

Faced with the constant threat of accidental water pollution, it is essential to have appropriate equipment and products that are capable of responding quickly and effectively to emergency situations. It is therefore crucial to have in-depth knowledge of the capabilities of these tools.

This catalogue presents Cedre's expertise in evaluating spill response equipment and products. Each year, we carry out numerous tests, taking into account the specificities of the pollutants, the environmental conditions and the resources required to deploy the equipment or use the product. Our aim: to test equipment and products available on the market to assess their performance and identify their limitations, so as to define their optimum use in the event of a spill.





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Cedre, an organisation dedicated to spill response

As an expert organisation in spill preparedness and response, Cedre has been working across France and worldwide for over 45 years.

With a 50-strong team of technicians, engineers and scientists, its multi-disciplinary team provides advice and knowledge to French and foreign authorities and private organisations in charge of pollution response.

Cedre was created in 1978, in the aftermath of the Amoco Cadiz oil spill, in a bid to be more fully prepared for accidental water pollution and to strengthen the national response organisation. It is responsible, on a national level, for research, experimentation and documentation in relation to pollutants (oil, chemicals and aquatic litter), their effects and the response means and tools that can be used to combat them. Its role as an advisory body and its expertise encompass both marine and inland waters. Cedre runs a 24/7 operational assistance service for national authorities and industry.







AQUATIC LITTER MONITORING









ANALYSIS & TESTING



Fields of expertise



Seas and oceans



Shoreline



Inland waters



Oil



Chemicals



Macrolitter, Microplastics including plastic pellets

From the tip of Brittany to around the globe

Located in Brest, France, Cedre boasts one-of-a-kind facilities for experimentation, testing and training in environmentally safe conditions. Cedre's engineers and technicians also travel worldwide for missions relating to accidental water pollution (response operations, tests, studies, training, etc.).



Cedre's commitment to evaluating spill response equipment and products:

Identifying and testing equipment that could contribute to spill response.

Every year, we test products and equipment used to respond to oil spills, chemical spills or aquatic litter, on behalf of our partners or manufacturers. As an independent organisation, we carry out these tests meticulously and objectively, guaranteeing reliable, impartial results with complete confidentiality. These tests provide us with excellent knowledge of the equipment available on the market. We draw on this knowledge during our response missions and training courses.

We can also make our facilities available to our clients to deploy or test equipment.

Cedre's test facilities



1,900 M² AND 3,500 M² SEAWATER TANKS

Used to test equipment (booms, vessels, drones, skimmers, sensors, etc.) with various types of pollutants.



Designed to test equipment and try out response techniques on different types of substrates (sandy shore, riprap, shingle bed, different types of outfalls, etc.).



10 M-DEEP WELL

To measure the suction and discharge capacities of oil pumping systems.





ZONE DEDICATED TO AQUATIC LITTER

Artificial beach and deep-water test tank for pollution by macro- and micro-plastics, including plastic pellets.



XPERIMENTATION COLUMN

Designed to study the fate of oil, chemicals and solid litter in a water column. It is also used to evaluate sensing equipment for response operations (subsea chemical dispersion).

CLEAN-UP AND SHORELINE TEST BENCH

Designed to study the infiltration of pollutants into different coastal substrates (mud, sand, pebbles, etc.) and thereby to identify the most appropriate clean-up techniques.





POLLUDROME

Reproduces natural phenomena such as wind, currents, solar radiation and temperature to study pollutant behaviour in conditions close to those found in a given marine or river environment.





CLEAN-UP TEST BENCH

Designed to test and validate washing agents used to treat hard substrates contaminated by pollutants (oil or chemicals).



BURN TEST BENCH

ABORATORY

Offers a wide range of

chemical analyses and

Used to determine the effectiveness of in situ burning of slicks at the water surface. It can also be used to determine the composition of burn residues and identify water column contamination.



RESPONSE EQUIPMENT DATABASE

Provides access, via the Cedre website, to information on response equipment, its manufacturers and suppliers, and its uses (protection, recovery, storage, clean-up, etc.).

www.cedre.fr



Evaluating spill response equipment and products at Cedre

Three types of tests

We evaluate equipment designed to respond to oil spills, chemical spills and aquatic litter via three types of tests:



Standardised tests

To characterise or compare different devices and products, based on standards (AFNOR, ASTM). These tests are carried out at the request of a manufacturer or partner, on different types of products (sorbents, dispersants, etc.) or equipment (pumps, skimmers, etc.).



