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**NATIONAL RESPONSE PLAN**

On January 6, 2005, the Department of Homeland Security announced that the National Response Plan has been signed and will be implemented. The National Response Plan establishes a unified and standardized approach within the United States for protecting our citizens and managing incidents. The National Response Plan standardizes Federal and State incident response activities through the use of the National Incident Management System. The Northern California Area Maritime Security Plan is in compliance with the National Response Plan and the Coast Guard uses the National Response Plan for oil and hazardous material response. The National Incident Management System is similar to a California system already in place and must be phased in by all States by January 1, 2007. The plan establishes training, organization, and communications procedures and clearly identifies authority and leadership responsibilities. To view or download a copy of the 426-page plan, please visit the following DHS website:

<http://www.dhs.gov/nationalresponseplan>

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerald M. Swanson".

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