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International news

IMO: INTERNATIONAL OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE UPDATE

During the last 12 months the International Offers of Assistance (IOA) Core Group led by the US Coast Guard has continued to progress matters by a series of conference calls and also held a further meeting in Savannah, Georgia, USA at the end of the 2014 IOPC Conference. ISCO has been continuously involved as a member of the core group since the project was first introduced by the delegation of the United States at the IMO's OPRC-HNS Technical Group in January 2012.

The final draft of the international lexicon of standardised terms for defining oil spill response resources has been produced as an annex to the IOA Guidelines but the concept of creating an international Response Resource Inventory (RRI) has been dropped and the focus has been on the development of the IOA Guidelines document for adoption by IMO.

This document is now in its final draft and will be submitted to the Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR) sub-committee of IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) in January 2015. Note that the OPRC-HNS Technical Group, which has worked on the development of the IOA initiative since its inception, was dissolved earlier this year as part of an internal IMO reorganisation and its activities have been subsumed into the new PPR sub-committee which has a much broader pollution control remit.

At an earlier stage it appeared that the IOA Guidelines might contain contact information for major equipment stockpiles owned by governments, oil industry, etc. and ISCO volunteered to act as the IOA contact point for accessing resources available from worldwide private sector sources such as response contractors, consultants and equipment/materials manufacturers. This would have been a logical development of ISCO's historical role during major incidents (such as Deepwater Horizon) in assisting governments, responsible parties and others to find urgently needed spill combat resources. In the end it was decided that, in conformance with IMO policy, the IOA Guidelines will not contain this

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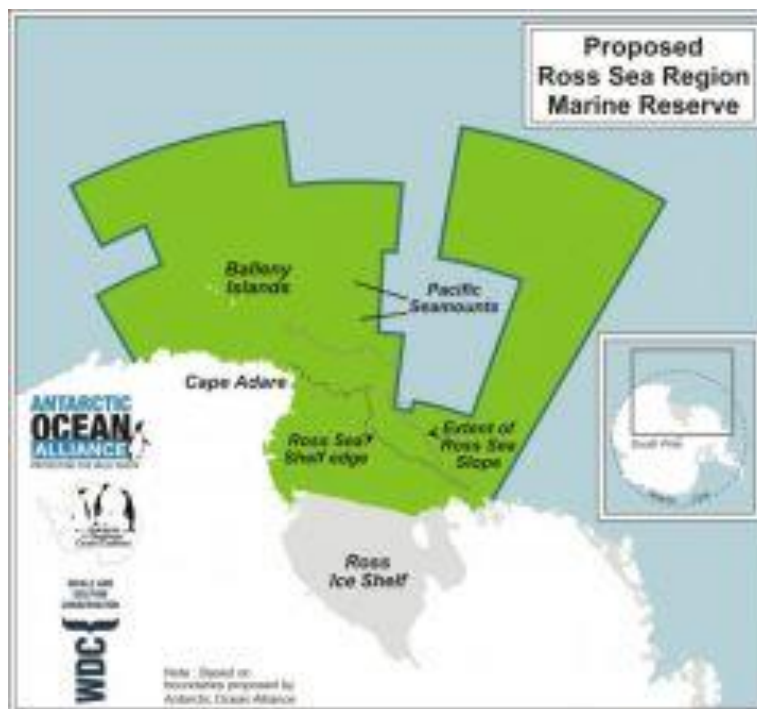
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information which would, in any case, need to be routinely updated – something that is not a practical option for documents published by IMO.

Instead, ISCO is now working to create a web-based register of private sector resources available from within its worldwide membership, utilising the IOA lexicon, and designed to complement the IOA Guidelines. Progress on this will be reported on ISCO's internal IOA/RRI Working Group page in the Members' Area of the ISCO website.

AOA CALLS ON CCAMLR TO AGREE ON MARINE PROTECTION OF THE ROSS SEA AND EAST ANTARCTICA



International news (continued)

October 20 - As representatives of the 25 Members of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) meet this week in Hobart, where they will decide the fate of two key protection proposals in the Ross Sea and East Antarctica, the Antarctic Ocean Alliance (AOA) (*) called on the member countries to honor their conservation commitments and finally agree to lasting and significant Southern Ocean protection.