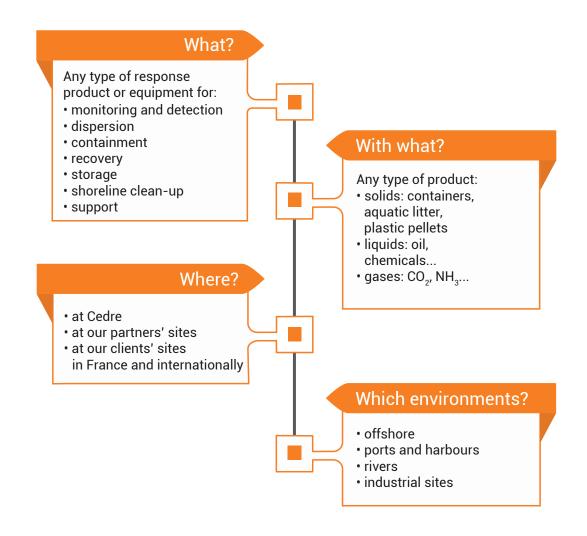
Custom tests

To demonstrate the equipment's ability to respond to a specific situation. For this, Cedre develops protocols and test benches tailored to the client's requirements. Several devices can be evaluated simultaneously.



Deployment tests

To reproduce the real-life conditions in which the equipment will be used. Cedre simulates a spill response operation in order to identify the advantages and drawbacks of the equipment. This type of test can be carried out in differents environments (river, harbour, area with strong current, marsh, etc.).



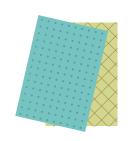


Sorbents

Hydrophobic floating sorbents or universal sorbents, whether loose or in the form of pads or booms for instance, are solid products capable of trapping liquid pollutants such as oil or chemicals.

They are used to:

- · Contain a spill on water or on land,
- · Protect sensitive areas,
- · Adsorb a pollutant to facilitate its recovery on the ground or on water,
- · Recover pollutant in effluents generated by clean-up operations,
- Filter particulate or dispersed pollutants in a body of water,
- Clean equipment and decontaminate personnel.









Standardised tests

Custom tests

Deployment tests

Evaluate universal or floating hydrophobic sorbents under standard conditions to determine their:



- · Sorption capacity;
- · Hydrophobic capacity:
- · Solidity.

Test sorbents based on custom protocols representative of specific conditions of use (product, environment, etc.) in a controlled environment and under reproducible conditions, using test benches and protocols specifically designed to meet the client's needs.

Support manufacturers in the design of new sorbent products.

Determine the behaviour of sorbents according to their form environmental conditions.

Test their usage in real-life situations.



Cedre:

Laboratory

Cedre:

- Laboratory
- · Technical facilities

Cedre:

- Laboratory
- · Technical facilities

Natural environment

Port environment



Oil

Oil

Chemicals

Oil Chemicals Spill simulant



Depends on protocol

Depends on protocol

≈ 1 day



Protocol based on standards:

- AFNOR NF T 90-360
- AFNOR NF T 90-361

Custom protocol designed according to client's needs

Deployment based on client's needs

Bonus

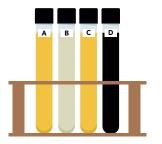
▶ An Operational Guide on the "Use of Sorbents" is available at www.cedre.fr!

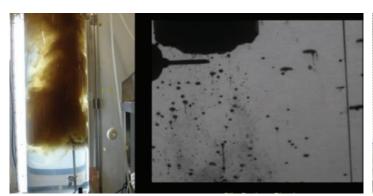




Dispersants

By promoting the dispersion of oil in the form of microdroplets in the water column, dispersants increase its "dilution", stimulate and accelerate its degradation in the natural environment and reduce the chances of large-scale oiling of the shoreline.









Standardised tests

Evaluate the effectiveness, toxicity and biodegradability of freshwater and marine dispersants under standard conditions.



Check dispersant stocks at regular intervals to determine the effect of weathering on their effectiveness and toxicity.

