

Maritime NZ – Oil Spill Response Unit



The oil spill response unit of Maritime NZ are the government agency responsible for managing oil spill incidents in NZ and also provide support to Pacific Island states.

Containing oil spills in typically difficult conditions involves a unique set of skills and health and safety requirements.

Maritime NZ oil spill response function have built up some very effective systems over time.

But their H&S systems were ad hoc and not well aligned to the corporate Maritime NZ health and safety system, thus they needed refresh and realignment. Winsland were engaged to provide a comprehensive, yet practical, **health and safety framework** which complemented but enhanced what was already in place.

Among its services, Winsland:

- Reviewed current H&S procedures against ISO 45001 and other standards and developed a full **health and safety framework** for Maritime Oil Response function.
- Facilitated identification and review of controls for **critical risks**.
- The framework had to take account of and manage the health and safety of contractors and the Regional Council in NZ staff who resourced oil spill response events under a secondment arrangement. The Regional Council staff are trained by Maritime NZ but remain Regional Council employees working under Maritime NZ in a response, raising a range of issues around where H&S responsibilities lay. Thus, **governance and leadership** were critical components, along with **integration of H&S seamlessly** alongside other management systems.
- Reviewed health and safety procedures for managing Wildlife risks to provide assurance that the contractor undertaking this work (Massey University) had effective control of these risks.