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Subject:	Damage Stability Information for oil tankers and offshore oil barges
Reference	Emergency Response Services

## Damage stability information for oil tankers and offshore oil barges

## Access to shore-based program must facilitate calculation

Owners or operators of oil tankers and offshore oil barges shall ensure that their vessels have prearranged prompt access to computerize, shore-based damage stability and residual strength calculation program.

Vessel baseline strength and stability characteristics must be pre-entered into such program and be consistent with the vessel's existing configuration.

Access to shore-based program must facilitate calculation of the following:

- Residual hull girder strength based on reported extent of damage
- Residual stability when the vessel's compartments are breached
- The most favorable off-loading, ballasting or cargo transfer sequences to improve residual stability, reduce hull girder stresses and reduce ground-force reaction
- The bending and shear stresses caused by pinnacle loads from grounding or stranding

#### REFERENCES:

- Emergency Response Services

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Kindest Regards,

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