1. INTRODUCTION

This plan is written in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 26 of Annex 1 of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78).

2. PURPOSE

To provide guidance to the Master and officers on board the ship with respect to the steps to be taken when a pollution incident has occurred or is likely to occur.

3. RESPONSIBILITY

The Master is responsible for ensuring that all officers are familiar with this manual and instructions contained within. The plan contains all information and operational instructions required by the guidelines in IMO Resolution MEPC.54 (32). The appendices contain names, telephone numbers, telex numbers, etc. of all contacts referenced in the plan, as well as other reference material.

4. BACKGROUND

This plan was originally written by Scripps Institution of Oceanography for the R/V New Horizon and has been approved by the US Coast Guard for that ship. The University of Hawaii Marine Center has adopted the plan for use on the R/V KILO MOANA.

5. CONTENT

The Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (SOPEP) contains the following information:

1. Introduction
2. Preamble
3. Reporting Requirements
4. Controlling Discharge
5. National and Local Coordination
   A. Coastal State Contacts
   B. Local Port Contacts
   C. Home Port Contacts
   D. Ship Interests
   E. MSDS
   F. Fuel Oil Procedures Manual
   G. Annual Review and Changes

The SOPEP is located in the Master’s Office.
¹ See Appendix A for 33 CFR 151:
Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plans; Final Rule.