the responsibility of the Harbour Master Humber.

## 1.6 Action by VTS Humber

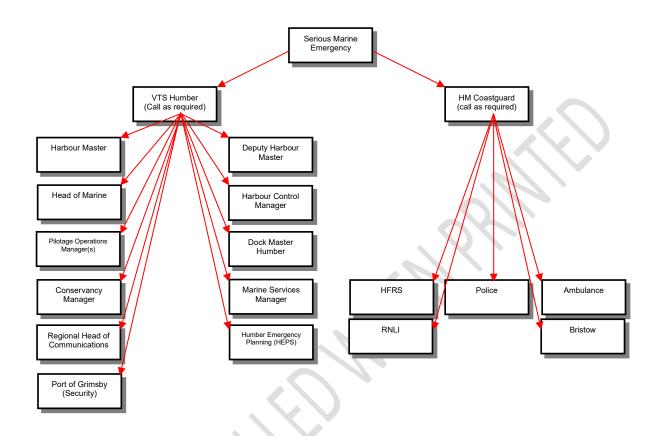
VTS, Humber (call sign Vee Tee Ess Humber) is located at the Humber Marine Control Centre in Grimsby and maintains a continuous 24-hour listening watch on international marine VHF Channels 16, 15, 14 and 12.

On receipt of a call relating to a Serious Marine Emergency, VTS Humber may, dependent on the nature and size of the incident, contact the following: -

HM Coastguard
Harbour Master, Humber
Deputy Harbour Master, Humber
Head of Marine, Humber
Harbour Control Manager, Humber
Pilotage Operations Manager(s)
Dock Master, Humber
Conservancy Manager, Humber
Marine Services Manager
Regional Head of Communications (Head Office Press Officer)
Humber Emergency Planning
Port of Grimsby security to activate Marine Response Centre (ABP MRC)



#### 1.7 Activation Call-Out Matrix



## 1.8 Associated British Ports Marine Response Centre (ABP MRC)

The ABP Incident Management Team provides the personnel who operate the Associated British Ports Marine Response Centre (MRC). The MRC is located at the Grimsby Dock Office.

The Marine Response Centre will be the focal point for all HESMEP and Humber Clean Tier 2 and Tier 3 incidents as required. The MRC will be manned for all Tier 2 and Tier 3 incidents, with Tier 1 incidents at the discretion of the Incident Controller. The manning of the MRC can take place 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is activated by the VTS Assistant Harbour Master, Humber.



## 2. Emergency Assessment

Vessel types and cargoes are not exhaustive lists but are a comprehensive representation of predominant marine traffic upon the Humber Estuary.

Associated hazards are either cargo specific, or specific to the type, size or area of operation of vessels upon the Humber Estuary.

Formal operational risk assessments have been carried out for all areas of the river in the 'MARNIS' risk assessment program.

Assessment Areas				
LOWER HUMBER	OWER HUMBER Tetney Haven and River Humber approaches.			
MIDDLE HUMBER	Ports of Grimsby, Immingham, Immingham Oil Terminal Immingham Bulk Terminal, Humber International Terminal North Killingholme Haven, C. Ro Port Killingholme, Salt End Port of Hull, Old Harbour, New Holland, Hessle, Barton and Barrow Havens.			
UPPER HUMBER	Above Humber Bridge.			
RIVER OUSE	Blacktoft Jetty and the Port of Goole.			
RIVER TRENT	Burton Stather, Flixborough, Neap House and Grove wharfs Keadby and Gunness wharf and Kings Ferry wharf.			







Vessel Type	Cargo	Traffic Area	Associated Hazards
Oil tanker & Bunker barges	<ul> <li>Crude oil</li> <li>Fuel oil</li> <li>Gas oil</li> <li>Diesel oil</li> <li>Marine gas oil</li> <li>Medium fuel oil</li> <li>Heavy fuel oil</li> <li>Refined products</li> <li>Lube oil</li> <li>Vegetable oil</li> </ul>	All areas	<ul> <li>Pollution</li> <li>Fire</li> <li>Explosion</li> <li>Grounding</li> <li>Collision</li> </ul>

A high number of visits per year of vessels of all sizes, operating at times with minimal under keel clearance in confined waters. The possibility of instantaneous release of product in small amounts during discharge/loading operations, large amounts due to hose failure and high discharge rates or due to collision in congested areas. Bunkering operations also account for a considerable risk element to the above.

Soft sediments mean that grounding is unlikely to result in pollution through loss of containment.

Vessel Type	Cargo	Traffic Area	Associated Hazards
Gas tanker	<ul><li>Liquid propane gas</li><li>Liquid butane</li></ul>	Lower and Middle Humber	<ul> <li>Gas release</li> <li>Explosion</li> <li>Fire</li> <li>Collision</li> <li>Grounding</li> </ul>

Despite lower visit figures for this type of vessel the risk of a serious emergency developing is still substantial owing to the nature of the cargoes carried in high density traffic areas. Emergencies are more likely to occur because of collision with other vessels or structures due to the volatility of cargo. However, vessels are structurally well founded.

Soft sediments and the structural design of vessels mean a lower risk due to grounding through loss of containment.





Vessel Type	Cargo	Traffic Area	Associated Hazards
Chemical	<ul> <li>Benzene</li> <li>Methanol</li> <li>Ethanol</li> <li>Acetic acid</li> <li>Ammonia</li> <li>Acids &amp; Alkalis</li> <li>Petroleum</li> <li>Butane</li> <li>Feedstock</li></ul>	Lower and	<ul> <li>Pollution</li> <li>Release</li> <li>Fire</li> <li>Explosion</li> <li>Contamination</li> <li>Collision</li> <li>Grounding</li> </ul>
tanker	chemicals	Middle Humber	

The nature of cargoes carried and their volatility produces higher risks. The effects of release and subsequent vapour clouds can be hazardous to large areas. Vessels somewhat vulnerable to collision with structures and other vessels, however structural integrity is of a high degree.

Vessels transit through high density traffic areas. Due to soft sediments and vessel design, grounding would be an unlikely cause of release.

Even small vessels can pose a threat to large areas of the estuary and adjacent shorelines, the weather playing a critical role in the event of a release situation.

Vessel Type	Cargo	Traffic Area	Associated Hazards
General cargo vessel	<ul> <li>Steel coils</li> <li>Break bulk / Paper</li> <li>Timber</li> <li>Wind turbines</li> <li>Heavy lifts</li> <li>Edible oils</li> <li>Radioactives</li> <li>Products</li> <li>Foodstuffs</li> </ul>	All areas	<ul> <li>Cargo shift</li> <li>Pollution</li> <li>Loss of cargo</li> <li>Fire</li> <li>Collision</li> <li>Grounding</li> <li>Contamination</li> </ul>

Present in all areas in higher numbers than many types of ship, vessels transiting through the harbour do so in sheltered waters with little hazard posed from excessive cargo shift or loss. Mostly inert cargoes except for specific specialised transports, little risk exists for pollution from such cargo.

Vessel strength is good but stability issues can be significantly enhanced if a vessel is damaged structurally due to collision, perhaps allowing the ingress of water.

Grounding poses little risk of damage or pollution due to the nature of the soft river bed.





Vessel Type	Cargo	Traffic Area	Associated Hazards
Bulk carrier	<ul> <li>Coal</li> <li>Ores and Minerals</li> <li>Scrap metal</li> <li>Grain</li> <li>Fertilisers</li> <li>Aggregates</li> <li>Agri bulks</li> <li>Animal feed</li> <li>Biomass</li> <li>Road salt</li> <li>Cement</li> <li>Cocoa/Sugar</li> </ul>	All areas	<ul> <li>Cargo shift</li> <li>Pollution</li> <li>Fire</li> <li>Explosion</li> <li>Break up</li> <li>Capsize</li> <li>Grounding</li> <li>Collision</li> </ul>

Vessels present in all areas of the estuary in various sizes.

Vessel design may present stability issues when faced with collision or grounding from water ingress. Vessels have the potential to break up due to structural failure, enhanced by dense heavy cargoes and the extreme stresses that they can exert upon a vessel's framing system.

In the event of a vessel sinking, beaching areas should be used, where possible, to aid future salvage operations.

Shifting cargo is a present danger for these vessels in rough seas, the Humber providing a higher degree of protection leads to lower risk levels.

Deep seated fires can develop in self-heating cargoes which are difficult to extinguish. Some may react with water.





Vessel Type	Cargo	Traffic Area	Associated Hazards
Container vessel (LO/LO)	20/40/45ft TEU's     Reefer units Solids bulks / liquids and gases Products, foodstuffs and consumables (Various dangerous good Classes 1-9 under IMDG code).	Lower, Middle, Upper Humber and Ouse.	<ul> <li>Fire</li> <li>Explosion</li> <li>Grounding</li> <li>Collision</li> <li>Loss of Cargo</li> </ul>

The diverse nature of cargoes carried by such vessels even when segregated and isolated from each other will always present certain risks.

Fires are not uncommon and can be difficult to deal with, especially when involving the many classes of dangerous goods that such vessels carry.

Damage due to collision and grounding present minimal risks of serious events, although the risk of pollution occurring is always a possibility.

Vessel Type	Cargo	Traffic Area	Associated Hazards
Passenger vessel	<ul> <li>Passengers</li> <li>Some general cargo</li> <li>Dangerous goods</li> <li>(Various dangerous goods Classes 1-9 under IMDG code).</li> </ul>	Lower and Middle Humber	<ul> <li>Fire</li> <li>Pollution</li> <li>Collision</li> <li>Grounding</li> <li>Capsize</li> </ul>

Very few visits to the Humber and tend to be summer seasonal which means a low-risk element occurs for passenger vessels. Ships of this type in the Humber are relatively small hence carrying less passengers, and minimal levels of cargo.

