

WAC 173-183-220 Initial site reconnaissance and notification of the RDA committee. (1) The on-scene coordinator (OSC) or initial department responder to an oil spill shall report the following to the RDA committee chair as soon as practicable:

(a) Initial determination of the type and character of the oil(s) spilled;

(b) Initial determination of location of the spill, general type of habitat(s) impacted, geographic coverage of the spill, and amount of oil(s) spilled; and

(c) Initial determination of potentially liable party identity.

(2) The RDA committee chair shall notify RDA committee members of an oil spill as soon as practicable after receiving a report by the OSC or initial department responder, and provide a preliminary assessment of the potential risks to public resources.

(3) The RDA committee may, upon notification of an oil spill, initiate or authorize the RDA committee chair to initiate any necessary reconnaissance activities to:

(a) Further identify public resources at risk;

(b) Determine the extent to which public resources are, or may be, adversely affected;

(c) Document actual or potential injury to public resources; and

(d) Determine which local, state, and federal agencies and Indian tribes may have interests or jurisdiction over any of the public resources that may be adversely affected by the spill.

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