

Ship-Sources Oil Spills Infographic



RESPONDING TO OIL SPILLS AT SEA

DISPERSION

Chemical dispersion is achieved by applying chemicals designed to remove oil from the water surface by breaking the oil into small droplets.

BURNING

Also referred to as in situ burning, this is the method of setting fire to freshly spilled oil, usually while still floating on the water surface.

BOOMS

Booms are long, floating barriers used to contain or prevent the spread of spilled oil.

SKIMMING

Skimming is achieved with boats equipped with a floating skimmer designed to remove thin layers of oil from the surface, often with the help of booms.



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