The risk of grounding/capsize and subsequent problems developing are low in most areas. Soft sediments prevail and ship construction leads to a high degree of structural integrity in most situations.

Fire / Collision and the need to evacuate passengers is the predominant issue.





Vessel Type	Cargo	Traffic Area	Associated Hazards
Ferry (RO/PAX)	<ul> <li>Passengers/Drivers</li> <li>Lorries and trailers</li> <li>Reefer units</li> <li>Solids bulks, liquids, and gases. Products, foodstuffs and consumables.</li> <li>(Various dangerous goods Classes 1-9 under IMDG code).</li> </ul>	Lower and Middle Humber	<ul> <li>Fire</li> <li>Explosion</li> <li>Collision</li> <li>Capsize</li> <li>Pollution</li> <li>Release</li> </ul>

High number of vessels carrying diverse and isolated cargoes in many forms which include all types of dangerous cargo.

Fire, collision and water ingress can cause significant problems for this type of vessel regarding stability.

Higher windage, possible cargo shift, and susceptibility to bad weather conditions present a risk, but waters in Middle Humber area are mostly sheltered.

In the Middle Humber area, soft sediments prevail and minimise the risk of loss of containment due to grounding.





Vessel Type	Cargo	Traffic Area	Associated Hazards
Car carrier	• Vehicles	Lower and Middle Humber	<ul><li>Fire</li><li>Collision</li><li>Pollution</li><li>Cargo shift</li><li>Capsize</li></ul>

A regular but smaller number of vessels transiting through high traffic areas carrying specific and relatively inert cargo.

Higher windage, possible cargo shift, and susceptibility to bad weather conditions present a potential risk, but waters in Middle Humber area are mostly sheltered.

Larger vessels experience enhanced safety routing through VTS and employ multiple tugs during berthing and sailing operations reducing the risk of collision. Collision with structures whilst manoeuvring is the major issue with these vessels. Even small amounts of water ingress can seriously affect the stability of the vessel through free surface effect acting on large open decks.

Vessel Type	Cargo	Traffic Area	Associated Hazards
Tugs and tows	<ul><li>Work Barges</li><li>Heavy lifts</li><li>Specialist cargo</li><li>Lash Barges</li></ul>	All areas	<ul><li>Collision</li><li>Pollution</li><li>Capsize</li><li>Loss of tow</li></ul>

No specific risks can be attached to cargoes; however, tows can be difficult to manoeuvre in a tidal river through dense traffic areas. Passages are well planned, monitored, protected and enhanced by other harbour tugs if necessary.

Collision with other vessels, structures or navigation marks remain as present dangers for these transports but being few and well organised still results in a lower element of risk.





Vessel Type	Cargo	Traffic Area	Associated Hazards	
Timber ship	Bulk timber cargo     Timber deck cargo	All areas	<ul><li>Cargo shift</li><li>Loss of cargo</li><li>Pollution</li><li>Collision</li></ul>	

Within sheltered waters, inert and buoyant timber makes for a low-risk cargo. Timber deck cargoes can be subject to shift or loss but unlikely within the estuary. Structurally sound vessels, soft sediments and type of cargo warrant low risks.

Vessel Type	Cargo	Traffic Area	Associated Hazards
Jack up platform	<ul><li>Drill rigs</li><li>Offshore platforms</li></ul>	Lower and Middle Humber	<ul><li>Capsize/Sinking</li><li>Collision</li></ul>

Very few, enhanced protection for passages, well planned, almost completely stable when sat in position, these platforms offer little in the way of risk except when in the process of lowering down legs. Owner commissions a pre-arrival survey of the riverbed to confirm suitability of the bottom. Weather is a big factor, but passages do not take place in unfavourable conditions. No specific cargo risks. See Tugs and tows above.

Vessel Type Cargo		Traffic Area	Associated Hazards
Fishing vessel	<ul><li>Frozen cargoes</li><li>Wet Fish</li></ul>	Lower and Middle Humber	<ul><li>Fire</li><li>Collision</li><li>Capsize</li></ul>

High in number and transiting/crossing busy channels, but no specific risks can be associated with cargo or vessels. Smaller craft may be susceptible to poor weather conditions.





Vessel Type	Cargo	Traffic Area	Associated Hazards
Crew transfer vessel	<ul> <li>Personnel</li> </ul>	Lower Humber	<ul><li>Collision</li><li>Capsize</li><li>Fire</li></ul>

High in number and transiting/crossing busy channels, but no specific risks can be associated with vessel. Smaller craft may be susceptible to poor weather conditions.

Recommended route for windfarm transfer vessels outside the main channel.

Vessel Type	Cargo	Traffic Area Associated Haza	
Pleasure craft	• Nil	All areas	<ul><li> Grounding</li><li> Collision</li><li> Capsize</li><li> Sinking</li></ul>

High in number, particularly over summer months with generally more risks associated to vessels in the Upper Humber area. Poor planning and navigation within shoaling areas can contribute towards groundings. Smaller craft may be susceptible to poor weather conditions.



## 3. HESMEP Response Strategy

Once the type of Serious Marine Emergency has been confirmed, ensure that the type of response that is initiated is suitable to the incident type.

The following possible Serious Marine Emergency types have been identified:

### 3.1 Oil Pollution

Refer to the current version of the Oil Spill Response Plan 'Humber Clean.'

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ш	Obtain as much information as possible
	Dispatch Fire Tug
	Alert other vessels in the area
	Alert nearest port facility in vicinity
	Alert Coastguard who will call Emergency Services
	Obtain crew / passenger / casualty numbers
	Inform Harbour Master / on call Duty Manager
	Obtain more details from vessel
	Re-assess Incident and action taken
	Alert other port facilities
	Obtain Hazardous cargo list from Data Centre / PAVIS
	Promulgate hazard sheet as required
	Update interested parties
3.3 S	inkings
	Obtain as much information as possible
	Dispatch nearest suitable vessels to standby to take on casualties
	(Fire tug, pilot launch, work boats or any low freeboard vessels)
	Alert Coastguard
	Obtain crew / passenger / casualty numbers.
	Inform Harbour Master / on call Duty Manager
	Re-assess incident and action taken
	Update interested parties



## 3.4 Chemical / Gas Release from Ship or Shore

	Obtain as much information as possible
_	Ascertain extent of affected area
	Warn other vessels taking wind strength and direction into account
	Ascertain quantity and type of substance released
	Obtain crew / passenger / casualty numbers
	Alert Coastguard who will advise Fire Brigade
	If applicable, instruct vessel to proceed to a position to minimise danger to other vessels or populated areas
	In consultation with coastguard, set up a sea and/or air exclusion zone around vessel
	Direct traffic away from the affected area.
	If a vessel, obtain crew / passenger / casualty numbers
	Inform Harbour Master / on call Duty Manager
	Re-assess Incident and action taken
	Update interested parties
3.5 S	Serious Grounding
	Obtain as much information as possible
	Obtain accurate position of the vessel and its status
	Dispatch available tugs
	Obtain crew / passenger / casualty numbers
	Ascertain if there is any pollution
	Alert Coastguard
	Inform Harbour Master / on call Duty Manager
	Re-assess Incident and action taken
	Undate interested parties





## 3.6 Collisions between Vessels and Structures

1	Obtain as much information as possible
	Are vessels in danger of sinking, on fire or does risks of explosion exist?
	Dispatch nearest vessels (e.g. FIRE TUG)
	Alert Coastguard
	Obtain crew / passenger / casualty numbers
	Inform Harbour Master / on call Duty Manager
	Keep involved vessels informed
	Re-assess incident and action taken
1	Update interested parties



# 4. HESMEP Response Organisation

## **Matrix of Roles for HESMEP Incident Command System**

Team Role Incident Command						
Initial Team Leader	VTS Humber Assistant Harbour Master					
Team Role	Incident Marine Command Operations		Logistics	Planning	Admin / Finance	
Team Leader	Harbour Master (MRC)	Duty Manager (MRC)	Procurement Manager (Remote)	Designated Pilot Operations Manager (MRC)	Harbour Control Manager (MRC)	
Deputy Team Leader	Deputy Harbour Master (As Required)	Assistant Harbour Master (VTS) (As Required)	Marine Services Manager (MRC)	Hydrographer (Humber) (As Required)	Conservancy Manager (As Required)	
On Scene Commander		Pilot (Remote)				
Team Member	Legal Advisors (Remote)	Launch Coxswains and Deckhands (Remote)	Local Engineering Manager (Remote)	Hydrographic Surveyor (Remote)	Port Accountant (Remote)	
Team Member	ABP Head Office Communications (Remote)	Tug Company Representative (Remote)	ABP Dock Master (Remote)	ABP OPRC Tier 2 Contractor (Remote)	Marine Information Officer (Remote)	
Team Member	VTS Operator (Remote)	Phillips 66 Tetney Harbour Master (Remote)	Phillips 66 (MRC)	Head of Compliance Humber (Remote)	Marine Support Team Member (Remote)	
Team Member	Clerical Personnel (Remote)	ABP OPRC Tier 2 Contractor (Remote)	Clerical Personnel (Remote)	VTS Operator (Remote)	HR Personnel (Remote)	
Team Member		APT Immingham (Remote)	Svitzer (Remote)			
Additional (As Required)	ABP Deputy Dock Master (Remote)	Assistant Dock Master (Remote)	ABP OPRC Tier 2 Contractor (Remote)			



## 5. Action Checklists

### 5.1 Use of Section

This section outlines the actions that may be undertaken by the HESMEP management team in the response to a serious marine emergency. It must be borne in mind, however, that co-ordinators and response teams must be prepared to adapt their actions as the incident develops and conditions change. The table below provides the teams for which the checklists are drawn up.

