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SPRAYING EQUIPMENT



Study on the readiness of the Mediterranean region to respond to marine pollution incidents involving low-sulphur fuels and alternative fuels And Revised guidelines for the use of dispersants for combating oil pollution at sea in the mediterranean region

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Spraying equipment



Generality

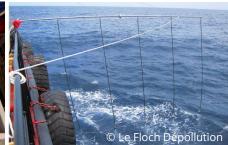
- > Spraying equipment must be designed to:
 - Manage the application rate of dispersants (volume of dispersant spread per treated area, generally in liters per hectare (L/ha));
 - Form dispersant droplets measuring between 300 and 700 μm, or even 1,000 μm;
 - Apply a uniform amount with a deposition with a minimum delivery variance.













Spraying equipment



Generality

- > Spraying equipment are generally composed of :
 - One or more dispersant tanks (①);
 - A feed pump (②) with pipes and filter to remove solid impurities that could clog the system.
 - One or more supports for the nozzle(s) (●).
 - One or more calibrated nozzle(s) (4).













Goals

Characterize the variability of droplet size in the spray plume (study of dispersant droplet size distribution)

Droplet size between 300 µm and 500 to 800 µm depending on the device.

Characterize the amount of product applied to the ground (Deposition study)
Homogeneity of volumes applied







Measurement protocol





> Equipment tested:

- 4 single-nozzle devices
- 3 spray arms

Sprayed products:

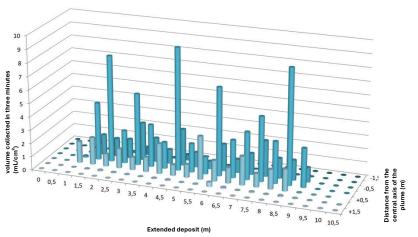
- Dispersant Finasol OSR52 69,7 cSt at 20°C
- Water1 cSt at 20°C
- Diluted dispersant



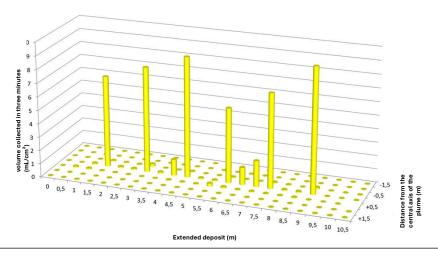


Exemple of spray arms results (Deposition):





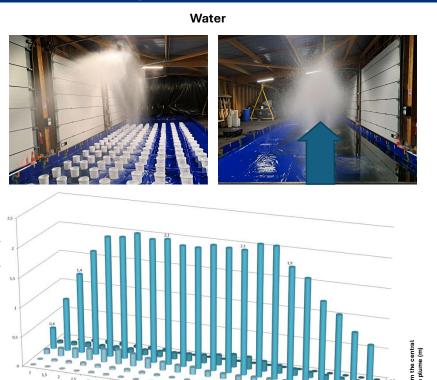


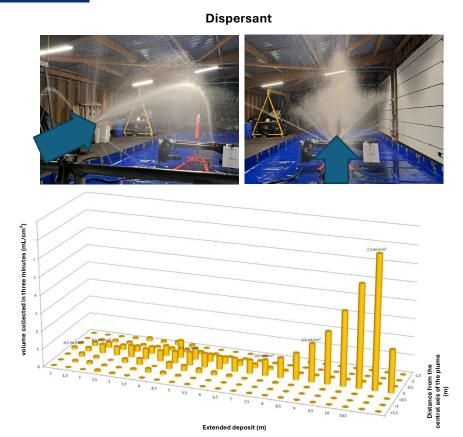






Exemple of sigle spray nozzle results (Deposition):







Conclusion



Our tests aimed to characterise the variability in the size of droplets in the spray plume (droplet size study), as well as the quantities of product deposited at ground level (deposition study).

TotalEnergies' Finasol OSR52 dispersant is one of the most viscous dispersants available on the market.

Tests showed disparities in dispersant plumes depending on the products sprayed.

It may be advisable to check the adequacy of equipment/dispersants before adding them to stocks.





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Thank You





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