

Focus on: Primary Response Contractors



Primary Response Contractors practicing oil spill response.

Primary response contractors (PRC) are companies or cooperatives with equipment and trained personnel that are approved by Ecology to respond to oil spills in Washington State.

Approved PRCs are contracted and cited in state required industry oil spill contingency plans to ensure there is access to the response equipment and personnel to respond to a worst-case spill.

PRCs maintain caches of pre-staged equipment to support a rapid, aggressive, and well-coordinated response to oil spills. This equipment is routinely tested in oil spill drills and verified by Ecology staff.

State approval requires PRCs to submit a Primary Response Contractor Application that is reviewed by Ecology. As part of the application the PRC must list their oil spill response equipment on the Worldwide Response Resources List (WRRL) and provide information on the oil spill response services they provide to industry.

The application also requires a binding signature committing the PRC to eight key requirements (WAC 173-182).

Primary Response Contractor Commitments

1. Have a process to provide twenty-four-hour contact for spill response.
2. Begin mobilization efforts immediately upon notification but no longer than 1 hour from notification of a spill.
3. Maintain equipment per manufacturer's specifications.
4. Identifying and training staff and supervisors expected to be deployed on oil spill response tactics or used to meet the plan holder planning standards.
5. Assisting plan holders in meeting the requirements of plans and drills.
6. Maintaining a list of response equipment on the Western Response Resource List (WRRL) or provide an electronic equipment list and confirm the accuracy of the list on a quarterly basis.
7. Providing written notification to Ecology and plan holders to whom they are obligated, within twenty-four hours of any significant change in the information reported in the approved applications.
8. Participating in drill and equipment verification programs.

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