### **Action Plan Layout**

Response Initiation	Actions to be undertaken during the alert phase of the incident and actions to be performed in the initial stages of incident response
Actions	Key actions to be performed during the incident response and as and when required
Final Actions	Actions required at the close of the incident response and on stand-down

### **Personnel Action Plans**

<u>5.2</u>	VTS Assistant Harbour Master – Initial Incident Controller
<u>5.3</u>	Initial On-Scene Commander: Incident Assessment and Response
<u>5.4</u>	Incident Controller
<u>5.5</u>	Marine Operations Team
<u>5.6</u>	Planning Team
<u>5.7</u>	<u>Logistics Team</u>
<u>5.8</u>	Administration and Finance Team
<u>5.9</u>	Public Relations and Media Unit



### 5.2 VTS Assistant Harbour Master – Initial Incident Controller

Following the implementation of HESMEP, the VTS Assistant Harbour Master will coordinate the mobilisation and allocation of pilot launches for use as rescue craft and arrange for the boarding of pilots to assist in the removal of vessels from the incident area if required and may also detail a Pilot to act as "On-Scene Commander".

Responsibilit Overall initial incident.	ies responsibility for, and control of, all aspect	s of the response to the
Stage	Actions	Additional Advice
Response Initiation	<ul> <li>Confirm activation of MRC with Harbour Master. Ensure that Grimsby Port security is instructed to open the ABP Humber MRC (Grimsby Port Office and out of hours) with Data Centre support.</li> <li>If incident is associated with potentially toxic vapours and/or requirement for a search and rescue function MRCC Humber (HM Coastguard) will call-out emergency services.</li> </ul>	Ensure that you maintain an incident log.  Blank logs are available in computerised format at VTS Humber. Records of telecoms, emails etc should be maintained.  Confirm if this has taken place.
Actions	<ul> <li>Establish communication with vessel(s) / facility involved in incident and request their status and intended actions.</li> <li>Ensure a VHF Channel has been designated for the Incident (Ch. 10 preferred if available).</li> <li>Request details of the incident from the Pilot who is acting as Duty On-Scene Commander.</li> <li>Determine the weather and marine conditions (template page over).</li> </ul>	Ensure communications systems are operational.  For the stricken vessel and the ABP response vessels it is ESSENTIAL to feedback information to the ABP MRC; ensure the On-Scene Commander does this.
Final Action / Stand Down	<ul> <li>On arrival of Harbour Master, Humber or Deputy at ABP MRC, carry out formal handover of incident response command.</li> <li>Ensure that handover is recorded in an Incident Log.</li> </ul>	Be prepared to continue to assist in incident response if requested to do so by Harbour Master, Humber.





## STATUS OF WEATHER AND MARINE CONDITIONS

Parameter	Actual	Predicted		
		6 hrs	12 hrs	24 hrs
Wind speed				
Wind direction from			OBII	
Sea State				
Present State of Tide				
Tide Speed	00///			
Tide Direction (to)				





## 5.3 Initial On-Scene Commander – Incident Assessment & Response

Responsibilitie Surveillance; as	esisting in intervention response and deployment of tugs etc.	
Stage	Actions Additional Advice	
Response Initiation	Proceed to incident site and check communications systems with VTS Humber, ABP MRC and other vessels. This is ESSENTIAL to ensure passing of information to response teams onshore. If communications are proving difficult, seek immediate help from VTS Humber.	
	☐ Ensure that incident area is safe. There may be a vapour cloud. If so, on no account enter area as there will be a danger of asphyxiation.	
Initial Actions	□ Confirm incident type and immediately notify Duty Incident Controller. Assess situation at site and confirm any further assistance required if possible.	
Ongoing Activities	Monitor effectiveness of response and continue to feedback information to the ABP MRC.	
Final Action / Stand Down	☐ Provide report to Harbour Master at Grimsby Port Office	



## 5.4 Incident Controller

Responsib Overall resp		<b>es</b> sibility for, and control of, all aspects of the re	sponse to the incident.
Stage	A	ctions	Additional Advice
Response Initiation		On arrival at own office / ABP MRC establish status of incident. Accept situation report & handover of incident response operations from Duty Incident Controller.	Ensure handover is recorded in Incident Log and that log is maintained throughout incident.  Pre-planned allocation of functions is given in Matrix of Roles, Section 3.1.
		Ensure coverage of response team functions.  Appoint a log keeper to assist Planning Team. Request team to assemble, distribute and maintain Status and Situation Reports.	These are intended as guide only. Use the matrix to ensure all aspects of the response are covered.
		Appoint a deputy to delegate responsibility if required to attend press briefings.	OLC
Initial Actions	۵	Obtain results of incident and establish response priorities.	Inform HO Chief Executive; maintain liaison during incident. Consider incident email.
		Chair planning meeting with Incident Management teams as soon as possible.	Guidance for media relations and prepare holding statements.
Ongoing Activities		Organise and lead regular team briefings; these are essential to ensure that all team members are aware of objectives and response options, incident status, any problems that have arisen; exchange of information for updating Situation Map and boards.	Consider aerial surveillance and reports via the MCA who will provide data for this assessment.
		Determine requirements for relief arrangements for team members. Ensure that all handovers are recorded on incident logs.	
		If salvage is involved in the response, liaise with Salvage Unit in MRC. Close co-operation between the salvage operations and incident response operations will be essential for minimising the environmental impact of a marine casualty.	It is important that any questions asked of the Communications team by the media are fed back to the Incident Controller at the ABP MRC to ensure accurate and appropriate answers are given.
		Ensure information is supplied to Communications for preparation of regular, updated media releases; authorise release of press statements and attend press briefings & conferences.	5.15.15.5 a.15 g.15.11
Final Action / Stand		Consider incident stand down after confirming there is no potential for further incidents.	
Down		Complete incident log.	
		Call a debrief meeting for Incident Management teams.	
		Request Logistics to consolidate costs.	



# 5.5 Marine Operations Team

Responsibili Responsible	<b>ties</b> for all field operations and decision makin	g in the incident response.
Stage	Actions	Additional Advice
Response Initiation	<ul> <li>Start Marine Operations Incident Log.</li> <li>Assess status of incident. Confirm incident classification.</li> </ul>	Refer Appendix 2 for Incident Log proforma. It is most important that LOGS ARE MAINTAINED.
Initial Actions	☐ Nominate a team member to establish and maintain communications link with site.	It is crucial that good communications links are maintained with incident site.
	☐ Conduct meeting with On-Scene Commander (if available) and Incident Controller. Formulate and agree response strategy.	Objection of the second of the
	<ul><li>Determine immediate and future equipment and manpower requirements.</li></ul>	
	Provide details to Logistics team for sourcing.	
	☐ Refer to Section 7 for details of equipment and mobilisation procedures.	
Ongoing Activities	☐ Attend regular planning meeting.	
Activities	■ Mobilise back-up equipment resources as required.	Note that there is an agreement in place between MCA and UK
	☐ Monitor effectiveness of response strategy.	Petroleum Industry Association to supply specialist advice and
	<ul> <li>Monitor levels of equipment &amp; manpower; maintain regular liaison with Logistics re support required.</li> </ul>	manpower for major incidents.
	Provide information to Media Advisor as required.	
Final Action / Stand Down	<ul><li>Stand down equipment and manpower.</li><li>Provide Administration Unit with incident log.</li></ul>	
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## 5.6 Planning Team

## Responsibilities

Planning and preparation of medium-long term planning objectives.

Collection and evaluation of information on all aspects of the incident.

Advising the Incident Controller on liaison with various organisations and agencies involved in incident.

Stage	Actions	Additional Advice
Response Initiation	<ul> <li>Start Team Incident Log.</li> <li>A Log Keeper from the team may be appointed to support this team function.</li> </ul>	In addition, produce coherent log of events, which cross references all relevant media releases, meeting notes,
	☐ Log keeper should be directed to carry out following activities:	assessment reports, briefing notes. Refer Appendix 2 for Incident Log.
	Maintain operation of white boards, and dissemination of all incoming information.	
Initial Actions	☐ Assess current situation from Incident Controller/Marine Operations Team and develop situation map and resource status boards.	
	☐ Obtain initial weather report.	
Ongoing Activities	☐ Arrange ongoing planning meetings, prepare brief agenda. Organise attendees. Provide ongoing feedback from statutory authorities, especially any directions or recommendations for ongoing actions and notifications.	Ensure incident boards, resource boards and Situation Map are being kept up to date with essential information
	☐ At meetings obtain information on proposed response option to inform statutory bodies.	
	Develop medium term plan with possible alternative strategies based on outline response strategy (Marine Operations).	
	Obtain regular weather forecasts. Update situation map & resource status boards.	
	Present data for the next operational period at planning meetings.	
Final Action / Stand Down	☐ Confirm status of incident and confirm stand down with Incident Controller.	
	☐ Close out resource status boards.	
	☐ Provide Administration Unit with incident log.	
	☐ Attend Incident Management Team debrief.	



## 5.7 Logistics Team

## Responsibilities

Responsible for addressing the needs of the incident site and arranging provision of facilities, services and materials and manpower in support of the incident. Responsible for arranging provision of additional communications.

