

UNIFIED COMMAND

Oil Spill Decanting Application/Authorization Form

Incident Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Party: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Approval Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Demonstration of Need for Decanting:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Location and Description of Proposed Decanting Operation:

\_\_\_\_\_  
**RP IC Signature**

**DATE**

Decanting is authorized with the intent to maximize storage capacity for recovered oil and expedite cleanup. If recovered fluids can be adequately managed using available storage, on-site treatment, or transport to a treatment facility without impeding ongoing oil recovery, recovered water shall not be decanted.

The decanting operation must meet the following conditions:

1. Decanted water must not cause a film, sheen or discoloration on the surface or floor of the waterbody or adjoining shorelines. Decanting must cease if oil is observed in water being discharged.
2. Operators must maintain continuous control over the decanting process to prevent discharge of concentrated oil.
3. Decanted water must be discharged within the collection boom or area, vessel collection well, recovery belt, weir area, or directly in front of a recovery system, unless approved otherwise.
4. Where decanted water will not pass through an oil/water separator prior to discharge, tanks must be allowed to settle without addition of fluids for a minimum time of \_\_\_\_\_ to allow separation before decanting commences.
5. The RP shall record the following data for all decanting operations: location of the decanting, time decanting started, time decanting stopped and decanting pump rates.
6. DEC staff shall have access to decanting operations in order to evaluate effectiveness and collect samples if needed.
7. Additional conditions (continued on reverse, if necessary):

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SOSC Signature**

**DATE**

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**FOSC Signature**

**DATE**

**Note:** The RP may make a verbal request and receive verbal approval for decanting from the OSC or their designee, but a written application must follow as soon as possible.