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The goal of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA) is to make the environment and public whole for injuries to natural resources and natural resource services resulting from an incident involving a discharge or substantial threat of a discharge of oil (incident). This goal is achieved through returning injured natural resources and services to baseline and compensating for interim losses of such natural resources and services through the restoration, rehabilitation, replacement or acquisition of equivalent natural resources and/or services.

The NRDA regulations supporting OPA provide a framework for conducting sound natural resource damage assessments that achieve restoration under OPA. This document focuses on the procedures that may be used to restore or replace natural resources injured as a result of an oil spill incident. The information contained in this document may best be used in conjunction with injury assessment and restoration plan development.

LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACOE, USACOE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
ADF&G	Alaska Department of Fish and Game
API	American Petroleum Institute
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980
EPA, USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
EVOS	<i>Exxon Valdez</i> Oil Spill
EVOS-RPWG	<i>Exxon Valdez</i> Oil Spill, Restoration Planning Work Group
FDA	United States Federal Drug Administration
F&WS, USF&WS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
DOC, USDOC	United States Department of Commerce
DOI, USDOI	United States Department of the Interior
DOT	United States Department of Transportation
HEP	Habitat Evaluation Procedure
HMRAD	Hazardous Materials Response and Assessment Division,
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA)
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NRDA	Natural Resource Damage Assessment
OPA	Oil Pollution Act of 1990
PRP	Potentially Responsible Party
RP	Responsible Party
USACOE, ACOE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USCG	United States Coast Guard
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USEPA, EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
USF&WS, F&WS, USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
USDOC, DOC	United States Department of Commerce
USDOI, DOI	United States Department of the Interior
WES	United States Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station

LIST OF ACRONYMS (continued)

Legend

ha	hectare(s)
m	meter(s)
hr	hour(s)
spp	species