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NORWEGIAN COASTAL ADMINISTRATION

Organisation of the Norwegian preparedness against acute pollution.

Norwegian Coastal Administration
department for emergency response



Norwegian Coastal Administration

- **The Norwegian Coastal administration is a public service under the the Department of Fisheries.**
- **Our vision is to secure the safety and development of coastal waters for all.**
- **We shall contribute to safe passage and ease of access along the coastline.**
- **We serve all users of coastal waters, but our services are aimed mainly at commercial traffic**



Norwegian Coastal Administration

Main tasks:

- **Piloting services**
- **Navigational Aids**
- **Vessel Traffic Services (VTS)**
- **Improve and maintain coastal channels**
- **Construct and maintain fishing ports/harbours**
- **Acute pollution – at sea and onshore**
- **Exercise authority in accordance with The Norwegian Pilotage Act, The Harbour Act and The Pollution Control Act**
- **Carry out transport-planning activities for matters related to ports/harbours and coastal fairways**



Department of Emergency Response

Main tasks:

- **Direct major governmental oil spill response operations**
- **Co-ordinate the national contingency**
- **Give practical assistance in oil spill response operations**
- **Manage governmental oil spill recovery equipment**
- **Development of response and training of personnel**



The Pollution Control Act (1981)

Main principles - acute pollution:

- **“Polluter pays”.**
- **Obligation to notify.**
- **Emergency response system.**
- **Contingency planning requirements.**
- **Obligation to respond.**
- **Obligation to provide assistance.**
- **Obligation to provide information.**



Obligation to respond

- **The person responsible for an acute pollution incident shall initiate necessary measures to prevent or limit the damage.**
If not, the municipal and/or the governmental response organisation will be mobilised.
- **Obligation to provide assistance**
Any organisation who is responsible for a contingency system according to the pollution control act, shall in general when requested by the authorities provide assistance to an oil spill incident .



Private and municipal contingency

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The industry itself shall provide for a contingency system against acute pollution from its own activity.

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Offshore supply vessel (NOFO equipment)





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Department for Emergency Response



Governmental contingency

- **Objective of governmental contingency:**
The Government shall provide for a contingency system against major incidents of acute pollution which are not covered by municipal or private contingency systems.
- **Co-ordinating authority**
The Norwegian Coastal Administration shall ensure that all contingency systems are co-ordinated into one national emergency response system.



