

of regional pollution emergency response operations.

(z) *Regional Response Team (RRT)*. A team of regional Federal representatives of the primary or selected advisory agencies, which acts within its region as an emergency response team performing functions similar to those of the NRT.

(aa) *Sheen*. An iridescent appearance on the surface of water.

(bb) *Sludge*. An aggregate of oil or oil and other matter of any kind having a combined specific gravity equivalent to or greater than water.

(cc) *Spill event*. A discharge of oil or hazardous substance on land or into or upon the navigable waters of the United States or adjoining shorelines in harmful quantities. For oil, a harmful quantity is that oil in excess of established State water quality standards; or that which causes a film, sheen, or discoloration on the surface of the water or adjoining shorelines; or quantities in excess of 1,000 U.S. gallons on land. For other hazardous substances, quantity guidelines will be published by DAEN-ZCE when information is developed by EPA.

(dd) *Toxic pollutant*. Those pollutants or combinations of pollutants, including disease-causing agents, which after discharge and upon exposure, ingestion, inhalation, or assimilation into any organism, either directly from the environment or indirectly by ingestion through food chains, will cause death, disease, behavioral abnormalities, cancer, genetic mutations, physiological malfunctions (including malfunctions in reproduction), or physical deformations in such organisms or their offspring.

(ee) *Vessel*. Every type of watercraft or other artificial contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on water, other than a public vessel.

§ 650.204 Policies.

(a) A capability will be established and maintained to respond in emergency situations to promptly contain and clean up accidental DA-caused oil discharges and spills of hazardous and toxic substances that occur at or near Army installations and activities.

(b) Assistance will be provided to contain and clean up non-DA-caused spills under the provisions of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan consistent with operational commitments.

(c) All materials (including oils, fuels, petroleum products, and other hazardous chemicals) will be handled, used, and stored to avoid or minimize the possibility of an accidental spill and potential pollution of land, air, and water.

(d) Storage facilities for oil and other hazardous substances (at date described herein) will be designed to incorporate such safeguards as dikes, catchment areas, and relief vessels to contain the flow of oil and hazardous liquids and to minimize the contamination of land and water resources.

(e) DA agencies will cooperate with the Council on Environmental Quality, Department of Interior, Department of Transportation, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of Commerce in the planning and execution of activities to minimize the possibility of discharges or mitigating the effects of spills, wherever they occur.

(f) Contracts for disposal of oil or other wastes will contain provisions that require the disposal method to be in accordance with Federal, State, and/or local regulations and standards.

(g) Each installation or activity with the capability of storing, dispensing or discharging oils, oil products, and bulk quantities of liquid toxic and hazardous substances will prepare, maintain and implement a current SPCC Plan and an ISCP as specified herein. (The requirements for a spill prevention plan and a spill contingency plan may be satisfied by one plan with two distinctive sections—SPCC and ISCP.)

§ 650.205 Implementing guidelines.

(a) The willful discharge of oil, petroleum products or hazardous and toxic substances from installations, vehicles, aircraft, and watercraft onto land or into waters is prohibited except in cases of extreme emergency and if considered essential for the protection of human life. Every reasonable precaution, therefore, will be taken to prevent the accidental discharge of oil or

petroleum products on land or water or their vapors to the air.

(b) Oil-water separators will be installed and maintained to reduce the oil content of oil-water wastes produced from vehicle and equipment washracks, industrial processes, steam cleaning operations, etc., to levels specified by Federal, State or local standards.

(c) The discharge of ballast water from vessels will be strictly controlled either by the use of ship-board or onland oil-water separators capable of processing accumulated waste waters. Oil and fuel contaminated wastes produced during the cleaning of fuel storage tanks and combustion engine components will also be collected and treated for oil removal prior to discharge.

(d) Waste oil produced on Army installations will be collected, segregated, and protected to avoid contamination. Where cost effective, waste oil will be used as a fuel additive in large oil burning heating plants. Waste oil will not be used as a dust palliative on roads or other surfaces. If the generating installation does not have the capability to use the waste oil, it will be offered to other installations that are located within cost-effective transportation distances. If the oil cannot be cost-effectively used, it will be reported to a Defense Property Disposal Office (PDO) in the area for disposal. If disposal to PDO is economically unfeasible, installation should make arrangements with local contractors for disposal of waste products.

(e) Waste water discharges will be monitored for oil content and other toxic and hazardous substances in accordance with the provisions of the permits issued under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

(f) DA will provide representatives to the RRT located in each of the Standard Federal Regions (figure 9-1) in accordance with § 650.206. The number of representatives may vary, depending upon the requirements in that Federal regional area and with details specified in each regional contingency plan.

(g) The RRT will be activated automatically if a major or potentially major discharge occurs. In any other

pollution emergency, the RRT may also be activated upon an oral request by any Primary agency representative to the Chairperson of the RRT. Such requests for team activation will be confirmed in writing.

(h) During a major pollution discharge involving activation of the RRT, the IOSC may be directed and controlled by the EPA or USCG OSC.

(i) In the event an installation commander provides assistance on non-DA caused spills (those not covered by EPA, USCG or the National Plan) a civil support release and/or reimbursement agreement should be obtained similar to appendix A, AR 75-15. Paragraph 216011, AR 55-355, Assistance to Carriers, also provides guidance.

§ 650.206 Responsibilities.

(a) Department of the Army Staff.

(1) The Chief of Engineers will—(i) Promulgate basic policies and procedures for Department of the Army implementation of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (National Plan) for Army-caused discharges and for the preparation and implementation of SPCC and ISCP plans.

(ii) Provide technical direction, design guidance, and engineering procedures to military installations on implementation of SPCC and ISCP plans.

(iii) Provide primary and alternate members (for Civil Works) to the RRT in each of the Standard Federal Regions as required. Nominations will be provided directly to the Chairman of the RRT.

(2) Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans will exercise Army Staff supervision of DA support to the EPA and USCG in the cleanup of pollution discharges caused by other than Army agencies under the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan.

(3) The Inspector General and Auditor General (Army Director of Safety) will provide assistance and guidance on the safety aspects of the storage, use, handling, and disposal of hazardous and toxic substances.

(4) The Surgeon General will provide assistance and guidance on the health