A joint US-NZ proposal to designate a Ross Sea marine protected area (MPA) of 1.32 million km² (with 1.25 million km² area proposed as "no take") is under consideration. The Ross Sea, is often referred to as "The Last Ocean" due to its status as one of the most pristine oceans remaining on earth.

Australia, France and the EU are once again proposing an MPA to protect 1.2 million km² of East Antarctic waters. Their proposal would allow for exploratory and research activities within the MPA if they are consistent with the maintenance of the MPA's objectives. *MERCO Press – South Atlantic News Agency* [Read more](#)

Incident reports from around the world

NAMIBIA: TRAIN CARRYING FUEL DERAILS

October 6 - A TRANSNAMIB train carrying fuel from Walvis Bay to Windhoek derailed about 45km from Okahandja yesterday morning.

A statement from the company said no one was injured in the derailment which took place between Okahandja and Karibib.

The locomotive was pulling 28 wagons of fuel and various other commodities, 17 of which were damaged.

AllAfrica.com

[Read more](#)

Incident reports from around the world (continued)

USA: SUNOCO: 1,900 BARRELS OF OIL RECOVERED IN MOORINGSPOUT SPILL

October 18 - At a press briefing Saturday afternoon, the pipeline operator said their response to the spill, which released an estimated 4,000 barrels of crude, is still in the emergency phase. They are working on retaining the oil and recovering it, which itself could take days or weeks. Contaminated soil will be removed as part of the recovery and restoration process.

Exactly how much oil was released will not be known until they can repair the pipeline. *Fox 6 WRCB* [Read more & see video](#)

CANADA: U.S. TUG BOAT RESCUES DRIFTING RUSSIAN CARGO SHIP, ENDING FEARS OF AN OIL SPILL OFF THE B.C. COAST



AP Photo/The Canadian Press, Department of National Defense Maritime Forces Pacific A Canadian Coast Guard helicopter flies near a Russian container ship, carrying hundreds of tons of fuel drifting without power in rough seas off British Columbia's northern coast on Friday

October 19 - A large tug boat was pulling a disabled Russian cargo ship along British Columbia's coast, ending fears that the vessel carrying hundreds of tons of fuel would drift ashore, hit rocks and spill.

Lt. Paul Pendergast of the Canadian Forces' Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre said the Barbara Foss arrived Saturday evening and the tow of the Simushir was going well.

On Sunday, the rescue centre reported that the owners of Russian vessel plan to have it taken 93 nautical miles to Prince Rupert,

which is the nearest container ship port. *National Post* [Read more](#)

October 19 - **Disabled Russian in Cargo Ship Arrives Prince Rupert, Canada – Update** - Monday Update: The disabled Russian cargo ship MV Simushir is now safely berthed at the port of Prince Rupert.

Previous: A disabled Russian cargo ship is safely under tow by an American tug following frantic efforts by the Canadian Government this weekend to prevent the ship from going aground along a remote stretch of coastline in British Columbia. *gCaptain* [Read more](#)

CANADA: NTCL BARGE ADRIFT IN BEAUFORT SEA ALONG ALASKAN COAST

This photo of an unmanned NTCL barge adrift in the Beaufort Sea off the coast of Alaska was taken on Wednesday by a Transport Canada aerial surveillance plane. (Transport Canada/Canadian Coast Guard)

Oct 24 - A barge carrying diesel is adrift in the Beaufort Sea, after it broke away from its tugboat during a severe storm Monday.

The U.S. Coast Guard in Anchorage, Alaska says the 134-foot barge was heading to Tuktoyaktuk, N.W.T., when it broke away in Canadian waters.

The coast guard says the tug continued on because of concern for the crew in the storm, while winds pushed the barge west into U.S. waters.



Officials say the barge was 32 kilometres off Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, as of Friday evening, and is continuing west towards North Slope communities, including Barrow *CBC News* [Read more](#) Related story in [gCaptain](#)

Other news reports from around the world

NEWS REPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA

October 21 - Report of Environment Protection Authority competence and resident safety

Residents who have had their groundwater polluted by one of the world's most deadly pollutants, who still live with the world's largest stockpile of this pollutant on their doorsteps, finally have a voice in NSW Parliament.

