



Ship Type: Non Tankers Trade Area: California USA

Bulletin 267 - 10/02 - Contingency Plan Regulations for Non Tank Vessels - California - USA

Many Members will have heard from their spill managers that the California contingency plan regulations regarding salvage, firefighting and emergency lightering requirements for non-tank vessels trading to the State will become effective on 28 Oct. 2002.

The main feature of the requirements is for the plan holder to sign a contract with a salvage company which has the appropriate expertise and available equipment to respond within the required time frame. The California Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) announced on 20th September 2002 that they would accept the alternative of a Letter of Intent, signed by the salvage, firefighting and emergency lightering service provider, as evidence of compliance with their Non-tank Vessel Contingency Plan (C-Plan) regulations. A copy of the Letter of Intent or Contract must be submitted to OSPR for each Contingency Plan.

There are four salvors which provide the services as required by the regulations. Their fee schedules and their contact details are listed as below:

Company: Resolve Marine Group (RMG)	Company: Marine Response Alliance
Contact: Joseph Farrell	Contact: Jeff Taylor
Phone: 1 954 764 8700	Phone: 1 206 443 7808
Fax: 1 954 764 8724	Fax: 1 206 443 8026
Website: www.resolvemarinegroup.com	Website: www.marineresponsealliance.com
Company: National Fire & Salvage Team	Company: Donjon Marine
Contact: Scott Powell	Contact: John L. Witte, Jr.
Phone: 1 281 288 5200	Phone: 1 908 353 2600
Fax: 1 281 528 6400	Fax: 1 908 353 2710
Website: www.foss.com/what/N-FAST	Website: www.donjon.com

Salvage Company

Vessel Type
2003 Annual Fee

Donjon Marine

Tank Ships
\$475/vsl/yr
Tank Barges
\$225/vsl/yr
Non-tank ships
\$200/vsl/yr

National Fire & Salvage Team (N-FAST)

Tank Ships
\$400/vsl/yr
Tank Barge
\$300/vsl/yr
Non-tank ships
\$150/vsl/yr

Marine Response Alliance (MRA)

Tank Ships
\$500/vsl/yr
Tank Barges
\$300/vsl/yr

Resolve Marine Group (RMG)

Non-tank ships

\$150/vsl/yr

Tank Ships

\$300/vsl/yr

Tank Barges

\$200/vsl/yr

Non-tank ships

\$100/vsl/yr (no fee for 2002)

Members with non-tank vessels trading to California should therefore liaise with their spill manager to ensure that appropriate arrangements can be made with a chosen salvage company to comply with the new requirements of the California law.

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