

# Oil spill response: Should you spray dispersant?

**If you are planning on using dispersants, call an expert first. For free advice 365 days: call your regional dispersant approval agency or your local Global Response Network member**



- Dispersants may be the best response option if used correctly.
- Follow the industry approved guidance and use 1 part dispersant to 20 parts spilled oil. Use the appropriate application equipment, making sure the dispersants land on the slick as small droplets.
- Watch to check if it's working. Look for a coffee-coloured plume forming and spreading below the sea surface. If you see a milky-coloured plume around the oil spill's edge, or there is no change to its appearance, the dispersants are probably not working.
- Be ready to STOP spraying and use different response tactics at any time.

## IF IN DOUBT, ASK AN EXPERT!

Call your regional dispersant approval agency, or call your local Global Response Network member. Find your local contact number at [globalresponsenetwork.org/contact-us](https://globalresponsenetwork.org/contact-us)



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