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• **Coast Guard vessel**

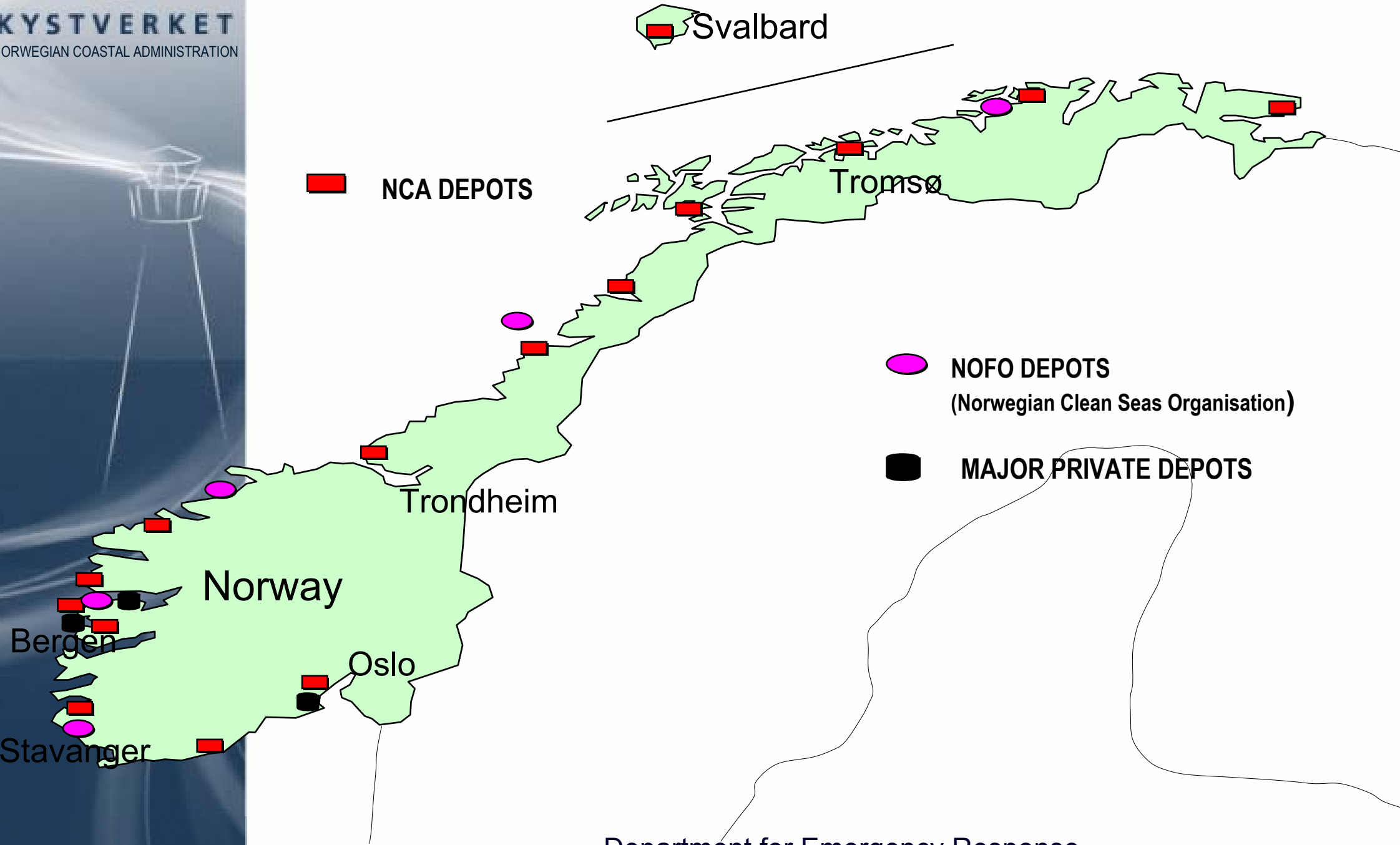
• **Near shore oilspill vessel**





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Norwegian Equipment Depots





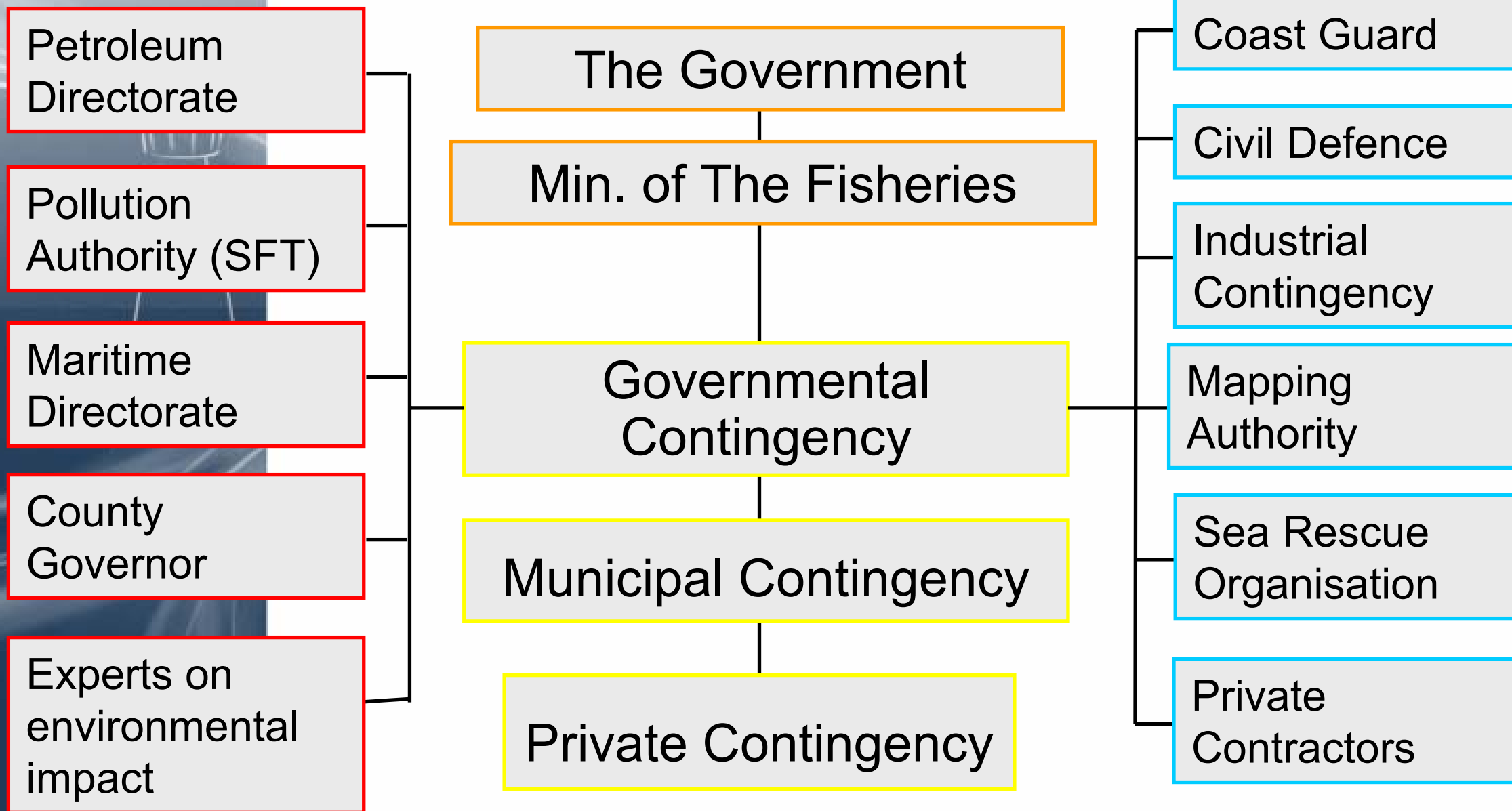
International Agreements

Oil pollution contingency agreements

- **The Bonn Agreement, covering the North Sea area.**
- **The Copenhagen Agreement between the Nordic countries**
- **The NorBrit Plan - an agreement between Norway and U.K.**
- **The Barents Sea Agreement, covering Russian and Norwegian waters in the Barents Sea region.**