Custom tests

Test, develop and compare biobased or chemical dispersants in a controlled environment and under reproducible conditions, using test benches and protocols specifically designed to meet the client's needs.

Study the impact of dispersants on the environment and optimise their use.

Deployment tests

Study the effectiveness of dispersant-oil combinations under realistic conditions, reproducing cold, temperate or hot seawater or freshwater environments, as well as turbid areas. Investigate the possibility of implementing subsurface dispersion.

Each test is tailored to the client's needs.



Cedre:

- Laboratory
- · Ecotoxicology room

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- · Technical facilities
- Laboratory
- Ecotoxicology room
 Natural environment

Cedre:

- Laboratory
- · Technical facilities



Oil

Dispersants

Oil

Dispersants

Oil

Dispersants



Depends on protocol

Depends on protocol

Depends on protocol



Protocols based on standards:

- AFNOR NFT 90-345
- AFNOR NFT 90-346
- · ISO 10253
- · MNS, WSL, SFT methods

Custom protocol designed according to client's needs

Deployment based on client's needs

Bonus

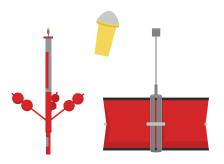
► An Operational Guide on "Using dispersant to treat oil slicks at sea" is available at www.cedre.fr!





Drifting buoys

Drifting buoys, or drifters, can be used to predict the trajectory of a slick (oil or chemical) in order to plan spill response actions. Depending on their design, they may be floating or ballasted to drift in the water column.





Custom tests

Design, test and compare drifting buoys in a controlled environment and under reproducible conditions, using specially designed test benches and specific protocols in order to meet the client's needs.



Examples of tests:

- Assessment of the behaviour of drifting buoys in Cedre's flume tank (Polludrome®) with oil or chemicals;
- · At sea.

Deployment tests

Design and test the deployment of drifting buoys and evaluate their operational performance in field conditions:

- Ease of deployment;
- · Data access;
- · Data quality (precision, time step...);
- · Drift prediction reliability;
- · Lifetime;
- · Buoy retrieval;



Cedre:

Technical facilities
 Natural environment

Natural environment



Oil

Simulant

Simulant



Depends on protocol

Depends on protocol



Custom protocol designed according to client's needs

Sensors

The purpose of detecting oil and chemical pollution, whatever the environmental compartment (water column, surface sediment or air) or the technology used, is to define a more targeted response, while mitigating the risk of exposure for responders.





Custom tests

Assess and compare oil and chemical sensors, in a controlled environment and under reproducible conditions, using test benches and protocols specifically designed to meet the client's needs.

Deployment tests

Appraise the use of sensors and evaluate their operational performance in field conditions:



- · Data access;
- · Data quality (precision, time step...);
- · Range of products detected;
- · Lifetime...



Cedre:

- · Technical facilities
- Laboratory

Natural environment

Industrial site

Cedre:

· Technical facilities

Natural environment

Industrial site



Chemicals

Oil

Chemicals

Oil



Depends on protocol

≈ 1 to 2 days



Custom protocol designed according to client's needs

Drones

Drones - whether it be unmanned ground vehicles (UGVs), unmanned surface vehicles (USVs), unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) or unmanned underwater vehicles (UUVs) - are increasingly being used in spill response operations, for instance to conduct surveys, deploy equipment (booms, skimmers, sensors, etc.), take samples, etc.

Drones can be used to access areas that are out of reach for human responders and to keep operators at a distance from the pollutant.





Standardised tests

Custom tests

Deployment tests

Evaluate drone performance under standard conditions.

Examples of tests: assess the recovery capabilities of drones according to the thickness and viscosity of the oil:



- · Recovery rate;
- Selectivity;
- Tendency to emulsify;
- · Ability to attract the slick.

Assess and compare performances of drones in a controlled environment and under reproducible conditions, using test benches and protocols specifically designed to meet the client's needs.

Examples of tests:

- · Agility course;
- · Pollutant recovery;
- · Sampling;
- Manoeuvrability;
- · Boom laying;
- · Tractive force.

Appraise equipment use conditions, taking into account the specific constraints relating to the client and the environment.

