

The UK Spill Contractors Accreditation Scheme

Definitions

DEFINITIONS

NAME OF THE SCHEME.

“The UK Spill Contractors Accreditation Scheme” (previously the BOSCA Accreditation Scheme).

THE REGULATORS

shall mean the Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA), Environment Agency of England & Wales (EA), the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and the Environment and Heritage Service in Northern Ireland (EHS).

THE CONTRACTOR

shall mean the person, firm or company including any sub-contractor who shall contract to provide spill response services. The Contractor having been accredited under the Accreditation Scheme, will have its Accreditation information held on a database for distribution to Regulators, and shall have its Accreditation status promoted on the Spillonline website www.Spillonline.org to potential customers.

THE SCHEME ASSESSOR

shall mean the person(s) appointed by the Scheme Manager to assess Contractors as to the level of Accreditation, and to carry out spill and base inspections as required by the Rules of the Accreditation Scheme.

THE SCHEME MANAGER

shall mean the Manager of the UK Spill Association (UKSpill).

PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT

shall be nominated by the Contractor, and for all purposes connected with the accreditation process, any notice, information, or communication given or made to the Contractor's Point of Contact shall be deemed to have been given to the Contractor by the Assessor or Scheme Manager.

THE CONTRACTOR'S APPLICATION

shall mean the INITIAL ON LINE APPLICATION, together with the ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT MATRIX, and any supporting documentation required for verification of capability. Following verification of the application by a visit to the Contractors site(s) the Scheme Assessor can determine the level(s) of accreditation to be awarded.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME

Is to maintain standards of oil spill clean up in the UK by use of Contractors Accredited under the Scheme. These standards have been supported by the Regulators to reassure users, whether they are consumers, industrial or commercial organisations.

Contractors are inspected by independent, qualified, and experienced Scheme Assessors, who monitor and award Accreditation status to each Contractor in the Accreditation Scheme.

Spillonline is the website for the UK Spill Contractors Accreditation Scheme, which is managed by the UK Spill Association.

Neither the Scheme, its Steering Group nor the Scheme Assessor(s) takes any responsibility, as a result of awarding Accreditation, for the competence of the work actually carried out by a Contractor. In the event of a complaint to the Scheme about a Contractor, the Assessor will investigate and establish whether the Contractor is in compliance with the Accreditation awarded, but the Assessor will NOT become involved in any contractual dispute between a Contractor and its client.

THE ACCREDITATION STEERING GROUP

is the body responsible for oversight of the Accreditation Scheme, and is comprised of representatives of the Contractors, and is chaired by the Regulators, and meets annually.