



California Department of Fish & Game's

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**DRILLS AND EXERCISES
UNIT**



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Drills and Exercises Unit

The mission of the Drills and Exercises Unit is to integrate the drill objectives and goals, knowledge and experience of industry contingency plan holders, state, federal and local agencies, and other DFG/OSPR units, under a single common goal of improved spill response.

Drills and Exercises Unit

- **Started January 2008**
- **Assesses the response readiness of vessel and facility operators.**
- **Develops and implements procedures for drills required by OSPR's contingency plan regulations.**
- **Oversees the design, conduct and evaluation of individual drills and assesses the performance of drill participants.**

Drills and Exercises Unit Goals

- 1. Improve OSPR and stakeholder drill attendance.**
- 2. Improve the drill evaluation process.**
- 3. Enforce drills and exercises regulatory requirements.**
- 4. Maintain drill calendars for in-state and out-of-state exercises for ease of scheduling.**

OSPR Drill Attendance

- **2006-2007: 56% of all eligible drills**
- **2007-2008: 86% of table top drills; 45% of semi-annual equipment deployment drills**
- **July-December 2008: 100% of table top drills; 73% of semi-annual equipment deployment drills**
- **2009: 94% of table top drills; 75% of semi-annual equipment deployments**

Drill Evaluation Progress

- **Created a comprehensive Evaluation Guidelines document posted on the OSPR website**
(under Information About Drills/Exercises ► Drill Tools ► Manuals and Handbooks)
- **Initiated research project on evaluation**
- **Identify and utilize lessons learned for drill planning.**

Drills and Exercises Regulatory Update

- **30, 45, 60 day drill notification requirements**
- **Independent Drill Monitor regulations**
- **Final report submission requirement**



Where do we go from here?

- **Continue to work with plan holders to enhance response through conducting drills**
- **Identify lessons learned that will assist in response improvement**
- **Assess and improve the evaluation process**

