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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Attached is the current list of products licensed as Oil Spill Cleanup Agents (OSCA) for use in California. As of January 1, 1996, the primary authority for licensing OSCAs was transferred from the State Water Resources Control Board (the Board) to the Office of Oil Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) pursuant to Government Code Section 8670.13.1.

All OSCAs in California are licensed for use on a case-by-case basis. This means that although a product can be used, it does not necessarily mean that it will be used. The Incident Commander/Unified Command will determine whether or not the use of an OSCA is appropriate for a particular application. Additionally, please be aware that the OSPR restricts the use of loose particulate materials for purposes of on-water spill response. As such, loose particulate materials must be contained, either in pillows, socks or within the confines of booms or booming operations, for use in cleanup for all waters of the State. These restrictions are necessary to ensure that large quantities of foreign materials are not lost to the environment where they can become available to wildlife.

Government Code Section 8670.13.1(b) states that sorbents and other cleanup devices that do not employ the use of active chemical cleanup agents, or otherwise determined not to cause aquatic toxicity, as determined by the Administrator, for purposes of oil spill response, are not subject to the licensing provisions. The OSPR will be undertaking a pilot program to review products under this provision and make determinations on the necessity of licensing. This should facilitate the use of these products at the time of a spill incident. The OSPR has a list of products that have been currently reviewed and exempted from the licensing procedures. In the interim, unless otherwise designated on the licensing list, sorbent pads, socks, booms and pom poms licensed for use in the State can be used without advanced approval by the Administrator under the discretion of the Incident Commander and consistent with the restrictions for use of loose particulates.

Thank you for your interest in the OSCA program. If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact Ms. Yvonne Najah Addassi at the letterhead address or at telephone number (916) 324-7626.



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**Sincerely,**

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