Examples of use:

- Navigation in shallow waters or areas inaccessible to human responders;
- Deployment of aerial, underwater and surface sensors in a constrained environment;
- Boom deployment in a port or inland waters.



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- · Technical facilities
- Laboratory

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- · Technical facilities
- Laboratory Industrial site

Natural environment

Cedre:

· Technical facilities Natural environment Industrial site



Oil

Chemicals

Oil

Chemicals

Macrolitter, microplastics including plastic pellets

Spill simulant

Spill simulant



1 pollutant per day

Depends on protocol

≈ 1 to 2 days



Recovery protocol based on standard:

AFNOR NF T71-500

Custom protocol designed according to client's needs

Chemical dispersant spraying systems

Chemical dispersants can be applied using aircraft-mounted or vessel-mounted spraying systems or by subsea injection to promote the dilution of oil in the natural environment and reduce the chances of large-scale oiling of the shoreline. Chemical dispersion requires spray arms, single-point spray nozzles or subsea injection systems.







Standardised tests

Custom tests

Deployment tests

Characterise droplet size in the dispersant plume and evenness of application.

Test and compare dispersant application systems, in a controlled environment and under reproducible conditions, using test benches and protocols specifically designed to meet the client's needs.

Evaluate the use of dispersant application systems in field conditions (operational and environmental constraints):



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- · Technical facilities
- Laboratory

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Dispersant Fresh water

Seawater

Dispersant Simulant

Fresh water Seawater



≈ 3 to 4 days

Depends on protocol

≈ 1 to 2 days



Protocol based on standards:

- ASTM F1413/F1413M
- ASTM F2465/F2465M

Custom protocol designed according to client's needs Deployment based on client's needs

Bonus

▶ An Operational Guide on "Using dispersant to treat oil slicks at sea" is available at www.cedre.fr!





Mooring systems

Mooring systems are an essential element in spill response, used to hold booms, nets or other spill response devices in place. Their intrinsic capabilities, their conditions of use and the substrate in which they are installed will affect their tensile strength.









Custom tests

Design, evaluate and compare the tensile strength of mooring systems in different substrates (mud, sand, vegetated shore...), using test benches and protocols specifically designed to meet the client's needs.

Deployment tests

Evaluate the use of mooring systems in field conditions (operational and environmental constraints):

Installation in a specific environment to meet client's requirements.

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Technical facilities
 Natural environment

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Natural environment Industrial site

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≈ 1 to 2 days

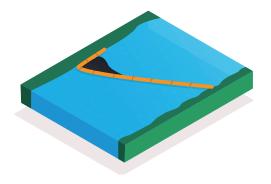
≈ 1 to 2 days



Custom protocol designed according to client's needs

Manufactured containment booms

Manufactured spill response booms are devices designed to contain, deflect or absorb spills of pollutants (oil or chemicals) in aquatic environments. They are exposed to physical constraints (tractive forces during towing, strong currents, etc.) and chemical constraints (exposure to pollutants).





Standardised tests

Custom tests

Deployment tests

Assess the mechanical properties of spill response booms (tensile strength of the boom structure or fabric).

Assess and compare booms using test benches and protocols specifically designed to meet the client's needs.

Examples of tests:

- · Assessment of the chemical compatibility of boom fabrics
- · Assessment of the containment capacity in the case of a floating pollutant

Appraisal of the feasibility of boom deployment and storage, as well as their capacity to protect sensitive sites.



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Laboratory

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Cedre:

Laboratory

· Technical facilities

Natural environment

Industrial site

Natural environment

Industrial site



Oil

· Chemicals

Spill simulant



≈ 1 to 2 days per test

Depends on protocol

≈ 1 to 2 days



Protocol based on standards:

NF EN ISO 1421

ASTM F1093

Custom protocol designed according to client's needs Deployment based on client's needs

Bonus

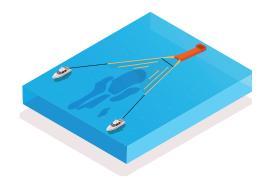
▶ An Operational Guide on "Manufactured Spill Response Booms" is available at www.cedre.fr!





Fast current systems

Fast current systems are specially designed to respond to spills (particularly of oil or floating materials) in areas of strong current and powerful waves (current > 0.7 knots). Such systems are suited to harsh environments where recovery is more complex. They can be used in combination with skimmers.





