Operators need to establish and, at all times, maintain effective emergency preparedness for handling potential hazard and accident situations. DNV GL’s third-party verification service helps customers to ensure that they are well prepared to deal with incidents or authority inspections. Our experts provide critical information to achieve optimal preparedness and regulatory compliance.

The verification process
DNV GL applies a risk-based approach to the verification of oil spill preparedness. This typically follows a stepwise methodology. Our long experience of both verification and the development of industry best practice in this sector enables us to deliver up-to-date expertise and a high quality service.
DNV GL’s verification process normally comprises three major phases:

- **Planning**: The establishment of a verification programme based on a risk-based approach and with a focus on specified elements
- **Verification**: This may include a hazard and operability study (HAZOP), interviews with personnel and/or equipment testing
- **Final reporting and close-up meetings with customers.**

Verification of emergency preparedness may cover specific parts or major elements of an operator’s emergency preparedness plan.

**Benefits of verification**

Third-party verification gives operators peace of mind by ensuring that:

- Operational oil spill preparedness is developed in accordance with plans and requirements
- Crisis management organisation meets regulatory and/or internal requirements.

DNV GL’s statement of conformity confirms that compliance has been met. Customers also receive a verification report that confirms requirements have been met, and sets out deviations and non-conformities where identified.

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