

STATES REQUIRING VESSEL RESPONSE PLANS

1. ALASKA

Vessel Response Plans (VRP), called "Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plans", must be submitted and carried on board all tank vessels and oil tank barges.

2. CALIFORNIA

Vessel Response Plans, called "Vessel Contingency Plans", must be submitted and carried on board all tank vessels. A federally-approved VRP will be accepted as long as the additional information required by California is contained in an addendum to the plan.

3. FLORIDA

Vessel Response Plans, called "Spill Prevention and Control Contingency Plans", must be carried on board all vessels capable of carrying 10,000 gallons or more of pollutants as fuel or cargo. A federally-approved ship-specific contingency plan will be accepted.

4. LOUISIANA

Owners or operators of tank vessels are required to submit and carry on board Vessel Response Plans prepared in accordance with OPA 90.

5. MAINE

All tank vessels must carry on board and have available for inspection, but need not submit, Vessel Response Plans prepared in accordance with OPA 90.

6. MARYLAND

All vessels must carry on board, but need not submit, Vessel Response Plans prepared in accordance with OPA 90.

7. NEW JERSEY

Vessel Response Plans, consisting of "Discharge Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plans" and "Discharge Response, Clean-up and Removal Contingency Plans", are not required to be carried on board or submitted unless hazardous substances, including oil, are transferred between vessels.

8. NEW YORK

Vessel Response Plans, consisting of "Habitat Protection Plans", not required to be carried on board or submitted unless petroleum is transferred between vessels.

9. OREGON

Vessel Response Plans, called "Oil Spill Prevention and Emergency Response Plans", must be submitted and carried on board all tank vessels, and all cargo and passenger vessels of 300 gross tons or more.

10. RHODE ISLAND

Vessel Response Plans currently are not required to be submitted, but may be required in the future pursuant to draft regulations that are under development.

11. TEXAS

Any vessel with the capacity to carry 10,000 gallons or more of oil as fuel or cargo must carry on board but need not submit federally-approved vessel-specific response plans. Vessels required to prepare VRPs in accordance with OPA 90, must submit certain sections from the VRP: General Information & Introduction; Notification Procedures; List of Contacts; Geographic-Specific Appendices for applicable COTP zones in Texas; Vessel-Specific Appendices; and Shore-Based Response Activities. In addition, the vessel must submit a letter from the individual who submitted the VRP to the Coast Guard verifying that the sections submitted conform with those submitted to the Coast Guard, along with approval correspondence from the Coast Guard.

12. VIRGINIA

Vessel Response Plans, called "Oil Discharge Contingency Plans", must be submitted and carried on board all tank vessels transporting or transferring oil upon state waters having a maximum storage, handling or transporting capacity of at least 15,000 gallons of oil. Tank vessel operators required to prepare VRPs in accordance with OPA 90 may submit copies of their U.S. Coast Guard-issued VRP approval letters in lieu of separate state plans.

13. WASHINGTON

Vessel Response Plans, called "Vessel Contingency Plans", must be submitted and carried on board by tank vessels (including those operating on the Columbia River), and all cargo vessels and passenger vessels of 300 or more gross tons that are operating on waters of the State. Cargo vessels and passenger vessels may join a Columbia River or Washington State oil spill co-operative in lieu of submitting a VRP. Tank vessels also must submit separate "Oil Spill Prevention Plans".