

Coordination of domestic cross-border incidents

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| Reference | Section 2.5 of the National Plan for Maritime Environmental Emergencies |
| Purpose | This guidance should be used where an incident impacts, or is likely to impact, upon the interests of two or more jurisdictions. |
| Authority | National Plan Strategic Coordination Committee |
| Enabler | National Plan for Maritime Environmental Emergencies |

STEP 1: REVIEW the situation

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| MAINTAIN situational awareness | Control agency to actively establish and maintain situational awareness. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current location and extent of the pollution; and• Predicted movement of the pollution. |
| EVALUATE situation information | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Control agency to evaluate the situation to determine whether the interests of another are likely to be impacted by the incident. |

STEP 2: NOTIFY adjacent jurisdictions

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| NOTIFY adjacent jurisdictions | Control agency to notify all jurisdictional authorities that may be impacted by an adjacent incident at the earliest opportunity |
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STEP 3: AGREE incident coordination arrangements

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| AGREE incident coordination arrangements | Jurisdictional authorities , in consultation with their respective appointed Control agency , to agree incident coordination arrangements for the entire incident. |
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Where appropriate a 'lead' Jurisdiction Authority and Control Agency should be agreed. In this instance a Change of Control Agency may be required. Refer to *Change of Control Agency Protocol* document.

Where a lead Jurisdiction Authority and Control Agency is not appropriate, a **Joint Strategic Coordination Group** comprising of senior representatives from each Jurisdiction Authority and Control Agency should be established to ensure effective coordination across two or more jurisdictions.

The agreed incident coordination arrangements to include:

- Overall coordination and control structure
- Timings and protocols on any transfers of jurisdictional authority and/or control agency
- Agreed key objectives and priorities
- Maintenance of a common operating picture and sharing of modelling and other intelligence
- Resource commitments and allocations between jurisdictions, including National Plan resources
- Public information strategy, including community engagement and media arrangements
- Executive government communication arrangements
- Issues resolution protocols

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| DOCUMENT the decision | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The decision and reasons for incident coordination arrangements are to be documented as appropriate within the respective jurisdiction. |
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STEP 4: IMPLEMENT agreed incident coordination arrangements**IMPLEMENT
agreed incident
coordination
arrangements**

Jurisdictional authorities and **control agencies** to implement the agreed incident coordination arrangements, including establishment of agreed coordination and control structures.

**MONITOR
effectiveness
of agreed
incident
coordination
arrangements**

Jurisdictional authorities and **control agencies** to monitor the effectiveness of the agreed incident coordination arrangement and seek improvements as necessary through the agreed coordination and control structures and issues resolution.