Stage	Δc	tions	Additional Advice
Response Initiation		Start Team Incident Log	Incident Log provided in Appendix 2. Ensure that all
		Contact Incident Controller and ascertain the extent of initial anticipated requirements for:	documentation is filed and retained for logging.
		Catering and accommodation.	
		Communications; and Aerial surveillance.	0///
		Marine response transportation.	
Initial Actions		Attend planning meeting and determine immediate future requirements.	
		Address the immediate needs at site.	
		Liaise with Finance Unit re Purchase Order and Applications for Expenditure (AFE) system that they are intending to run during the incident.	Ensure Equipment and Manpower Unit and Support Services & Transportation Unit are aware of the systems to be used.
		Ensure that an effective communication network is operative in MRC.	oyotomic to 20 dood.
		Appoint and supervise personnel to serve as telephone operators.	
Ongoing Activities		Attend planning meeting.	
		Address needs of field.	
		Arrange provision of facilities, services and materials in support of the incident response.	
/),		Determine ETAs on equipment and personnel to be obtained.	
Final Action / Stand Down		Ensure return of all equipment; determine need for any remedial action (re-equip).	Stand down personnel, transport and equipment and organise return as needed.
		Provide Administration Unit with incident log.	Log any damaged
		Attend incident debrief.	equipment. Collate transport, equipment
		Prepare incident report.	and personnel costs incurred during the response.



## 5.8 Administration and Finance Response Team

### Responsibilities

Keeping accurate financial records for subsequent preparation and support of claims for the recovery of money spent.

Financially securing the requirements of Logistics team.

Establishing appropriate filing systems to ensure that accurate records of what was done and why are available in support of financial claims for recovery of money spent.

Provision of secretarial services.

Implementing Security arrangements as required.

Stage	Actions	Additional Advice
Response Initiation	<ul><li>Start Team Incident Log.</li><li>Set up Administration, Finance and Legal Units.</li></ul>	
Initial Actions	Attend planning meeting and inform other teams of financial and administration systems in place and legal advice available.	
	<ul> <li>Determine requirement for additional communications systems, e.g. more lines, more phones, etc.</li> </ul>	
Ongoing Activities	☐ Hold team meeting prior to planning meeting.	Determine any systems failures and methods of resolving the failures.
	Attend planning meeting and notify teams of any necessary changes to operating systems.	
-0	☐ Financially secure the requirements of Logistics Team.	
	Keep accurate financial records fo subsequent preparation and support of claims for the recovery of money spent.	
Final Action / Stand Down	□ Provide Administration Unit with incident log.	



## 5.9 Public Relations and Media Unit

	lities prompt accurate information to the news media at the co-operation with MCA Media Team if involved.	ncident site.
Stage	Actions	Additional Advice
Response Initiation	☐ Proceed to ABP MRC.	ABP Crisis Communications team to proceed to Grimsby soonest.
Initiation	☐ Start Public Relations/Media Unit Log.	to proceed to Onniaby Souriest.
Initial Actions	☐ If Holding Statement has been issued, obtain copy.	The objective of any external statements is to provide the corporate response where
	<ul><li>Prepare to draft initial press statement having first established incident facts including:</li></ul>	appropriate to do so. It is likely that emergency services will be
	☐ Nature of incident.	leading the communications process. Early contact should be
	☐ Location and time occurred or began.	made and any activity should
	☐ Facilities, vessels involved.	defer to their approach.
	☐ Casualties suffered.	Under no circumstances should
	☐ Cause of incident if known.	any personnel data be released before notification of next of kin.
	☐ Actions being taken in response.	(Caution required because full
	<ul> <li>Issue draft statement to the other involved parties for comment and co-ordination.</li> </ul>	incident investigation may be ongoing)  Determine likely media reaction:
	☐ Issue initial press release.	Local / National / International.
	☐ Provide clear, concise information.	The Incident Controller is unlikely
	☐ Provide information ONLY known to be fact at the time; do not speculate or attempt to answer for others.	to be available to attend interviews and press conferences.
	☐ Do not be hostile with the media.	
Ongoing Activities	Attend planning meeting; provide data to Incident Controller & team leaders on media issues associated with incident. Brief those to be present on agenda for press briefings.	Constantly monitor news/press coverage. In particular look for gross inaccuracies that should be corrected in the next press release/conference.
	Arrange news conferences and/or interviews. Ensure senior authorised persons within ABP (other than Incident Controller) are nominated to conduct media interviews and are properly briefed beforehand.	Ensure that an agenda is prepared for all press briefings and be prepared to terminate briefings as required. For major incidents, the MCA
	☐ Prepare ongoing press releases.	press officer may also be present. Ensure close co-operation between involved parties. Ensure Incident Controller is briefed prior to press conferences.
Final Action / Stand	<ul> <li>Provide final press release and organise final press conference, etc.</li> </ul>	Include copies of all press statements, photographic documentation, etc.
Down	☐ Provide Admin. Unit with incident log.	,



### 6. Crisis Communications

#### 6.1 Crisis Communications Plan

The ABP Crisis Communications Plan is designed to protect ABP's corporate reputation in the event of a Major Incident which is directly or indirectly associated with ABP's business and statutory functions.

# For the purposes of the Crisis Communications Plan, the definition of a Major Incident (or "crisis") is an incident which:

- 1. Results in any or all of the following:
  - extensive loss of life;
  - a large number of serious injuries to members of ABP staff and/or the public;
  - significant damage to port assets;
  - serious disruption to port and/or customer operations;
  - serious disruption to the local community;
  - significant harm to marine or landside environment; and
- 2. Is likely to be of national significance and/or receive national media coverage

# The Crisis Communications Plans will come into effect if any Major Incident occurs within:

- the boundary of a port estate or the immediate vicinity; and/or
- an area covered by ABP's jurisdiction as Statutory Harbour Authority

In the event of a major incident that results in media attention, the ABP Crisis Communications Team will handle all media inquiries, statements and briefings, as well as liaison with media requirements of an affected party.



### 6.2 Media Liaison

The N	ledia's Aims
	The following encompass the media interests in the event of an incident and their related needs:
	First with news and meet deadlines.
_	Publish details of casualties.
	Present facts including statistics.
	Bring stories to life with interviews, quotes and provide human interest stories.
	Show dramatic pictures.
	Describe events as they develop.  Establish cause.
	Find new angles different from other coverage.
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Objec	ctives in Dealing with the Media
-	ollowing should be borne in mind:
	Consider granting controlled access to the media to enable filming if safe to do
	so (If not they will try and gain unauthorised access ashore or afloat).
u	To communicate quickly and honestly with all those affected by the emergency to:
	■ Give safety information.
	<ul><li>Explain how your organisation is responding.</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>Limit adverse comments and damage to reputation.</li> </ul>
	■ Correct errors in reporting.
	■ Promote the positive aspects of your organisation.
	ver, note the following:
	The objective is to ensure all involved parties give a coordinated media response
	(no contradiction).
u	Unless you are designated as your organisation's spokesperson you are NOT authorised to offer a comment on behalf of the organisation, therefore media
	requests should be declined.
	Careful consideration would be given if and when an ABP Spokesperson may be
	appropriate. This may be considered in the following circumstances:

- Where ABP employees have been directly impacted by the incident.
- Where the incident falls clearly in the jurisdiction of ABP i.e. there is no clear Customer lead.
- Where ABP is being widely referred to the media and a response would provide clarification, that can't be managed through other channels.



### 6.3 Sample Press Statements

#### Reactive holding statement

"We are aware of [specify incident; CONFIRMED FACTS ONLY]. We will provide more information as soon as it becomes available."

"We can confirm that today, [insert date], there was [specify incident; CONFIRMED FACTS ONLY] at [specify location].

We have implemented our Major Incident Response Plan and are liaising with [insert relevant authorities]. We will provide more information as soon as it becomes available."

**Note**: No further information above and beyond the holding statement should be given without Group approval.

#### **Drafting external statements**

"We can confirm that today, [insert date], there was [specify incident in more detail if further information available; FACTS ONLY] at [specify location]. [Insert further information on the response to the incident by ABP and other public authorities; FACTS ONLY]

"We have launched an investigation into the causes of the [insert incident details] at [insert location] on [insert date]."

"We are working with the relevant public authorities to quickly understand how [insert FACTS ONLY here]. It is not possible for us to speculate on the details until we can examine these findings."

"We are in close contact with the families of the [insert number] of our staff who have been [insert impact].

Our thoughts are with them at this time."

**Note**: these are intended as guidance only and all statements would need the approval of Group before issuing.



## 7. Resources

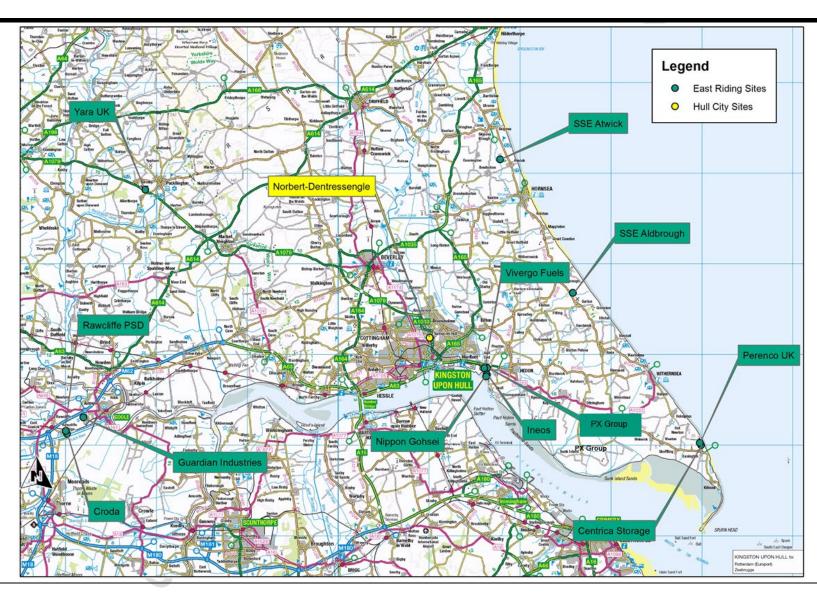
Each organisation involved in a Humber Serious Marine Emergency, will be responsible for implementing their individual plans and procedures. Several organisations operate on or adjacent to the Humber Area and have their own individual emergency response plans which have been designed to interface with HESMEP.

