

CONTINGENCY PLAN D6
HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES WASHED ASHORE

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Force Contingency Plan – D6

This Plan has been drafted in consideration of the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998. Action has been taken by the implementation of these procedures has the potential to impact on an individuals private and family life and property.

Therefore action will only be taken in the interest of national security, public safety or the economic well being of the country, for the prevention of disorder and crime, for the protection of health and morals, or for the protection of the rights and freedom of others.

Any action taken will be the least intrusive, necessary, proportionate and justifiable with regards to the issue that is being addressed.

Anyone having cause to make a complaint against any officer working in compliance with this plan will recourse to the Police Complaints Procedure through the Duty Inspector or the Professional Standards . of the Humberside Police.

The plan is subject to review every three years or sooner in the case of changes in policy and legislation.

Race Equality Scheme

The content of this plan has been considered under the provisions of the Race Equality Scheme, as dictated by the Race Relations Act 1976 (as amended) and deemed to be non-relevant.

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Hazardous substances include chemicals either in containers or found free-floating on water surfaces and along shorelines. Oil is an example of a free-floating hazard, although there are considerable resources available and well-founded plans formulated to deal with this type of substance.
- 1.2 The Humberside Fire and Rescue Services and Local Authorities have the expertise to deal with hazardous substances.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 Responsibility for dealing with hazardous substances washed ashore on coasts that are not privately owned, rests with the four Local Unitary Council Authorities.
- 2.2 Each of the four unitary authorities have designated points of contact for co-ordinating any action required by the relevant council to deal with hazardous substances washed ashore on coastlines in their area.
- 2.3 Contact details for each of the four local authorities can be found at Appendix A to this order.
- 2.4 The Humberside Fire and Rescue Services will provide assistance with initial reconnaissance, identification and the provision of trained personnel with specialised clothing and equipment.

3. REPORTING

- 3.1 When taking reports of substances washed ashore, establish, as accurately as possible, the exact position, type and extent of the hazard.
- 3.2 When oil is being emitted from an identified or direct source, details must be passed to the designated contact within the relevant local authority, who will liaise with the council department responsible for co-ordinating any action required by that council.
- 3.3 Twice yearly, the Advisory Committee on Protection of the Sea, require informing of dangerous goods and other packages found in UK waters and on beaches.

If such goods are found, notification must be made to either, the relevant Department of the Local Authority, or to the Humber Emergency Planning Service Duty Officer giving the following details;