Norwegian Contingency





National Response Strategy

- **Response operations shall take place as close to the source of the spill as possible.**
- **Mechanical methods have first priority.**
- **Chemical methods can be used if NEBA shows that use of dispersants is reducing the overall environmental impact.**
- **All available resources in society may be used in major environmental combat operations.**

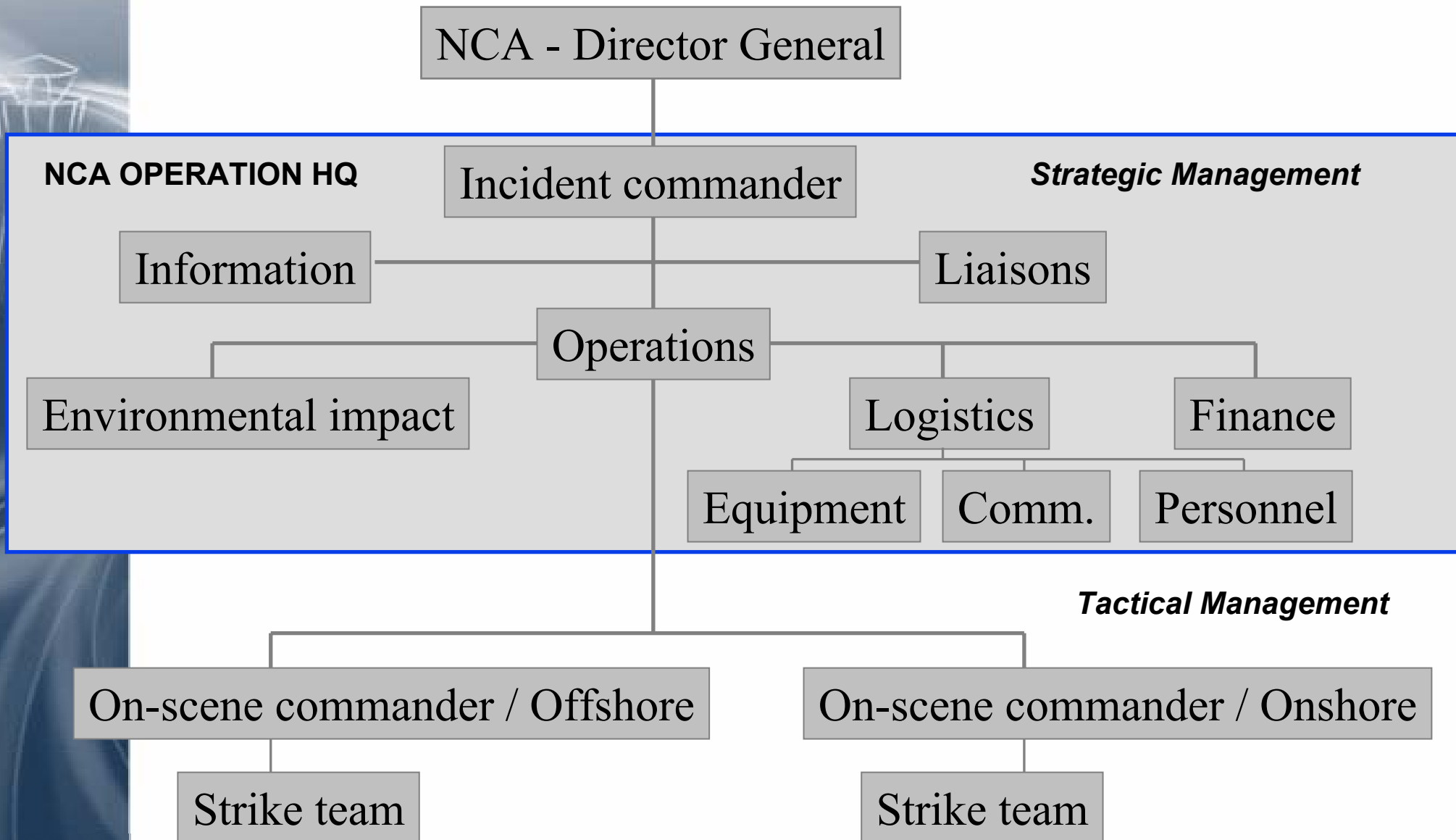


Oil Spill Preparedness

- **Response capacity based on environmental risk assessment.**
- **Contingency plans**
 - National level
 - Regional level
 - Local level
- **Personnel and organisation**
- **Investment in equipment**
- **Training and exercises**



Organisational Plan - Spill response





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