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Subject: Decisions during 22nd National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan & Preparedness Meeting

During the discussion of 22nd National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOS DCP) and preparedness meeting held on 10 Aug 2017 at India International Centre, New Delhi, the Chairman NOS DCP on being briefed about difficulties in existing administrative procedures, decided improvements in facilitation of efforts towards PR response by stakeholders as mentioned below:-

(a) During an oil spill incident, window of opportunity for use of Oil Spill Dispersant (OSD) is very limited. Therefore, with immediate effect, approval of Coast Guard is not required to be taken prior use of OSD during an oil spill incident. However, NOS DCP binds all stakeholders for taking due diligence for environment sensitivity of the area and ensure OSD being applied (neat/diluted) doesn't enhance the toxicity of the spilt oil.

(b) Local and Facility Contingency Plan needs to be forwarded to local Coast Guard authority for vetting and approval. The plans of major ports, Oil Handling Agencies and oil installation onshore within major ports jurisdiction will undergo two levels of scrutiny namely at Coast Guard Regional Headquarters and Coast Guard Headquarters. However, those pertaining to non-major ports and oil installation onshore within jurisdiction of non-major ports will undergo scrutiny at Coast Guard Regional Headquarters. Necessary directives to this effect have been issued to ICG units.

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