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- the ASTM references have been updated;
- minor typographical corrections;
- removal of “mud” from term and definition 3.10.2.5 to reflect ISO 14688-1:2017;
- modifications in line with the latest edition of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2 (2018 ed):
 - the title is changed from “terminology” to “vocabulary”,
 - new [Clause 2](#), Normative references, is inserted, and
 - former [Clause 2](#), and all the entries, are consistently renumbered.

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Introduction

Communication is important in the implementation of an effective oil spill response and this communication will be most effective if there is a common understanding of the terms used. Many of the terms and definitions listed here have been widely used for many years, while others are the result of recent experience. The gradual evolution of our understanding of oil spill behaviour and response measures means that oil spill terminology will continue to develop.

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