Whether it is the threat of contaminated drinking water or tests on playground soils, gas flames lighting up the night sky or the

Other news reports from around the world (Continued)

NEWS REPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA (Continued)

"bumps and beeps" ringing out through the night - the people of Botany Bay and surrounds have been slugged with over the head with the impacts of the industrial legacy that still lives on. *Southern Courier* [Read more](#) [Thanks to Don Johnston of ISCO Industry Partner, DG & Hazmat Group]

NEWS REPORTS FROM BAHAMAS

October 10 - Albany Clients Hit By 'Horrorific' Oil Spills

Albany's marina chief yesterday said he was "hoping and praying" the Government would finally take concrete action over persistent oil spills at Clifton Pier, as there had been several "horrorific" incidents witnessed by the development's high-end guests.

Derek Roderick, the southwestern New Providence project's harbourmaster, told *Tribune Business* that its marina had been impacted "nine to 12 times" by oil pollution since it opened in October 2010. *Tribune 242* [Read more](#) [Thanks to Don Johnston of ISCO Industry Partner, DG & Hazmat Group]

NEWS REPORTS FROM CANADA

October 20 - Foreign scientists call on Stephen Harper to restore science funding, freedom

Hundreds of scientists around the world are asking Prime Minister Stephen Harper to end "burdensome restrictions on scientific communication and collaboration faced by Canadian government scientists."

The call was made in an open letter drafted by the Cambridge, Mass.-based Union of Concerned Scientists, a group that represents U.S. scientists and uses science to advocate for environmental sustainability. [Read the full letter](#)

The letter was signed by more than 800 scientists outside Canada from 32 countries, at institutions ranging from Harvard Medical School in the U.S. to the Max Planck Institute in Germany.

The letter says "a rapid decline in freedoms and funding" for Canadian government scientists is making it more difficult for them to conduct research, communicate scientific information and expertise and collaborate internationally. *CBC News* [Read more](#)

NEWS REPORTS FROM CHILE

October 10 - Lending wildlife a helping hand after an oil spill in Quintero Bay, Chile



Photo: Local grebes swimming in a pool after being cleaned of oil spilled into Quintero Bay, Chile. Approximately 22,000 litres (approximately 5,600 US gallons) of oil spilled into the bay, soiling local wildlife.

An oil spill of approximately 22,000 litres (approximately 5,600 US gallons) in Quintero Bay in northern Chile on 25 September, saw myself (Valeria Ruoppolo) and Sergio Heredia with the IFAW Animal Rescue Team travel from Brazil and Argentina to assist with local efforts to rescue oiled wildlife involved with the spill.

IFAW was invited to participate in this response through ENAP's support (the Chilean national oil company). Through IFAW's participation, ENAP's goal was to increase the local capacity in dealing with the wildlife involved. SERNAPESCA (the National Fisheries Services, with responsibility for penguins in Chile) also submitted an invitation asking for our expertise in setting up a makeshift facility for animal rehabilitation and training. *IFAW* [Read more](#)

NEWS REPORTS FROM NIGERIA

October 20 - High Court in London Blocks Shell Oil Deal in Nigerian Oil Spill Case!

On Thursday, the High Court in London blocked an agreement between the oil giant Shell and the UK law firm CW Law in relation to over 7,000 claims of Nigerians, which the Marble Arch based law firm claimed it represented, in a dispute over oil spills in Nigeria.

NEWS REPORTS FROM NIGERIA (Continued)

Mr Justice Akenhead, the President of the Technological and Construction Court blocked the deal and upheld an injunction against CW Law which prevents them, or anyone representing them, to make contact the people of Bodo in furtherance of the settlement agreement.

The judge made it clear that Leigh Day are proceeding with the case to trial in the High Court next year and that many thousands of claimants are entitled to damages under the Oil Pipelines Act which could be substantial. *Bailiff Africa* [Read more](#)

October 20 - Oil Spill: FG Insists On Compensation For Victims

Artisan fishermen in Bayelsa State have commended the Federal Government for prevailing on Shell to begin negotiation on compensating those affected by the December 2011 oil spill from its Bonga oil installation.

Rev. Samuel Ayadi, the Chairman, Artisan Fishermen Association of Nigeria (AFRAN) in Niger Delta, gave the commendation in an interview with newsmen in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State capital yesterday.

Ayadi said that steps taken by government to prevail on Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company (SNEPCO) to compensate the fishermen over the spill had rekindled their hope. *The Nigerian Observer* [Read more](#)

October 24 - How NOSDRA, NPDC, Officials Short-Change Oil Communities

Oil spills are a common phenomenon in the Niger Delta region. It could be caused by a third party interference popularly referred to as sabotage or equipment failure, a euphemism for failed pipes caused by either old age or the usage of sub-standard pipes whose integrity is too weak to withstand the continuous and permanent inflow of crude oil and gas.

