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Nota di contenuto	Location impacts costs in different ways -- Type of oil spilled impacts the extent of the response effort and the amount of damage -- Fund has been able to cover costs not paid by responsible parties, but risk remain -- Some recent adjustments to liability limits do not reflect the cost of major spills -- Liability limits have not been adjusted for inflation -- Certification of compliance with the new liability limits is not in place -- Other challenges could also affect the fund's condition -- Concluding observations -- Appendix I : information on spill response.
Sommario/riassunto	This text is based on a GAO report on oil spill costs and select program updates on the San Francisco spill. It answers three questions: How many major spills have occurred since 1990, and what is their total cost? What factors affect the cost of spills? What are the implications of major oil spills for the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund?