The US Congress mandated through the Clean Water Act, that the US EPA would keep a list of products that may be legally used on US Navigable waters

Link to the above regulation under the US Clean Water Act Law http://www.epa.gov/oem/docs/oil/cfr/900_920.pdf

Subpart J—Use of Dispersants and Other Chemicals

SOURCE: 59 FR 47453, Sept. 15, 1994, unless otherwise noted.

§ 300.900 General.

- (a) Section 311(d)(2)(G) of the CWA requires that EPA prepare a schedule of dispersants, other chemicals, and other spill mitigating devices and sub-stances, if any, that may be used in carrying out the NCP. This subpart makes provisions for such a schedule.
- (b) This subpart applies to the navigable waters of the United States and adjoining shorelines, the waters of the contiguous zone, and the high seas beyond the contiguous zone in connection with activities under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, activities under the Deepwater Port Act of 1974, or activities that may affect natural resources belonging to, appertaining to, or under the exclusive management authority of the United States, including resources under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976.
- (c) This subpart applies to the use of any chemical agents or other additives as defined in subpart A of this part that may be used to remove or control oil discharges.

§ 300.905 NCP Product Schedule.

(a) Oil Discharges. (1) EPA shall maintain a schedule of dispersants and other chemical or bioremediation products that may be authorized for use on oil discharges in accordance with the procedures set forth in § 300.910. This schedule, called the NCP Product Schedule, may be obtained from the Emergency Response Division (5202–G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Wash-

ington, DC 20460. The telephone number is 703–603–8760.

- (2) Products may be added to the NCP Product Schedule by the process specified in § 300.920.
- (b) Hazardous Substance Releases. [Re-served]
- [59 FR 47453, Sept. 15, 1994, as amended at 65 FR 47325, Aug. 2, 2000] § 300.910