

## The Environment Group



Safer Lives, Safer Ships, Cleaner Seas

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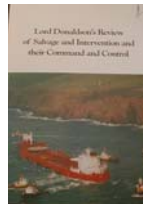
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The concept of an ENVIRONMENT GROUP (EG), followed a recommendation by Lord Donaldson in his report: 'Review of Salvage and Intervention and their Command and Control'



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## UK Standing Environment Groups



- 1 Northern Ireland
- 2 Scotland
- 3 North East
- 4 Tees
- 5 Humber
- 6 Norfolk and The Wash
- 7 Greater Thames
- 8 Kent and Sussex
- 9 Solent
- 10 Dorset
- 11 Devon
- 12 Cornwall
- 13 Bristol Channel
- 14 West Wales
- 15 North Wales
- 16 North West

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## Environment Group (EG)

- Function
  - To provide advice and guidance on environmental matters to SCU, OCU, MRC & SRC
- Role is purely advisory
  - EG has no formal powers (although members may have)



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## Environment Group membership

- CORE MEMBERSHIP
  - Environmental Regulator
  - Statutory Nature Conservation Body
  - Fisheries Department
  - Public Health Officer
- Not just for the big incidents
- Dependant upon location, nature and scale of the incident
- Other organisations may be invited to join EG at the discretion of the chair



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## Environment Group tasks:

- Provision of advice to all response units on potential / real impacts to public health and environment
- Assess environmental risk and impact of incident and implemented response measures



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### Environment Group tasks:

- Monitor, assess and document public health and environmental impact of an incident and measures implemented in the response
- Facilitate welfare, rehabilitation or humane disposal of wildlife casualties



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### Environment Group tasks:

- Site prioritisation
  - Advise on relative importance of environmental features and wildlife
  - Resolution of conflicting issues and priorities



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### Environment Group tasks:

- Support clean-up assessment teams
- Facilitate welfare, rehabilitation or humane disposal of wildlife casualties
- Environmental Monitoring – including assessment of long term impact on human health and environment



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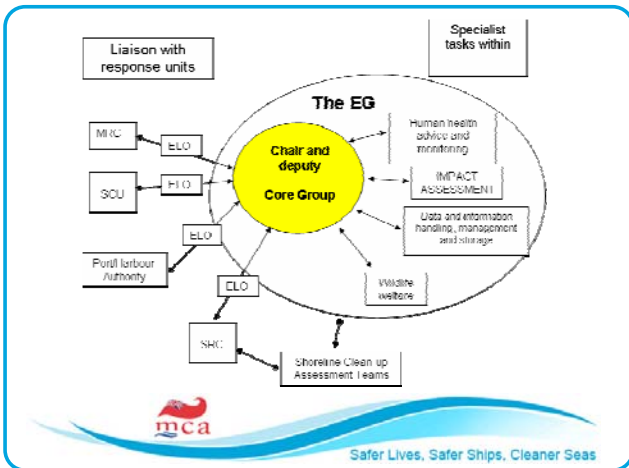
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## Environment Group membership

- The core membership may choose to invite:
  - Sea Fisheries Committee
  - National Park Authorities
  - Local Health Authority
  - HSE
  - Health Protection Agency
  - Animal Welfare bodies - RSPCA, SSPCA
  - Bird casualty record collation - RSPB
  - NGO's
  - Local Wildlife Trusts
  - Local Animal Welfare Trusts




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## POLREPs

- Pollution Reports
- Sequential serial numbers
- Classification; **Doubtful, Probable, Confirmed**
- Alphabetical prefixes – Set criteria
- Criteria Includes: Date, Time, Position, Weather, Characteristics, Source or Cause, Traffic, Images, Remedial Action, Predictions, other relevant information
- Supplementary section




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