If your project involves operating a ship in Australian or Antarctic waters, you must comply with this Act in regard to operational and accidental discharges of oil and other marine environment pollutants.

1. **What does this Act require?**
   

   MARPOL includes rules for the discharge of marine pollutants from ships, including oil, chemicals, sewage, garbage and air pollution.

   Depending on the size and type of vessels involved, various operational plans may be needed, for example dealing with emergency spill response and waste management.

   In addition, certain record keeping requirements may apply for operations involving oil, bulk liquid cargoes and garbage removal.

   Marine pollution incidents involving discharges from a ship must be reported without delay so that authorities can respond quickly.

   You should plan to address the waste management needs of ships by providing waste reception facilities adequate to the needs of ships and that do not unduly delay ships. Such facilities will need to operate in accordance with any applicable State, Territory or Commonwealth laws on waste management and biosecurity.

2. **Who administers this Act?**


   The Act applies to operations in Australia’s Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), including waters adjacent to external territories, including Antarctica.

   Operations within three nautical miles of the Australian coastline are regulated by State and Territory authorities except where equivalent MARPOL legislation is not in force.

3. **More information**

   **Commonwealth**
   
   For more information on prevention of ship-sourced pollution, please visit the AMSA website or phone 02 6279 5000.

   **Major Projects Facilitation Agency**
   
   If you would like assistance to identify the regulatory obligations for your project, please visit our [Online Tool](mailto:contact@mpfa.gov.au) or contact us:
   
   Phone: 02 6243 7121
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