

INFORMATION SHEET



OIL SPILL PREPAREDNESS

Throughout Woodside's 60 year history, the company has not experienced any uncontrolled release of hydrocarbons as a result of loss of well control. This is a testament to Woodside's focus on continuous improvement, sharing expertise with its peers, and ensuring that "lessons learned" from other operators are incorporated into its risk management processes. Woodside implements a systematic approach to managing the safety and integrity of its drilling and completions activities, through a combination of hydrocarbon spill preventative barriers and a documented mitigation approach.

HYDROCARBON SPILL PREVENTATIVE BARRIERS

An uncontrolled release of hydrocarbons from a well, as a result of well blowout, is a highly unlikely but high consequence risk. Woodside recognises the significance of this risk, and places considerable effort on the prevention of such an occurrence.

Numerous controls and barriers are in place to prevent the uncontrolled release of hydrocarbons during drilling operations.

These controls range from well design engineering controls to drilling practices and procedural controls.

MITIGATION APPROACH

In the highly unlikely event that a well blowout does occur, Woodside has a range of mitigation and management measures developed to respond to a marine spill. In the first instance, a Drilling Program Oil Pollution First Strike Plan will provide guidance for responding to a marine spill. A key mitigation strategy is to take action to cease the flow of oil (commonly referred to as Source Control).

Woodside has a well-developed oil spill response management framework, which includes a range of response strategies based on credible spill scenario modelling.

Woodside believes that responder competency is vital to the success of any response in the unlikely event of a major spill. Woodside undertakes training and regular oil spill exercises, equipment deployment and Incident Management Team activation. Woodside also participates in industry-wide oil spill response exercises.

In 2014, Woodside joined Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL); an industry-owned cooperative which exists to respond effectively to oil spills for its members internationally. In the unlikely event of a major spill OSRL will supplement Woodside capability with the provision of specialist personnel and equipment.

OSRL can support Woodside's operations worldwide, with offices in Aberdeen (UK), Houston (USA), Jakarta (Indonesia), North Africa and West and Central Africa. Internally, a new Oil Spill Preparedness Unit will be established in 2015 to build on the 2014 progress and ensure continuous improvement of our oil spill preparedness capabilities in Australia and overseas.

The combination of these processes, tools, and partnerships provides a robust approach to the mitigation and management of the risks associated with drilling.