

# Oil Pollution Act

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- The Oil Pollution Act (OPA) was drafted in 1990 to the United States.
- This act was proposed by the EPA and put in place by congress to help protect the environment from destruction.



- The OPA increased the EPA's ability to control, prevent, and respond to oil spills. It also requires oil storage facilities to submit to the Federal government how they plan to respond to large discharges. The EPA published regulations for above ground facilities and the Coast Guard has done the same for oil tankers. This helps make the environment (specifically water ecosystems) more habitable for animals and keeps the area(s) clean.

# Source

<https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/summary-oil-pollution-act>