**9411.3 Decision Memo**

**Decanting Approval Plan and Memo**

**Name of Spill Incident:** Click here to enter text.

**Oil Type(s):** Click here to enter text.

**Federally Defined Response Area:** Click here to enter text.

**Effective date(s)/time of approval:** Click here to enter text.

The Federal and State On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs) hereby approve the use of decanting as a means of expediting the recovery and treatment of oil and reducing the overall quantity of pollutants in a more timely and effective manner to facilitate cleanup operations. This memo describes the area for which decanting approval is given; the decanting process to be used; the prevailing conditions and protective measures proposed to be implemented.

**Authorities: 40 CFR 122.3, RCW 90.56.320(l), ORS 468B.305 (2)(b)**

Unified Command can revoke the approval at any time if the approved conditions are not met.

**Signatures**

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Federal On-Scene Coordinator

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State On-Scene Coordinator

Reason for disapproval:

**Decanting Approval Plan and Memo**

All decanting will be conducted during a defined period of time, within the federally defined response area.

**Description of Proposed Decanting Operations:**Click here to enter text.

***EXAMPLE (to be deleted prior to submittal):*** *All skimmers of the response will have authorization to decant water from onboard storage tanks in order to expedite on-water recovery of approximatelyClick here to enter text.. Retention time will last Click here to enter text.hours. Decanting vessels will perform the operation in Click here to enter text.. The percentage of oil in the decanted water will vary but personnel will halt the operation if oil is spotted. Response personnel will meet the conditions listed below. In particular, containment boom will be deployed around the collection area to prevent loss of decanted oil or entrainment.*

**Describe relevant considerations such as weather, oil type and volume of oil spilled, as applicable:** Weather conditions Click here to enter text. ; Oil Type isClick here to enter text.; Click here to enter text.of Click here to enter text.are estimated to have been spilled.

**Describe why the available storage limits effective mechanical recovery**: Click here to enter text.

**Availability of adequate storage:**

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| **Storage kind/type**  | **Volume**  | **Onsite or ETA** |
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**Describe why decanting is necessary during vessel or other decontamination operations**: Click here to enter text.

**Describe why decanting is necessary during treatment operations:** Click here to enter text.

**Other incidental discharges (describe):** Click here to enter text.

**The decanting operations must meet the following conditions, as applicable:**

* Vessels employing sweep booms with recovery pumps in the apex of the boom should decant forward of the recovery pump.
* All equipment not equipped with an oil/water separator must allow retention time for oil held in internal or portable tanks before decanting commences. Retention time to be no less than four hours.
* A containment boom [ ] must / [ ] need not (check one) be deployed around the collection area to minimize loss of the decanted oil or entrainment.
* Visual monitoring of the decanting area shall be maintained so that discharge of oil in the decanted water is detected promptly and decanting stopped if observed.
* Tanks used for decanting will be tested prior to use to ensure there are no contaminants from previous activities and that the water is safe to discharge back into the environment.
* Tanks used to separate and treat liquids and solids will contain baffles to speed up oil/water separation and prevent remixing.
* Additional conditions: All decanting should be done in a designated “Response Area” within a collection area, vessel collection well, recovery belt, weir area, or directly in front of a recovery system. Decanting in areas where vacuum trucks, portable tanks, or other collection systems are used for shore cleanup will be subject to the same rules as vessels.

**Submitted By:**

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