Exercises

To ensure that your company can respond effectively, your systems in place are functional and your staff know what to do in an oil spill incident, regular exercises and drills are a necessity.

The benefits of a comprehensive exercise programme are endless. A well-designed programme will allow participants to undertake simulated emergency response actions in a controlled, low risk environment and will provide the opportunity to:

- Assess response plans and procedures
- Determine responder and equipment readiness
- Clarify roles and responsibilities
- Identify gaps in response capability
- Build individual and team confidence
- Promote awareness of potential incidents
- Prepare for real oil spill events

With our incident response expertise, we provide the following services to help test and improve your preparedness:

- Notification exercises — to test your response process and mobilisation procedures
- Walk-through guided exercises — to support new personnel, teams or new Oil Spill Contingency Plans
- Exercise observation — to study the exercise without being involved often provides for more detailed feedback focussed on the objectives
- Table-top exercises — designed to test the risk of your operations and allow for analysis of the incident response
- Equipment deployment exercises — to develop your ability to deploy Tier 1 equipment in a safe and effective way
- Incident management exercises — designed to develop your incident management team
- Full scale incident management exercises — designed to test the full response capability. The review outputs can also be refined, for example, to include specific equipment recommendations.

Our service

OSRL draws from over 30 years of experience in the successful delivery of exercises across the globe for a variety of customers with a vast range of objectives.

We use this knowledge to plan, prepare and deliver a comprehensive exercise that enables you to identify any gaps in your response capability and areas for future development.

Our exercises are designed to bring together the key personnel likely to be involved in a real incident, developing working relationships and encouraging teamwork.
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**Our approach**

OSRL offers an entire support and planning package, or we can simply feed into specific elements, as required. We involve and manage key stakeholders as listed by the exercise coordinators and the objectives set.

OSRL can manage your complete exercise programme to support a continual and sustained process of improvement of preparedness and response capabilities.

The programme will cover a suite of scenarios based upon the Tier 1, 2 and 3 planning scenarios from the Oil Spill Contingency Plan (OSCP). They will be developed by the exercise coordinators with different objectives.

Exercise type and frequency will depend on a number of factors which will be considered during the programme development.

For exercise delivery, OSRL can choose from a pool of experienced role players. Through our relationships with other leading training organisations, we can inject a variety of resources to increase realism, challenge and learning.

An effective exercise will test both the individual and the team, and will meet the exercise objectives set during the planning phase. It offers opportunities to learn and improve preparedness. A variety of innovative exercise control methods are used to ensure the exercise remains on track, focussed and achieves the objectives.

OSRL works with a range of organisations in support of their individual preparedness programmes. In each case, we are committed to the development and delivery of realistic scenarios which ensure that all those involved are familiar with their response capabilities, including contingency plans, organisational structures and individual roles and responsibilities.

**The benefits**

By ensuring that an exercise mirrors real life as much as possible, we can assist organisations in confirming, developing and evolving their response capability.

We will use our experience and industry knowledge to develop, alongside nominated exercise coordinators, realistic, well-developed and thorough exercises that showcase the response capabilities of the company.

OSRL will create a tailored close-out report focusing on the initial objectives and provide recommendations to address any gaps. The report can feedback simple observations, or provide detailed analysis.