

Q. Please provide on a table the statistics as to how many oil spills the Company was required to clean up in the years 1992 to current and the cost of these clean-ups.

A. Table 1 below shows the number of recorded spills that required cleanup and the associated cleanup costs for the period 1992-2001, and the forecast number of spills and associated cleanup costs for 2002.

The general trend of increases in the number of recorded spills is due to heightened employee awareness with respect to spills and required reporting, and a scheduled inspection program.

The general increase in cleanup costs with respect to oil spills is due to governments' more stringent cleanup and waste disposal criteria.

Table 1 Oil Spills & Cleanup Costs 1992 – 2002F		
Year	Number of Recorded Spills	Cleanup Cost (\$000's)
1992	22	173
1993	42	54
1994	82	156
1995	71	110
1996	58	91
1997	76	183
1998	99	197
1999	120	351
2000	71	257
2001	87	323
2002F	90	490