

Running the exercise

- 1) Divide the training attendees into small groups to act as the Shoreline Response Centre, Marine Response Centre and Salvage Control Unit. If you are training a lot of people you can have more than one group for each Centre e.g. two each of SCU, SRC and MRC groups. Ideal Group size is about six people, ideally containing a variety of experience. If you are conducting multi-agency training days divide the members of each organisation between the groups.
- 2) Introduce the background and weather information to all the groups. Slides 2 and 3.
- 3) Slides 4-6 then provide specific questions for each of the groups to consider.
- 4) After an appropriate period of time ask the groups to report back on their responses to the questions they were given. An hour to introduce the scenario information and for the groups to consider their questions should be long enough but pick a timescale to fit your programme.

There are no correct answers, you just want the groups to consider the sort of things they would be thinking about in a real incident. If possible set it up so that they can use some of the resources that would be available in a real event e.g. MAGIC and MarLin websites.

You may be asked to provide additional information. You can either make something realistic up – in which case ensure you are giving the same information to all the groups, or tell the groups that the information they are asking for is not available. They will not necessarily be able to get all the information they would like in an incident. Try not to provide answers to all the questions that arise as this may create an unrealistic expectation of the level of information that would be available in a real event.

If you have two or more groups acting as the same response group they may well come up with difference suggestions. This is not a problem, what you are looking for is for them to be able to explain how they have come to those conclusions using the information they have been given. In a real event the Environment Group will have to make the best decisions it can with often limited information, this exercise will demonstrate this and should emphasise the need to record the decision making process for potential future scrutiny.