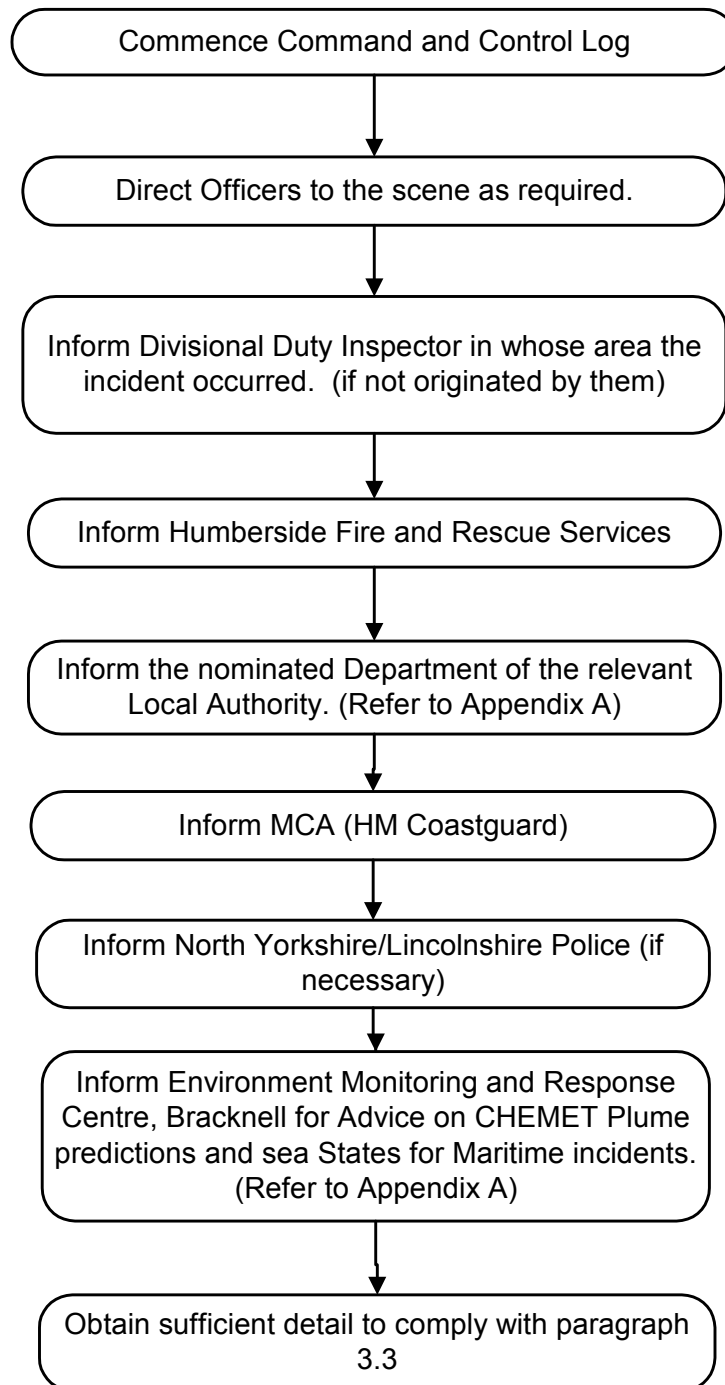
- (1) Date found,

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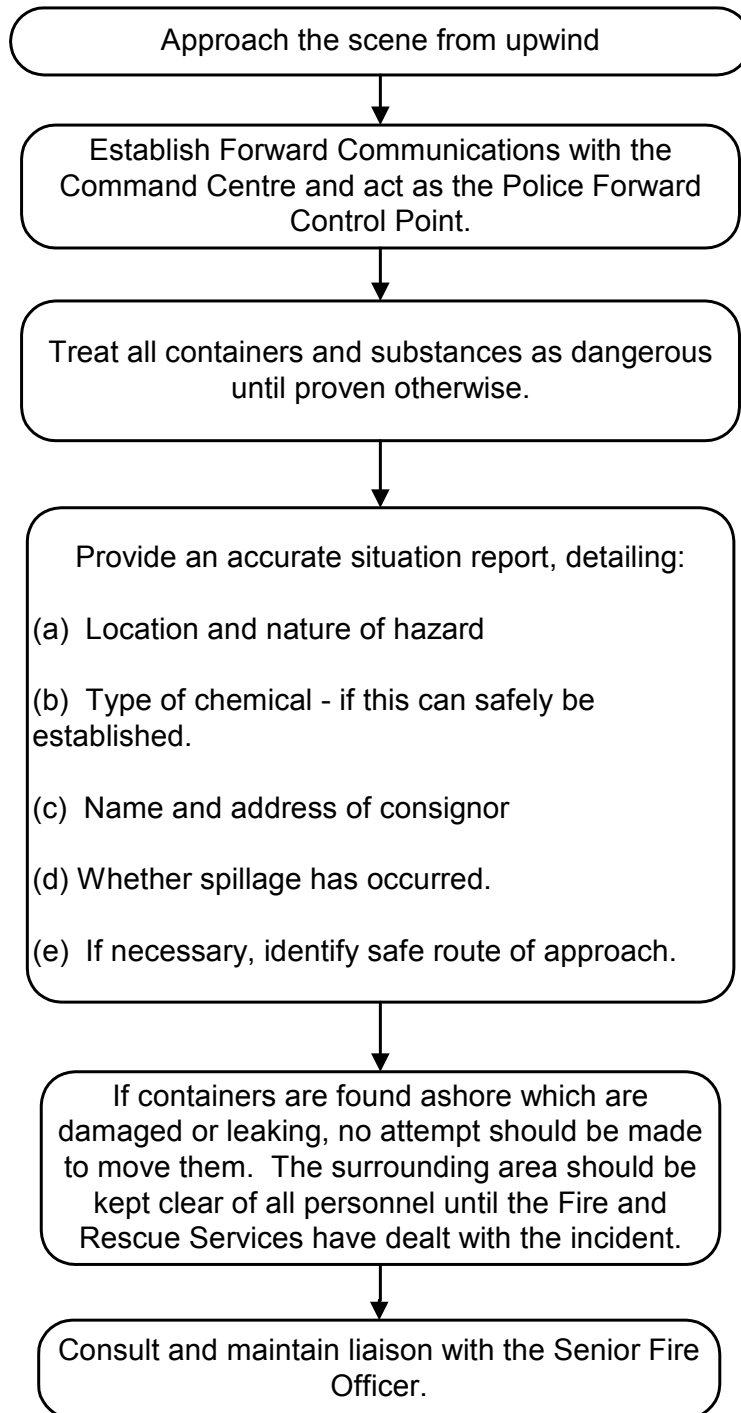
- (2) Geographical location,
 - (3) Types, capacity and number of packages,
 - (4) Content of each package,
- and, if hazard warning was visible,
- (5) Packaging specification,
 - (6) Evidence of leakage,
 - (7) Origin,
 - (8) Method of disposal,
 - (9) Advance warning,
 - (10) Evidence of damage or personal injury.

COMMAND CENTRE - ACTION

In the event of a report being received of a hazardous substance being washed ashore,
the following action will be taken: (Contact details as per Appendix A)



FIRST OFFICER AT SCENE - DUTIES



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APPENDIX A

CONTACTS

<u>Local Authority</u>		<u>Telephone</u>
North Lincolnshire Council	Highways & Transportation	01724 276444
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Operational Services Department	01482 887700
North East Lincolnshire Council	Engineering Services	01472 313131
Hull City Council	Oil Pollution Officer	01482 612406
Humber Emergency Planning	Duty Officer	
Environment Monitoring & Response Centre	Bracknell	Tel: 01344 860665 Fax: 01344 854549
North Yorkshire Police	Headquarters	01609 783131
Lincolnshire Police	Headquarters	01522 532222