



SAFETY MANAGEMENT MANUAL

2.2 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to set forth an environmental policy to guide the Safety Management System at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

2. Scope

The environmental policy set forth in this procedure is directed at the shipboard operations of the vessels managed and operated by the Ship Operations Group at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

3. General

The Environmental Policy of the Ship Operations Group is to endeavor to operate its ships in such a manner as to cause minimal impact on the environment in general and the marine environment in particular. This policy includes but is not limited to oil pollution, waste management, ballast water management and air quality management and strives to meet or exceed known regulatory standards.

Within this policy, the vessels managed and operated by the Ship Operations Group shall comply with all applicable national and international regulations regarding the operation of ships. This includes compliance with all applicable national and international pollution prevention laws and regulations regarding air, water and the marine environment.

In complying with these regulations, the vessels shall maintain documented procedures for complying with national and international regulations regarding disposal of wastes at sea and shall comply with voluntary reporting standards set forth for ballast management.

The vessels shall be operated in such a manner as to strive to prevent the spillage or discharge of oil or hazardous materials into the marine environment and shall initiate timely and adequate responses to mitigate any discharges.

The specific guidelines for oil pollution are contained in Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plans prepared for each vessel.