Top Tier Control of Major Accident and Hazards (COMAH) sites adjacent to the Humber Area:

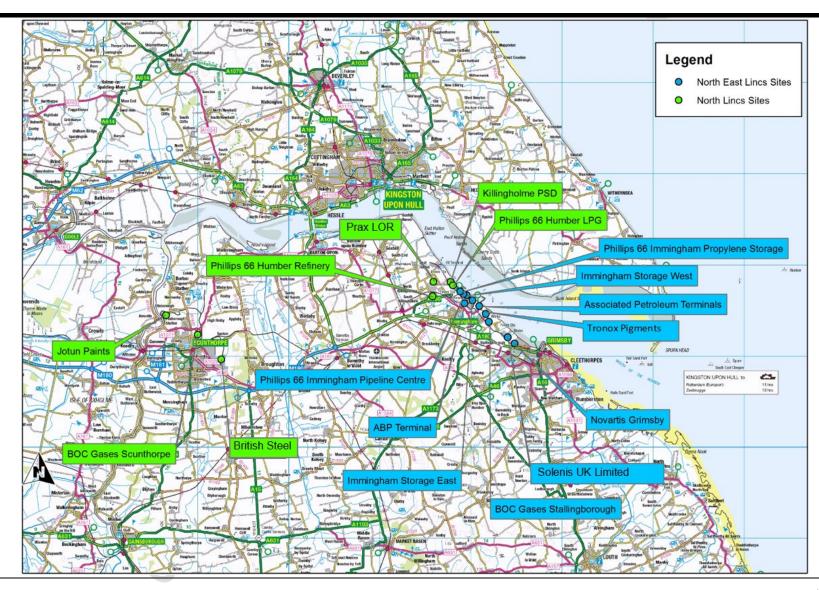
Local Authority	Site Name
East Riding	PX Group, Saltend Chemicals Park
	Centrica Storage Limited
	Croda Europe Ltd
	Guardian Industries Ltd
	INEOS UK
	Nippon Gohsei UK Ltd
	PERENCO
	Rawcliffe PSD
	SSE Aldbrough Gas Storage Facility
	SSE Atwick Gas Storage Facility
	Vivergo
	Yara Phosyn Limited
Hull	XPO (formerly Norbert Dentressangle)
North East Lincolnshire	ABP Fertiliser Terminal
	APT Limited
	Solenis UK Limited
	BOC Gases, Stallingborough
	Tronox Pigment
	Immingham Storage East
	Immingham Storage West
	Novartis Grimsby Limited
(())	Phillips 66 Immingham Pipeline Centre & Immingham Propylene Storage
North Lincolnshire	BOC Gases, Scunthorpe
	British Steel
	Jotun Paints
	Killingholme PSD
	Phillips 66 Humber LPG Terminal Limited
	Phillips 66 Humber Refinery
	Prax Lindsey Oil Refinery

These highlighted sites are located near the coastline













#### Other Emergency Response Plans: -

#### North Bank:

- Port of Hull Emergency Plan
- Port of Goole Emergency Plan
- Humber Ports Oil Spill Contingency Plan

#### South Bank:

- Port of Immingham Emergency Plan
- Port of Grimsby Emergency plan
- Humber Sea Terminal
- Humber Ports Oil Spill Contingency Plan

#### Humber:

- Tetney Mono Buoy
- Humber Emergency Planning
- Humber Clean



## 8. Personnel Landing Points / Berth Support Facilities / Beaching Areas

#### 8.1 Casualties and Survivors

The following terminology is to be used when referring to persons surviving the incident: -

"SURVIVORS" all surviving personnel whether casualties or not.

"CASUALTIES" those surviving who are injured.

#### 8.2 Casualty and Survivor landing points

The following will be used as casualty and survivor landing points. The National Grid References are as given by the Ordnance Survey standard system of 6 figure references and give a positional accuracy of 100 metres. The references used in this plan can be found on Ordnance Sheets 107 and 113 (1-50,000, Second Series).

e.g. Spurn Pilot Jetty N.G.R. TA 398110 100 km square reference TA Eastings within square 39.8 km Northings within square 11.0 km

#### (a) <u>IMMINGHAM</u>

N.G.R. TA 199164

Landing steps situated on the western side of the lock entrance. Road access to the landing steps is via the roadway on the western side of Immingham Dock.

Depth of water 7.6 metres at Chart Datum.

#### (b) GRIMSBY

N.G.R. TA 278114

Landing steps situated at the western side of Royal Dock Basin.

Road access to the landing steps is via the roadway on the western side of Grimsby Royal Dock.

Depth of water one metre at Chart Datum.

#### (c) KING GEORGE DOCK, HULL

N.G.R. TA 140284

Landing steps situated on the eastern bull nose approach to the lock. Depth of water 5.5 metres at Chart Datum.



#### (d) <u>VICTORIA PIER, HULL</u>

N.G.R. TA 100281

Landing steps (known as Admiral's Steps) at dolphin on front of Pier. Road access via Queen Street and Nelson Street. Depth of water 1 to 2 metres at Chart Datum.

#### (e) MINERVA PIER, HULL

N.G.R. TA 099281

Landing steps at rear of pier in Hull Marina Basin. Road access via Queen Street and Nelson Street. On occasions may dry out across low water.

#### (f) BLACKTOFT JETTY, RIVER OUSE

N.G.R. SE 841242

Vertical ladder to the front of the jetty. Road access via Blacktoft Lane. Depth of water 5.5 metres at Chart Datum.

#### 8.3 Berth Support Facilities

If it is possible to direct the vessel concerned to an in-dock berth, refer to the relevant port emergency plan for permitted lengths and available facilities.

If it is possible to direct the vessel concerned to a river berth, subject to the berth being clear, the following may be considered: -

- Immingham East and West Jetties
- Immingham Bulk Terminal
- Humber International Terminal 1 and 2
- Immingham Outer Harbour
- Humber Sea Terminal
- King George Dock, Hull Approach Jetty
- Riverside Quay, Hull
- New Holland Pier
- Blacktoft
- Trent Wharves





#### 8.4 Beaching Areas

To preserve safe port operations in the event of an incident, every effort should be made to clear navigational channels and reach a suitable beaching area.

This will improve any subsequent salvage operations and help preserve the watertight integrity of the vessel due to the sandy/muddy nature of the bottom in these areas.

The following beaching areas have been identified:

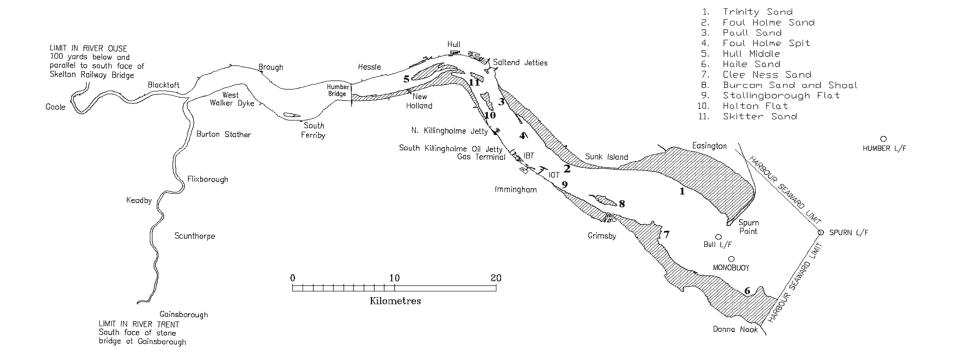
NORTH BANK		
(1)	Trinity Sand	
(2)	Foul Holme Sand	
(3)	Paull Sand	
(4)	Foul Holme Spit	
(5)	Hull Middle	

SOUTH BA	SOUTH BANK		
(6)	Haile Sand		
(7)	Clee Ness Sand		
(8)	Burcom Sand		
(9)	(9) Stallingborough Flat		
(10)	Halton Flat		
(11)	Skitter Sand		



#### 8.5 Chart

Recommended Beaching Areas (Shaded) within the limits of "The Harbour of The Humber" as defined in Byelaw 4(i) of the Humber Navigation Byelaws 1990





#### 9. Contacts

#### Associated British Ports (ABP)

#### **ABP Humber**

ABP VTS Humber	Assistant Harbour Master	Tel: 01482 212 191 (24 hours)
Wharncliffe Road		Tel: 01482 212 191 (24 hours)
Grimsby	Emergency Direct Line	, ,
NE Lincolnshire		Tel: 01482 327 171 (Office hours)
DN31 3QJ	Harbour Master	
		Tel: From: 01472 263 501
	Marine Response Centre (manned during incident)	To: 01472 263 510
	(a.m.ea aam.ig meraemiy	01482 212191 (via VTS)
		Internal ext. No's: 6331 - 6340

