

REPORTS OF INCIDENTS OF OIL SPILLS

The Department of Environmental Health Services has assisted the Ministry with responsibility for the Port Department with the keeping of its records of spills. The following record indicates mostly small spills/discharges of less than 50 gallons, and, most has been from indeterminate, (i.e. phantom), sources. The following table summarizes reports that have been presented to the **Bahamas Oil Spill Advisory Committee, (OSCAC)**.

TABLE OF REOPORTED INCCIDENTS FROM 1985 TO 2005

Period	Reports of Marine-related Emergencies	Notes
1985 to 1995	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes more than 1,000 barrels of fuel oil spilled to water at the BORCO jetty in 1992 • Includes a major leak of fuel to water at the Texaco depot, Lewis yard, in 1992
1996	6	
1997	15	
1998	14	
1999 to 2001	53	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes a spill of 7,500 gallons of diesel fuel to sea in the Elizabeth Harbour, Great Exuma, from a road tanker, in 1999 • Includes a spill of black oil, from the BORCO jetty, to coat a sandy beach at Lewis yard, in 2000 • Includes a spill of black oil, from a ruptured hull of an off-shore vessel, to coat more than five (5) miles of GB coastline, in 2001
2002	39	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes a spill of some 100 gallons of diesel fuel to sea at the Lucaya Marina, during the re-fueling of a vessel, in January • Includes a spill of more than 250 gallons of bunker fuel to deck, and to sea, during a re-fueling exercise off Hepburn Town, in October
2003	50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes a spill of more than 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel, spilled to water during a vessel fire at a marina mooring at Old Bahama Bay, in April • Includes a spill of more than 1,000 gallons of gasoline fuel, spilled to water via a broken pipeline at the Lucaya Marina, in April • Includes a spill of more than 700 gallons of bunker "C" fuel to deck, and to water, during a re-fueling exercise by BORCO, off Hepburn Town, in May
2004	28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes a spill of more than 100 gallons of diesel fuel, spilled to water during a vessel fire in a canal at Hampton Court, Lucaya, in February
2005	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes a spill of some 5,000 gallons of diesel fuel to sea in the Marsh Harbour harbour, from a tanker on a barge, in February • Includes a spill of more than 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel to sea in the Freeport Harbour, from a punctured fuel storage of a vessel at the GB Shipyard, in February • Includes a spill of more than 500 gallons of diesel fuel to sea in the Freeport Harbour, when fuel leaked from an unplugged fuel storage, in September