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**COUNTER POLLUTION BRANCH TRAINING COURSES FOR
LOCAL AUTHORITIES 2009/2010**

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in your authority***

This note provides information on training courses provided by the Counter Pollution Branch (CPB) of the Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) for maritime local authorities in the financial year commencing April 2009. As in past years, the CPB is offering two areas of training:

- A 4-day training course intended for local authority management staff involved in contingency planning and oil spill response. The 4-day courses are organised and run by the MCA and individuals from local authorities should apply directly to the MCA for places on one of the regional courses.
- A 2-day Beach Supervisor training course intended for local authority staff who would expect to be involved in the more 'hands-on' supervision of beach clean-up operations and protective booming operations. These training courses are provided for individual local authorities or collaboratively with adjoining authorities on a request basis. Please contact us for further details.

Both training course are formally accredited by the Nautical Institute on behalf of the MCA.

NATIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON OIL POLLUTION, CONTINGENCY PLANNING AND RESPONSE

This course aims to provide local authority management staff with an overview of oil pollution response and how their roles and responsibilities fit into the National Contingency Plan.

Who should attend?

This course is aimed at local authority managers and supervisors who would be expected to play a role in managing the local authority response to an oil spill incident.

Course Content

The emphasis throughout the course is on shoreline and inshore pollution, including planning and response techniques. Topics covered are:

- The National Contingency Plan (NCP)
- Operational Response Cells and the Environment Group
- Fate and Behaviour of Oil
- Environmental Impact of Oil
- At-Sea Oil Spill Response
- Nearshore Oil Spill Response
- Shoreline Clean-up Techniques
- Health and Safety in Oil Spill Response
- Waste Management in Oil Spill Response
- Cost Recovery

The course will also include a series of interactive workshops designed to demonstrate the importance of various aspects of oil spill planning and response. There will be a practical demonstration of the equipment and techniques used for shoreline protection and clean up.

Course Objectives

On completion of the course delegates should have gained:

- A clear understanding of the NCP and how it interfaces with local plans, and an appreciation of how private and

government agencies are involved in responding to oil spills in the UK;

- The ability to assess the early stages of a spill, carry out the appropriate notification procedures and activate an organisational response;
- The skills to assign priorities and identify resources required to carry out a response;
- An awareness of the ecological factors to be considered when selecting clean-up techniques;
- The ability to manage an on-going response, monitor the progress of clean-up efforts and make an informed decision on when to stand down the response;
- An appreciation of financial aspects of oil spill clean up and subsequent compensation issues;

The course is accredited on behalf of the MCA by the Nautical Institute. Upon completion of the course delegates will receive a course attendance certificate.



Course Dates

England	Oct 19 th - 22 nd	Newcastle
Wales	Nov 30 th - Dec 3 rd	Cardiff
England	Feb 1 st -4 th	Ipswich

The training courses are provided at no cost to local authorities, however, delegates will be expected to pay their own travel, accommodation and subsistence costs. A list of suitable hotels near the individual course venues will be sent to delegates when booking requests are received.

If you are interested in booking a place on one of the training courses please complete and return the booking form on the following page.



National Training Courses on Oil Pollution, Contingency Planning and Response

BOOKING FORM

Delegate Details	
Name of Delegate	
Position / Job Title	
Address	
Telephone	
Fax	
Email	
Do you have any dietary requirements or need any adjustments in order to participate fully in the training event?	

Course Details			(Please indicate which course)
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How to Book	
By Email	Complete this booking form and return to: csst@mcga.gov.uk
By Fax	Complete this booking form and return to: 023 80329 204
By Post	Complete this booking form and return to: Technical Support Team - Coastal Bay 2/01 Spring Place 105 Commercial Road Southampton SO15 1EG
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