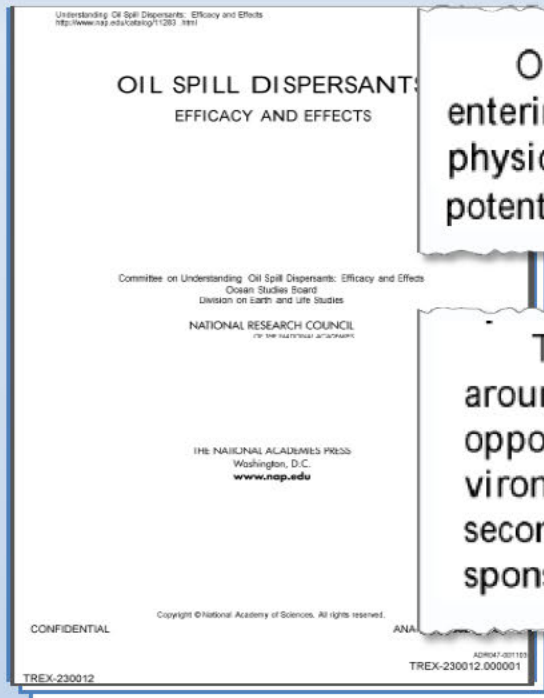


Dispersing and Burning Oil are not Removal



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Oil spill dispersants do not actually reduce the total amount of oil entering the environment. Rather, they change the inherent chemical and physical properties of oil, thereby changing the oil's transport, fate, and potential effects.

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The use of chemical dispersants, as well as *in-situ* burning, revolves around changing the fate of spilled material within the environment, as opposed to attempting recovery or removal of that material from the environment. They are therefore generally viewed in the United States as secondary options intended to support or supplement mechanical response, and requiring risk-based decisionmaking at the time of a spill.

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