## Ship-Sources Oil Spills Infographic



# RESPONDING TO OIL SPILLS AT SEA



#### DISPERSION

Chemical dispersion is achieved by applying chemicals designed to remove oil from the water surface by breaking the oil into small droplets.

### BURNING

Also referred to as in situ burning, this is the method of setting fire to freshly spilled oil, usually while still floating on the water surface.

#### BOOMS

Booms are long, floating barriers used to contain or prevent the spread of spilled oil.

### SKIMMING

Skimming is achieved with boats equipped with a floating skimmer designed to remove thin layers of oil from the surface, often with the help of booms.



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