Standardised tests

Custom tests

Deployment tests

Assess the mechanical properties of fast current systems (tensile strength).

Assess and compare booms using test benches and protocols specifically designed to meet the client's needs.

Assessment of the chemical compatibility of fabrics.

Assess deployment feasibility and operational conditions, as well as the ability to protect areas of strong current by evaluating the system's capacity to contain a floating pollutant (simulant).

Use of different deployment systems (boom vane, vessels, etc.) to define optimum conditions of use.

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Technical facilities
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Cedre:

Laboratory
 Natural environment
 Industrial and port sites

Natural environment Industrial and port sites



Oil

Chemicals

Simulant



≈ 1 to 2 days

≈ 1 to 3 days

≈ 1 to 2 days



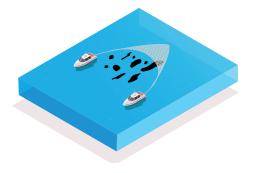
Protocol based on standards:

- NF EN ISO 1421
- ASTM F1093

Custom protocol designed according to client's needs

Nets and trawl nets

Spill response nets and surface trawl nets are specifically designed to recover solid or highly viscous products.





Custom tests
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Deployment tests

(()	Develop, test or compare nets, using test benches and protocols specifically designed to meet the client's needs.	Assess the deployment, use and repacking of nets and trawl nets, on land, in inland waters or at sea.		
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w w	Natural environment	Natural environment		
	Industrial site	Industrial site		
	Oil	Spill simulant		
	Solid pollutants	Spill Silitulatit		
	Depends on protocol	≈ 1 to 2 days		
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	Custom protocol designed according to client's needs	Deployment based on client's needs		

Pumps

Pumps are used to transfer the pollutant and are one of the key elements in the recovery chain.

Testing is essential to identify the equipment's performance, strengths and limitations, according to the physico-chemical characteristics of the pollutant (viscosity, chemical compatibility, etc.), as well as the environmental conditions and configuration of use.





Standardised tests

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of

Custom tests

intrinsic pumps under standard conditions

- · the type of fluid pumped;
- · the suction height;

Evaluate

performance

depending on:

· the discharge pressure.

Assess and compare pump performances with pollutants in configurations of use matching the client's needs, in a controlled environment and under reproducible conditions. Possibility of conducting iterative tests to investigate several options so as to optimise the equipment's design and operating procedures with a view to improving its performance in given conditions (e.g. annular injection).

Compatibility tests with oil and chemicals.

Deployment tests

Assess the use of the equipment in specific conditions (environment, organisation, logistics, etc.) that take into account the client's specific constraints.



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- · Technical facilities
- Laboratory

Cedre:

- · Technical facilities
- Laboratory

Natural environment Industrial site

Cedre:

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Oil

Oil

Chemicals

Microplastics including plastic pellets

Spill simulant



≈ 2 to 3 days

Depends on protocol

≈ 1 to 2 days



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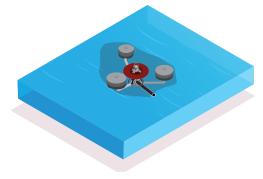
AFNOR NF T-71-401

Custom protocol designed according to client's needs

Skimmers

Used in a static or dynamic configuration, from the shore or from vessels, skimmers recover floating pollutants from the water surface. They are one of the key elements in the recovery chain.

Testing is essential to identify the equipment's performance, strengths and limitations, according to the physico-chemical characteristics of the pollutant (density, viscosity, chemical compatibility, etc.), as well as the environmental conditions and configuration of use.







Standardised tests

Custom tests

Deployment tests

Assess the intrinsic performance of the skimmer according to oil thickness and viscosity:



- · Recovery rate;
- · Selectivity;
- · Tendency to emulsify;
- · Ability to attract the slick.

Evaluate the skimmer's recovery capacity and operational conditions in appropriate conditions. Possibility of conducting iterative tests to investigate several options so as to optimise the equipment's design and operating procedures with a view to improving its performance in given conditions.

Compatibility tests of materials with oil and chemicals.

Assess the use of the equipment in specific conditions (environment, organisation, logistics, etc.) that take into account the client's specific constraints.



