

**Oil Spill Recovery in South East Queensland**  
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In the early hours of the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009 the 185 metre container ship *pacific Adventurer* lost part of its cargo of containers containing ammonium nitrate. Thirty One containers were lost overboard some of which punctured the fuel bunkers on the ship leading to an oil spill which subsequently impacted southern Queensland shorelines. Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) activated the *National Plan to Combat Pollution of the Sea by Oil and other Noxious and Hazardous Substances* and the specific oil spill response for Queensland, *Queensland Coastal Contingency Action Plan* was activated MSQ took lead agency role in incident control.

This presentation will describe the way in which the transition from clean up to recovery has been dealt with and how the wider community have been engaged in planning and implementing the recovery plans, programs and activities.

The establishment of an Oil Spill Recovery Task Force, Recovery Working Groups, Industry Working Groups and stakeholder meetings are cited as standard practice in recovery operations based upon the triple bottom line outcomes of Economic, Social and Environmental to achieve a strategic recovery plan to ensure the recovery from the incident is effective and successful.