ABP Holdings PLC, Head Office, London

ABPH plc	Corporate	Tel:	020 7406 7825
2nd Floor	Communications Manager		
25 Bedford Street	_	Fax:	020 7430 7896
London			
WC2E 9ES		Email	info@abports.co.uk

#### Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA)

**Humber Coastguard Operations Centre (CGOC)** 

HM Coastguard	Duty Officer	Tel: 01262 672317 or
Limekiln Lane		01262 606910 (24 hours)
Bridlington		
East Riding of Yorkshire		Email Zone8@hmcg.gov.uk
YO15 2LX		

### Tug Operators

#### Svitzer UK

Svitzer UK	Tel: 01469 571115	(24 hours)
Triton House		
Immingham Dock	Fax: 01469 571616	
Grimsby		
DN40 2LZ	operationssvitzerimmii	ngham@svitzer.com

**SMS Towage Limited** 

SMS Towage Limited			
Ocean House	Tel:	01482 350999	
Waterside Park			
Livingstone Road	Fax:	01482 648284	
Hessle			
HU13 0EG	info@smstowage.com		



#### **Power Stations and Industrials**

#### **South Humber Power Ltd**

South Humber Power Ltd	Main Switchboard		
South Humber Bank		Tel:	01469 577236 (24 hours)
Power Station			·
South Marsh Road		Fax:	01469 576466
Stallingborough			
DN41 8BZ			

Uniper Killingholme Power Station

Uniper Killingholme Power	(Formally National Power,		
Station	EON and Centrica)	Tel:	01469 541348 (24hours)
Chase Hill Road	,		
North Killingholme	Control Room	Fax:	01469 504077
Immingham			
DN40 3EH			

**Keadby Power Station** 

Keadby Power Station Trentside.	General inquiries.	Tel: Fax:	01724 788200 01724 788217
Keadby		T ax.	01724 700217
Scunthorpe	Control room	Tel	01724 788220 (24 hours)
North Lincolnshire		Fax	01724 784809
DN17 3EF			

**Tronox Pigment UK Limited** 

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Millennium Inorganic	General enquiries	Tel:	01469 571000
Chemicals			
Laporte Road		Fax:	01469 571234
Stallingborough			
P.O. Box 26			
Grimsby			
N.E. Lincolnshire			

**Novartis Grimsby Limited** 

Novartis Grimsby Limited	General inquiries	Tel:	01472 355221
Moody Lane			
Pyewipe	Security	Tel:	01472 253242
Grimsby,			or
N.E. Lincolnshire			01472 255439
DN31 2SR			

**Synthomer Limited** 

Synthomer Limited	General enquiries	Tel:	01469 573 361
South Marsh Road,	-		
Stallingborough, Grimsby,		Fax:	01469 571 346
N.E. Lincolnshire			
DN41 8DA			



# Humber Oil Pollution Prevention, Preparedness and Response Committee (HOPPRC)

**ABP Grimsby & Immingham** 

ABP Grimsby &	Dock Master	Tel:	01469 571555	(24 hours)
Immingham		Fax:	01469 571559	,
Dock Office				
Immingham				
NE Lincolnshire				
DN40 2LZ				

**Associated Petroleum Terminals (Immingham) Ltd** 

Associated Petroleum	Terminal Manager	Tel:	01469 570300	
Terminals	or	Fax:	01469 571321	
(Immingham) Ltd	Jetty Manager			
Queens Road		Tel	01469 570305 (supervisor)	
Immingham		Tel	01469 570314 (berthing master)	
South Humberside				
DN40 2PN		apteme	ergencycontrol@aptoil.co.uk	
		berthing.masters@aptoil.co.uk		

Phillips 66 Ltd

Phillips 66 Ltd	Manager	Tel:	01469 571571
Tetney Oil Terminal	or	Fax:	01469 556246
Tetney Lock Road	Harbour Master		
Tetney		Tel	01469 556230 (control room)
Nr. Grimsby			
South Humberside			
DN36 5NX			

Inter Terminals Ltd (East & West Jetty)

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Inter Terminals Ltd	West Terminal		
Immingham West	Terminal Manager	Tel:	01469 572615 (24 hours)
Terminal	or Deputy Terminal	Fax:	01469 577019
West Riverside	Manager		
Immingham Dock	East Terminal	Tel:	01469 563900 (24 hours)
Immingham	Terminal Manager	Fax:	01469 563901
North East Lincolnshire	or Deputy Terminal		
DN40 2QU	Manager		

**Humber Sea Terminal (North Killingholme)** 

C. Ro Ports	Commercial Manager	Tel: 01469 540890 / 540381
Killingholme Ltd	Or	Fax: 01469 541121 / 541970
Haven House Cargo	Operations Manager	(24 hours)
Terminal	'	,
Clough Lane		
North Killingholme		
South Humberside		
DN40 3JP		



**BP Chemicals Limited, Saltend** 

PX Group		Tel:	01482 896251
Saltend Chemicals		Fax:	01482 892280
Park			
Saltend Lane		Tel:	01482 892278 (Logistics)
Hull		Fax:	01482 894960
HU12 8DS			
	Pier Master	Tel:	01482 890877

#### ABP, Port of Hull & Goole

ABP Hull	Dock Master	Tel:	01482 617290
PO Box 1			
Port House	Assistant Dock Master Hull	Tel	01482 617291
Northern Gateway			
Hull	Assistant Dock Master Goole	Tel	01405 721128
HU9 5PQ			

**Environment Agency** 

Environment Agency	National Customer Contact	Tel:	03708 506506	(Office Hours)
	Emergency Hotline	Tel:	0800 80 70 60	(24 hours)
		Email:	ics@environme	ent-agency.gov.uk

Humber Emergency Planning Service

Humber Emergency Planning Service	In the event of an emergency oil pollution incident HEPS is	Emerg	ency Contact
County Hall	the direct contact.	Tel:	0300 330 2080
Beverley	The Duty Officer will contact		
Hull	the appropriate council and	Email:	duty.officer@eastriding.gov.uk
HU17 9BA	team member		
		Routine	e Contact
		Tel:	01482 393050
		Email:	heps@eastriding.gov.uk



#### Marine Management Organisation (MMO)

#### **Emergency Contacts**

#### Office Hours (from 0900 to 1700):

Please telephone our dedicated Spill Response number:

#### 0300 200 2024

A member of MMO's Marine Pollution Response Team will give immediate priority to any calls made to this dedicated number.

#### Outside Office Hours (from 1700 to 0900):

Outside office hours callers should call an MMO Duty Officer on:

#### Mobile Phone: 07770 977825

If there is no reply on either of the above numbers call the 24-hour Defra Duty Room on:

#### 0845 051 8486

The Defra Duty Room should be able to contact an officer in the Marine Management Organisation by home or mobile telephone or pager and will ask them to return your call.

#### Fax Numbers

Defra Duty Room (provides 24-hour cover for MMO) 0845 051 8487 Marine Management Organisation (not 24-hour) 0191 376 2682

If action is required by MMO a telephone call must be made in addition to any message sent by fax as the fax machines are not monitored continuously. (Non-emergency contact address: <a href="mailto:dispersants@marinemanagement.org.uk">dispersants@marinemanagement.org.uk</a>, Marine Management Organisation,

PO Box 1275, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE99 5BN)

\* The Marine and Fisheries Agency (MFA) became part of the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) on 1 April 2010 when the MMO was created because of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.



**MMO District Inspector of Fisheries, Humberside** 

MMO		Tel: 0208 026 0519
Room 13, Ground		
Floor		
Crosskill House	District / Senior Marine	beverley@marinemanagement.org.uk
Mill Lane	Officer	
Beverley		
HU17 9JB		

#### Natural England

**Natural England - National Office** 

Natural England	Marine Pollution Officer	Tel: 0300 060 1200 (24 hours)
		Marine.Incident@naturalengland.org.uk
		In the event of emergency oil pollution
		incident contact should be made with the
		National Office.

Natural England –Yorkshire and Humber Region: York Office

Natural England		Tel:	0300 060 3900 (24 hours)
Foss House,	Conservation Officer		
Kings Pool,		In the	event of emergency oil pollution
1-2 Peasholme		incider	nt contact should be made with the
Green, York		Nation	al Office.
YO1 7PX			

Natural England - Yorkshire and Humber Region: Leeds Office

Natural England		Tel:	0300 060 3900 (24 hours)
25 Queen Street,	Conservation Officer		
Leeds,		In the ev	ent of emergency oil pollution
LS1 2UN		incident	contact should be made with the
		National	Office.

Natural England – East Midlands Region

Natural England		Tel:	0300 060 3900 (24 hours)
Second Floor	Conservation Officer		
Ceres House,			
2 Searby Road,		In the	event of emergency oil pollution
Lincoln,		incider	it contact should be made with the
LN2 4DT,		Nation	al Office.
Lincoln.			



#### Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)

**RSPB North of England Regional Office** 

RSPB	Senior Conservation Officer	Tel:	0300 7772 676
		101.	0000 1112 010
1, Sirius House,	Regional Officer		
Newcastle Business	Public Affairs Officer		
Park, Amethyst Rd,			
Newcastle upon Tyne			
NE4 7YL			

#### **RSPB Local Warden**

Blacktoft Sands		Tel: 01405 704665 (Office hours)
	Humber Area Manager	Mobile: 07900 907778
		Email: blacktoft.sands@rspb.org.uk

#### **Yorkshire Wildlife Trust**

Yorkshire Wildlife	Tel: 01904 659570 (Office hours)
Trust	
1 St George's Place	Answer Phone (Out of hours)
York,	
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YO24 1GN	Fax: 01904 613467 (Out of hours)

#### **Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust**

Lincolnshire Wildlife		Tel:	01507 526667	(Office hours)
Trust	Director			
Banovallum House		Fax:	01507 525732	(Out of hours)
Manor House Street				
Horncastle				
Lincolnshire				
LN9 5HF				

#### RSPCA

RSPCA	National Call Centre	Tel:	0300 1234 999 (24 hours)
		Fax	0113 236 3173



#### **Police Service**

Humberside Police Police Headquarters	Police Service	Tel: 101 (24 hours)
Queens Gardens		www.humberside.police.uk
Hull		
HU1 3DJ		

#### Fire Service

Humberside Fire		Tel:	01482 565333
Brigade	Control		
Brigade		Tel:	01482 610999 (Emergency)
Headquarters			
Summergroves Way		Fax:	01482 567447
Hessle High Road			
Hull			
HU4 7BB			

#### International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation Ltd (ITOPF)

ITOPF Ltd	Enquiries	Tel: 020 7566 6999 (Office hours)
1 Oliver's Yard		Fax: 020 7566 6950
55 City Road		Email: <u>central@itopf.com</u>
London		
EC1Y 1HQ	Emergency	Emergency Tel: 07623 984 606 (24hrs)
		Alt Emergency Tel: 020 7566 6998

#### Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB)

Marine Accident	Duty Officer	Tel:	023 8023 2527 (24 hours)
Investigation Branch		Fax:	023 8023 2459
1st Floor			
Carlton House			
Carlton Place			
Southampton			
Hampshire			
SO15 2AN			

#### **H M Revenue & Customs**

H M Revenue & Customs	Tel:	0845 300 0627
36 Ferensway		
Hull		
HU2 8LP		



#### 10. Appendices

#### Appendix 1. Memorandum of Understanding with HM Coastguard

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN HM COASTGUARD HUMBER MRCC AND ASSOCIATED BRITISH PORTS, HUMBER ESTUARY SERVICES ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COORDINATION OF MARITIME INCIDENTS

#### INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding between HM Coastguard (HMCG) and Associated British Ports Humber Estuary Services (ABP, HES) is to confirm agreements reached on their respective roles and responsibilities, and to define, for the avoidance of doubt, the actions that each organisation has agreed to take, in any given scenario within the area of overlapping responsibilities.

#### ASSOCIATED BRITISH PORTS, HUMBER ESTUARY SERVICES

- 2. The Statutory Jurisdiction of Associated British Ports, Humber Estuary services is defined in The Humber Navigation Byelaws 1990, Byelaw 4., which states:-
  - "The Humber" means:-
  - (i) so much of the River Ouse as is within the limits of improvements as defined by Section 3 of the Ouse (Lower) Improvement Act 1884;
  - (ii) the River Trent below the South side of the Stone Bridge at Gainsborough;
  - (iii) the River Humber and estuary thereof from the confluence of the Rivers Ouse and Trent to the seaward limits bounded by:-.
    - (a) a straight line drawn from Easington Church (Latitude 53°39'N, Longitude 00°07'E) in a direction 136° true until it intersects the line mentioned below; and
    - (b) a straight line drawn from the site of the former Donna Nook beacon (Latitude 53°28<sup>1</sup>,38N, Longitude 00°09'.33E) in a direction 029° true;

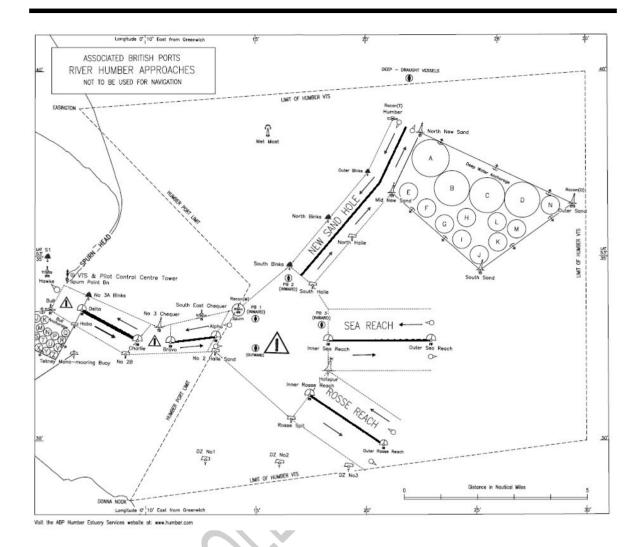


(iv) all navigable havens and creeks of the River Trent below the south side of the said Stone Bridge and of the River Humber or the estuary thereof wherein the tide flows and reflows, including, where the context so admits, any land adjoining the Humber but not including any part of the old harbour or haven at Hull (being part of the River Hull and within the jurisdiction of the Kingston Upon Hull City Council as navigation authority), the marina as defined in Section 4 (Interpolation of Part 11) of the Kingston Upon Hull Act 1984 or any enclosed dock,

Within its area of jurisdiction, ABP, HES is charged with certain responsibilities, principal among which is a statutory responsibility for the maintenance of the safety of navigation and the conservancy of this defined area.

- 3. Additionally, ABP, HES provide a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) within prescribed limits of coverage defined as follows:-
  - (i) So much of the River Ouse as is within the limits of improvement as defined by Section 3 of the Ouse (Lower) Improvement Act 1884:
  - (ii) The River Trent below the south side of the stone bridge at Gainsborough,
  - (iii) The River Humber and the estuary thereof from the confluence of the Rivers Ouse and Trent to the seaward limits; (using geographical references based on WGS 84 datum):
    - a) A straight line drawn from Easington Church in the County of East Riding of Yorkshire (Latitude 53° 39'. 02 North, Longitude 0° 06'. 90 East) in a direction 086° (T) to a position 53° 40'. 00 North, 0° 30'. 00 East.
    - b) Then a straight line in a direction 180° (T), to a position 53° 30'. 00 North, Longitude 0° 30'. 00 East
    - c) Then a straight line in a direction 262° (T), to the site of the former Donna Nook Beacon in the County of North Lincolnshire (Latitude 53° 28'. 40 North: Longitude 0° 09'. 23 East).





4. To enable ABP, HES to meet these responsibilities they have powers to enforce Byelaws, issue General and Special Directions; are a Competent Harbour Authority and therefore ensure the provision of a pilotage service; and to direct navigation within the Area of Jurisdiction. Additionally, the Dangerous Substances in Harbour Areas Regulations 1987 require the authority to develop and maintain comprehensive emergency plans. ABP, HES has a statutory responsibility to prepare Oil Contingency Plans, report oil spills and respond to oil pollution in terms of the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution, Preparedness and Response Convention), Regulations 1998.



#### MARITIME & COASTGUARD AGENCY - HM COASTGUARD

- 5. The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) HM Coastguard is responsible for delivering upon six internationally recognised Coastguard functions Search and Rescue, Maritime Safety, Maritime Security, Pollution Response, Vessel Traffic Management and Accident and Disaster Response. The delivery of these functions supports the developing, promoting and enforcing of standards of marine safety; minimising loss of life amongst seafarers and coastal users; responding to maritime emergencies; minimising the risk of pollution of the marine environment from ships; and where pollution occurs, minimising the impact on UK interests.
- 6. The modem role of HM Coastguard was clearly defined by the Secretary of State for Transport in the House of Commons in March 1992 when he announced that under the authority given to him by the Coastguard Act 1925 it had been agreed that Her Majesty's Coastguard is responsible for the initiation and co-ordination of civil maritime search and rescue within the United Kingdom Search and Rescue Region which includes the mobilisation, organisation and tasking of adequate resources to respond to persons either in distress at sea, or to persons at risk of injury or death on the cliffs or shoreline of the UK.

#### **RESOURCES**

#### **ABP, Humber Estuary Services**

- 7. ABP, HES operates a Vessel Traffic Service on a 24-hour basis from the Humber Marine Control Centre situated at Grimsby. VHF radio coverage exists throughout the area of jurisdiction of the Harbour. Radar coverage is also available through its radars sited at Spurn Point, Grimsby, Stone Creek, Hull and the Humber Gateway giving coverage of the Humber Approaches through to the Humber Bridge. AIS coverage is provided through stations at Grimsby, Hull, Spurn Point and Blacktoft.
- Any ABP, HES emergency response would be co-ordinated initially through VTS Humber, then, subject to the severity of the emergency, transferred to the Marine Response Centre (MRC) at the Grimsby Port Office. Direct telephone links exist between VTS Humber and the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) at Bridlington, and emergency links can be established quickly between the MRC and the MRCC.



- 9. Oil Pollution Response in a Tier 2 and Tier 3 will be through the Marine Response Centre at Grimsby. ABP, HES is equipped to deal with a Tier 1 and Tier 2 oil spill. The shoreline clean-up response being provided by the Unitary Authorities who will activate their Shoreline Response Centre (SRC) as required. ABP Tier 2 response is delivered with assistance from external contractors.
- 10. ABP, HES has pilot launches based at Grimsby, which are manned 24 hours per day. Hydrographic survey vessels are usually available during working hours during a normal working week. In an emergency craft can be made available.
- 11. ABP, HES has no salvage resources.
- 12. A large proportion of the commercial vessels moving through the Harbour have ABP authorised pilots embarked.

