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TOPIC 1: SOPEP (SHIPBOARD OIL POLLUTION EMERGENCY PLAN)

SOPEP stands for Ship Board Oil Pollution Emergency Plan, and it is compulsory for all ships of more than 400 Gross Tons (Oil tankers of more than 150 GT) to have a SOPEP plan onboard.

The manual comprises a contingency plan that serves to provide guidance to the Master & officers on board the ship with respect to the steps to be taken when a pollution incident has occurred or is likely to occur.

Within the SOPEP plan are the following items:

- The action plan contains the duty of each crew member at the time of the spill, including their emergency muster station and actions.
- General information about the ship and the owner of the ship etc.
- Steps and procedures to contain the discharge of oil into the sea using the SOPEP equipment onboard.
- On board reporting procedures and requirements in case of oil spill is described.
- List of the authorities to contact and the reporting requirements in case of oil spill. (Authorities like port state control, oil clean up team etc. are to be notified.)
- SOPEP includes the drawings of the various fuel lines, along with the other oil lines on board the vessel with positioning of vents, save all trays etc.
- The general arrangement of the ship is also listed in the SOPEP plan, which includes the location of all the oil tanks with capacity, content etc.
- The location of the SOPEP locker and contents of the locker with a list of inventory.