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#### Readiness

- → Contingency planning
- → Trainings and Guidelines
- → Inter-agency collaboration

#### Response

- → Environmental experts
- → Assessments
- → Remote support



### Guidelines



**Trainings** 

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#### THE DISASTER WASTE MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

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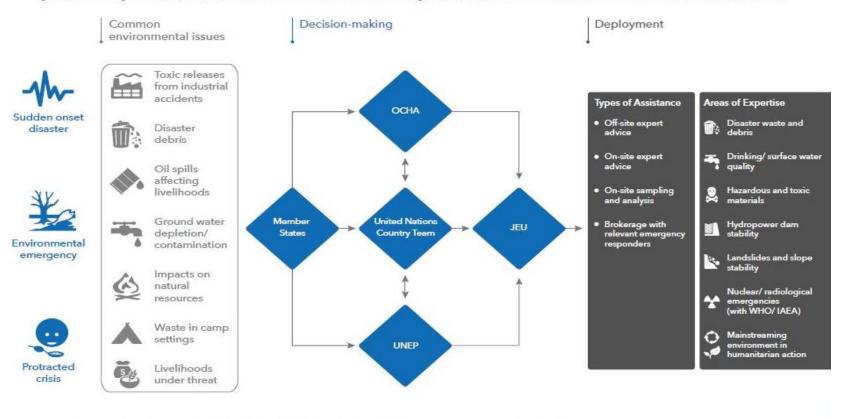
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### **UN Assistance to Environmental Emergen**

In case of an environmental emergency, governments may seek assistance from the international community. This diagram explains how the United Nations can provide support to governments through the JEU; a partnership between the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).





In urgent cases, contact the Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit (JEU) through the OCHA Geneva Duty Officer: +41 22 917 2010. For general information, please contact: ochaunep@un.org or visit: http://unocha.org/unep

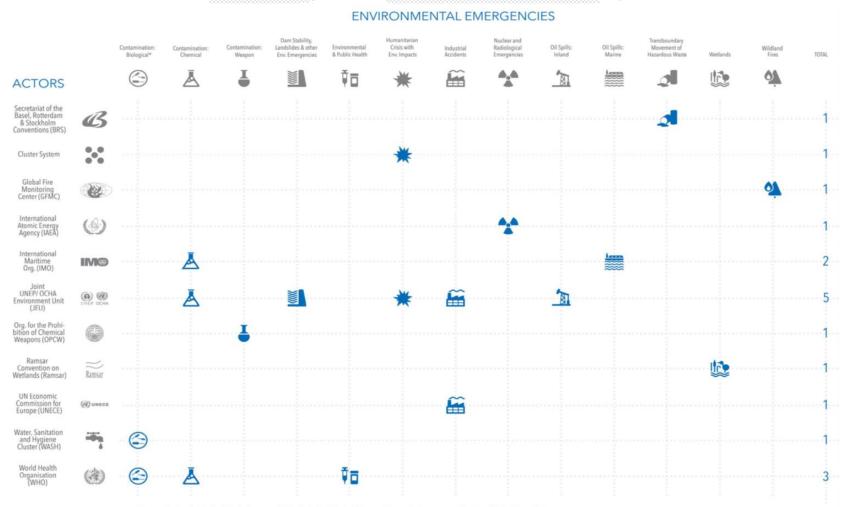


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### **Environmental Emergency Actors**



\*In case of contamination by biological weapons, the Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention (www.unog.ch/bwc) would also play a role in response.



## JEU Response Mechanism

#### Environmental Emergency Assistance – the JEU

### Primary point of contact

Advises on immediate actions

Available 24/7 to mobilize assistance





## **Requesting Assistance**

### When to request assistance from the JEU

- National capacity overwhelmed
- Country in conflict
- Need unbiased assessment
- Trans-boundary impacts
- Specialized information, expertise, and/or equipment not otherwise available
- Need for overall coordination





### Available support

In the first hours after an environmental emergency, the JEU can mobilise experts and equipment to the affected area



Rapid deployment of experts

Rapid environmental assessments

Onsite sampling and analysis

Through UNDAC or as Environmental Emergency Response Mission





The Flash Environmental Assessment Tool (FEAT)

 used to identify existing or potential acute environmental impacts that pose risks for humans, human life-support functions and ecosystems, following sudden-onset natural disasters



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### **Disaster Waste Management**

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Management Guidelines

## WELCOME TO THE ONLINE EDITION OF CHEDISASTER STASTER

This website contains the relevant tools and general information for those who plan deploy on disaster waste management missions and those dealing with disaster waste management. All documents provided on this site are available to download either in PDF format or as an Excel document.

We recommend reading the Disaster Waste Management Guidelines before moving onward to the guidance, help and tool sections below.

I need more information about:

- D2: A guide for Getting Started
- 03: Hazard types and waste characteristics (Floods, earthquakes, conflicts, etc.)
- 04: Different types of waste generated during disasters (Health care wastes, Harzadous wastes, etc)
- Disaster Waste Management during recovery
- 06: Tools for work in the affected areas
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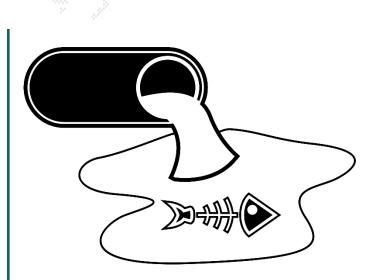


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## Key Messages

First responders can play a key role for the environment

- Every deployed expert (UNDAC, etc.) has a role in identifying acute environmental impacts in a swift way
- Addressing secondary environmental impacts is part of effective humanitarian response
- Identifying environmental dangers can save lives of affected populations and humanitarian workers and reduce losses



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# Thank you!

### Please get in touch: <u>fanchiotti@un.org</u>