#### Other Harbour Facilities

13. Several companies based in the Humber region have tugs, work boats and other small craft that could be made available. Some of these craft have the facility to employ oil dispersant.

#### **HM Coastguard**

- 14. HMCG utilises facilities made available by other parts of the UK Maritime SAR organisation but will also seek assistance from any source likely to be able to make an effective contribution to a SAR operation. In general, facilities which HM Coastguard can call upon are of two kinds, Declared and Additional.
- 15. Declared Facilities that could be called upon locally include:
  - (i) Civil helicopters and fixed wing aircraft under contract to HM Coastguard.
  - (ii) RNLI all weather and inshore lifeboats. Locally based at Spurn (Humber), Bridlington, Skegness, Cleethorpes and Withernsea.
  - (iii) Coastguard Rescue Teams (Hull, Cleethorpes, and Withemsea.)
  - (iv) Volunteer Inshore Rescue Services (Humber Rescue).



- 16. Additional Facilities include:
  - (i) Vessels in the vicinity of the casualty.
  - (ii) Non-declared aircraft and ships made available.by the MOD.
  - (iii) Marine craft under the control of various authorities, including lighthouse and pilotage authorities.
  - (iv) Border Force vessels.
  - (v) Civilian helicopters made available by offshore gas operators.
  - (vi) Such facilities as local authorities are able to make available.
  - (vii) Police (road, marine and air assets).
  - (viii) Humberside Fire & Rescue Service (HFRS) provides a capability to respond to firefighting, chemical incidents and the rescue of trapped persons oboard vessels within the Harbour limits.
  - (ix) Trained drone operators available with ABP and HFRS

#### INCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

#### ABP, HES.

- 17. Any incident occurring within the area of jurisdiction of ABP, HES will be classed as a "serious marine emergency" if it is an accident involving shipping in the Humber which creates, or is likely to create, a significant danger to navigation, life, property or the environment and which requires, for its proper control, resources not immediately available to the ship's Master or others at the scene of the incident
- 18. In the event of an "oil pollution incident" ABP, HES will respond to a Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 incident (these Tiers are defined in "Humber Clean"). ABP Tier 2 response is delivered with assistance from external contractors.
- 19. Separate incident plans exist for each local port, haven and jetty. The plans relevant to the area and of common interest are:



- (i) HUMBER ESTUARY SERIOUS MARINE
  EMERGENCY PLAN (HESMEP). This emergency plan, which has been formulated after discussion with an agreement by the appropriate authorities on the Humber, sets out the action to be taken in the event of a serious marine emergency occurring within the limits of ABPs area of jurisdiction.
- (ii) **HUMBER CLEAN.** This plan is written in accordance with the requirements of the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation Convention) Regulations 1998. The purpose of the plan is to provide guidance to ABP, HES with respect to the steps to be taken when water borne oil pollution incident has occurred in the area of ABP, HES jurisdiction.

#### **HM Coastguard**

- 20. The MCA has conducted risk assessments identifying possible major incident types. These incident types may be summarised as follows:
  - (i) Rescue of large numbers of people from, for example, a passenger ship, an offshore installation, an isolated area, or many small craft in distress simultaneously;
  - (ii) Release or potential release of hazardous, noxious or polluting materials at sea or along the coast;
  - (iii) The effects of these or other emergencies on MCA and/or its partner organisations' own staff, facilities or infrastructure, potentially limiting ability to respond.
- 21. Whilst the circumstances surrounding an incident may vary and will reflect the specific nature of that incident, HMCG responsibility for SAR is broadly unchanged, albeit the level of response will reflect the scale of the incident and consequential demand for resources.

#### AGREED GUIDELINES ON MAJOR INCIDENT COMMAND AND CONTROL

22. ABP, HES will take responsibility for the control of a major emergency within the area defined under section 2 of this MOU,

namely the Humber Port Limits as identified on the chart. Seaward of this area will be the responsibility of HMCG, though assistance will be given by ABP, HES, and if agreed by both parties will continue to organise shipping movements within the defined area of its VTS area.



#### GENERAL PRINCIPLES-TASK ORIENTATED

- Whenever ABP, HES or HMCG becomes aware of a potential or actual major incident, they will immediately inform the other at the earliest possible opportunity. Details of any initial action taken will also be relayed. As the emergency develops, they will communicate and liaise on a frequent basis and keep each other informed of their intentions and action.
- 24. HMCG will always retain general responsibility for Search and Rescue within any incident and will always task and subsequently co-ordinate and direct nationally designated (declared) SAR resources, or other craft which subsequently become directly involved in the Search and Rescue operation.
- ABP, HES will always retain overall responsibility for the safe movement of shipping and for the provision of navigation information and direction within its area of jurisdiction. Within this area ABP, HES will always retain responsibility for the general safety of port traffic; the protection of navigational fairways; the stabilisation and marking of wrecks; the co-ordination of salvage activities; and control of oil pollution protection and clean-up measures under its statutory duty prior to any (subsequent) involvement of the MCA.
- 26. For salvage incidents, particularly those that originate to seaward of the Humber, SOSREP (The Secretary of States Representative) may assume an overall control of the operation and issue directions.
- 27. The immediate safety of all marine craft and their on-board passengers and crews remains the responsibility of their respective Masters, irrespective of direction by ABP, HES or tasking by HMCG in any emergency incident.

#### GENERAL PRINCIPLES - AREA BASED

- 28. HM Coastguard has statutory jurisdiction for the co-ordination of civil maritime search and rescue throughout the coastal and offshore waters of the UK, including the ABP, HES area of jurisdiction. It has direct call on the all-weather marine and aviation resources necessary to co-ordinate and control a major shipping incident in the North Sea or the sector just outside the jurisdiction of ABP, HES.
- 29. ABP, HES has jurisdiction for safety of shipping within its area of jurisdiction. It also has a 24-hour capability to co-ordinate a full marine emergency through the resources of ABP, with an extensive communications and radar network, and a fleet of pilot, survey and work boats.



#### **EXCLUSION ZONES**

- 30. In the event of a Major Incident, (involving a vessel or vessels underway, a vessel aground, or a major chemical pollution incident), occurring within the ABP, HES area of jurisdiction, as defined in section 2, then ABP, HES may decide to establish an Incident Exclusion Zone. ABP, HES will liaise with HMCG before establishing any such zone.
- 31. For a major incident seaward of the Humber Port limits HMCG will liaise with ABP, HES to consider the need to establish a Temporary Exclusion Zone (TEZ).
- 32. In the event of the risk of fire, explosion or gas release, ABP, HES may elect to establish an Incident Exclusion Zone around the offshore perimeter of any vessel alongside a shore installation involved in a Major Incident. ABP, HES will liaise with the HFRS as to the need for such an Exclusion Zone, particularly where risk of explosion or spread of flammable or toxic fumes exist.
- 33. HMCG will arrange for the establishment of Air Exclusion Zones, as appropriate. To aid any SAR operation HM Coastguard may request the establishment of a Temporary Danger Area (TDA) and if necessary, Emergency Restriction of Flying Regulations (ERFR) over the scene of an incident.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- 34. Close liaison between the MRCC and ABP, HES will be maintained from the commencement of an incident until its conclusion. This will in the main be through VHF radio and telephone links.
- 35. Within the ABP, HES area of jurisdiction, all VHF communications with the casualty vessels and rescue craft will be in accordance with the communications plan laid down in "Humber Serious Marine Emergency Plan" and/or "Humber Clean". The Harbour operations VHF Channels VHF Ch. 12, 14 and 15 will continue to be used for harbour control purposes, and to pass any necessary alerting instructions to vessels underway.
- 36. HMCG will co-ordinate the Search and Rescue operation using internationally declared channels. For large scale incidents involving numerous assets a Communications Plan may be established to enhance SAR operations. Normal VHF Channels used will be 16, 67 and 0.



37. ABP, HES will report to HMCG all incidences of oil pollution or incidents involving chemical spillage.

For Her Majesty's Coastguard

**Signed** 

Date 18th May 2022

B. ALLEN
MARITIME OPERATIONS COMMANDER
HM COASTGUARD

For Associated British Ports, Humber Estuary Services

Signed

Date 18th May 2022

CAPT A. FIRMAN HARBOUR MASTER - HUMBER



#### Appendix 2. Proforma for Incident Assessment

The Checklist below lists the information that should be obtained from personnel making the On-Scene Incident Assessment.

NOTE THAT INITIAL CATEGORISATION OF THE INCIDENT MAY NEED TO BE REVISED DEPENDING ON THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM INCIDENT ASSESSMENT.

A. LOCATION AND TIME OF INCIDENT				
Time:	Date:			
Type of Incident:	Fire/Explosion	Collision		
	Sinking/Grounding	Other		
	Confirmed / Probable/ Doubtful			
Source of spill	Tanker/Vessel Jetty	Other		
Identity of Observer / Reporter				
Number of Deaths / Number of Casualties				





B. SPILLAGE DETAILS			
Approximate Spill Size:			
Type of Oil e.g. heavy/medium/light/gasoline	Characteristics e.g. liquid/solid/tarry lumps		
	Associated Gas?		
Safety Risk	To personnel on vessel At jetty Response Personnel General Public		
Who is responsible for the spill?			
Is assistance to be offered by responsible party	YES / NO		
If yes, what type of assistance?			
Are other organisations involved?	YES / NO State who		
Actions taken so far to contain incident			
Weather forecast updates	Wind direction Wind strength Visibility		
What level of Humber Clean Response is required?	TIER 1 TIER 2 TIER 3		