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- · Technical facilities
- Laboratory

Cedre:

- · Technical facilities
- Laboratory Natural environment

Industrial site

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Oil

Oil

Chemicals

Microplastics including plastic pellets

Spill simulant

Cedre:



≈ 1 week

Depends on protocol

≈ 1 to 2 days

Protocol based on standard:

AFNOR NF T71-500

Custom protocol designed according to client's needs

Deployment based on client's needs

Bonus

► An Operational Guide on "Skimmers" is available at www.cedre.fr!





Storage systems

The storage of oil, chemicals, waste or plastic pellets, both on shore and offshore, must take into account operational needs and the type of pollutant.





Standardised tests

Custom tests

Deployment tests

Assess the tensile strength of the fabrics of which flexible storage tanks and floating storage capacities are made.

Test and compare storage systems based on custom protocols representative of specific conditions of use (product, environment, etc.) in a controlled environment and under reproducible conditions, using test benches and protocols designed to meet the client's needs.

Examples of tests:

Assessment of the chemical compatibility of fabrics.

Assessment of the deployment, use and repacking of storage systems under realistic conditions and in field conditions.



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Cedre:

Laboratory
 Cedre's partners

Cedre:

Laboratory

Cedre:

Technical facilities
 Natural environment
 Industrial site



Oil Chemicals Oil

Chemicals
Microplastics including plastic pellets

Spill simulant

Oil

Chemicals

Macrolitter, microplastics including plastic pellets



≈ 1 to 2 days per test

Depends on protocol

≈ 1 to 2 days



Protocols based on standard:

• NF EN ISO 1421

Custom protocol designed according to client's needs

Deployment based on client's needs

Bonus

► An Operational Guide on "Waste Management" is available at www.cedre.fr!





Water treatment units

Water treatment units extract pollutants from water before it is released into the environment or reused. These units are essential for protecting water resources and ensuring that any water released into the environment complies with environmental quality standards.





Custom tests

Develop and test water treatment units via custom protocols representative of specific conditions of use, in a controlled environment and under reproducible conditions.

Deployment tests

Preventive assessment of water treatment units by reproducing real conditions of use (water/oil separation):

- · Ease of deployment;
- · System effectiveness;
- · Equipment reliability;
- · Lifetime...



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Cedre:

- · Technical facilities
- · Laboratory

Cedre:

- · Technical facilities
- Laboratory

Natural environment Industrial site



Oil

Chemicals

Oil

Chemicals

Pollutants already present in the environment



Depends on protocol

Depends on protocol



Custom protocol designed according to client's needs

Shoreline clean-up equipment (vacuum recovery, mechanical recovery and washing equipment)

Vacuum or mechanical recovery equipment can be used to recover pollutants deposited on the shoreline mechanically rather than manually. Washing equipment is designed to clean various surfaces contaminated by pollutants such as rocks, wood, concrete, vegetation, etc. These different types of equipment play an essential role in shoreline clean-up.









Custom tests

Evaluate the performance of shoreline clean-up equipment on different substrates and under different usage conditions.



Example of parameters studied:

- · Selectivity tests
- · Optimisation tests
- · Effectiveness tests

Deployment tests

Assess the use of the equipment in specific conditions that take into account the client's specific constraints.



Cedre:

- · Technical facilities
- Laboratory

Natural environment

Industrial site

Cedre:

Technical facilities
 Natural environment
 Industrial site





Chemicals

Microplastics including plastic pellets

Spill simulant

Pollutants present in the environment Spill simulant

≈ 1 to 2 days



Depends on protocol

Custom protocol designed according to client's needs

Deployment based on client's needs





Bonus

▶ An operational guide on "Oiled Shoreline Cleanup" and a guide on "Plastic pellets: loss prevention on industrial sites and response in the environment" are available at www.cedre.fr!





Who we work with









































Cedre is a partner in many European projects and plays a key role in testing spill response equipment and products, either at its facilities or directly at its partners' sites.









TREASURE











Interested in developing your own project?



KEY PHASES

Contact us to

examine your needs together!

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Selection of test type(s)

Needs definition and scoping **Technical** and financial proposal by Cedre Provision of test report, and presentation materials

Implementation of tests at Cedre or at your facilities and results analysis

recommendations





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