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Sub. : Verification of completion of oil Spill removal from (capsizing/sinking/collision,etc) vessels – reg.

In cases of maritime casualty, leading to sinking, capsizing, damage, etc. of vessels, which endangers Indian waters by oil pollution from such such vessels, in such cases this Directorate issues Notices as per Section 356(J) of the M.S Act, 1958, to Owner, Charterer, Operator, Agent, Master, and Crew of the vessel to take immediate steps to prevent and minimize pollution as the case may be.

2. As mentioned above, in all such cases this Directorate coordinates with stakeholders such as Owner, Charterer, Operator, Agent, Master, and Crew, urging them to take immediate actions to control and prevent pollution, such action when pertaining to such vessels may include removal of oil from the vessel.
3. In such cases while this Directorate coordinates with various agencies, authorities, and stakeholders, however responsibility for effectiveness and efficacy of the actions being taken to control and/or prevent pollution rests with the concerned agency or authority such as ports, state maritime board or authority, offshore terminal operator, or Indian coast guard, depending upon the location of the vessel.
4. Therefore, concerned authority or agency while ensuring effectiveness and efficacy of the actions being taken, for cases where oil is being removed from the vessel, concerned authority or agency is responsible for ensuring that all the oil has been duly removed from the said vessel.

This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority

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