When these spills occur, it causes severe environmental pollution, degradation and health hazards to the communities and people. So it behooves on the relevant government authorities to take immediate remedial and urgent steps to curtail its spread and limit the negative impact on both domestic and aquatic life.

The agency charged with these crucial responsibilities is the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA), a body created by Federal Government through the NOSDRA Act 2006. It has as one its principal responsibilities the assessment of any damage caused by an oil spillage; undertake a Post-spill Impact Assessment, PSIA, to determine the extent and intensity of damage and its long-term effect.

But how effective has the agency been in the execution of its mandate to the people in view of mounting allegations of massive corruption and collusion with officials of the Nigeria Petroleum Development Company (NPDC), a subsidiary of the Nigeria National Petroleum Company (NNPC), to short-change oil impacted communities by depriving them of their rights and privileges? *AllAfrica.com* [Read more](#)

NEWS REPORTS FROM NORWAY

October 23 - Oil Spill Contingency Response in the Dark



Eni Norge is entering into an oil spill contingency training agreement with the Nordkapp Maritime Training Centre in Honningsvåg. The centre will be the first in the world to employ simulators for oil recovery training in conditions of darkness.

The development of the Goliat field has considerably strengthened the oil spill contingency apparatus in West Finnmark, which is tailored to a large extent to conditions prevailing along the Finnmark coast. The Goliat contingency strategy can be employed for incidents on both local and national scales, regardless of whether the source of the discharge is a vessel or an offshore installation. The new agreement is an extension of this strategy, and is part of its continuous improvement.

The monitoring and recovery of oil in conditions of darkness are issues that Eni Norge has been working to address for many years. The Nordkapp Maritime Training Centre has state-of-the-art simulators enabling the simulation of both the discharge and recovery of oil under demanding conditions, including in darkness. This is of special significance in the Arctic, where there is very little daylight during the winter. *The Maritime Executive* [Read more](#)

NEWS REPORTS FROM PAKISTAN

October 24 - Oil spill simulation exercise held



Picture: Pakistan Navy tug boat Janbaz and Karachi Port Trust's tug boat Sohrab are spreading reels of air-filled floating oil containment boom to stop a simulated oil spill from spreading any further during the Barracuda-V exercise conducted in the Arabian Sea on Thursday

Oil containment boom reels, skimmers, tug boats, ships, speed boats with all kinds of other sophisticated equipment and personnel handling it were busy trying to contain the damage in as little time as possible on Thursday.

This was the Barracuda-V exercise within a roughly three-mile radius in deep waters between Sonmiani and Gadani in Balochistan conducted by the Pakistan Maritime Security Agency in coordination with Pakistan Navy and different units of the PN and civil organisations such as the Karachi Port Trust, Port Qasim

Authority, Pakistan National Shipping Corporation and Pakistan Customs. [Dawn.com](#) [Read more](#)

NEWS REPORTS FROM USA

October 20 - A year later, clean-up still going for ND oil spill

This September 2014 photo provided by Tesoro Corp., shows the site where around-the-clock cleanup continues one year after 20,000 barrels of oil spilled from a Tesoro pipeline break onto a farmer's field in northwestern North Dakota near Tioga. The massive spill has been called the worst in state history. Tesoro blames a lightning strike for causing the rupture. Courtesy of Tesoro Corp./AP Photo

One year after a pipeline rupture flooded a wheat field in northwestern North Dakota with more than 20,000 barrels of crude, Tesoro Corp. is still working around the clock cleaning up the oil spill — one of the largest to happen onshore in U.S. history.

Cleanup costs have soared from the company's original estimate of \$4 million to a forecast of more than \$20 million, and it may be at least another year before work is completed, the company and state officials said. The oil-sopped parcel of land, about the size of seven football fields, is no longer usable for planting at present. [The Kansas City Star](#) [Read more](#)



October 22 - Photos, videos: Oil spill drill in Albany NY



Picture: Pacific (CP) railroad, and the Albany Fire Department on the Hudson River at the Port of Albany in Albany, N.Y. (Lori Van Buren / Times Union)The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) conducts a joint oil spill training exercise with Canadian Pacific railroad.

The state [Department of Environmental Conservation](#) conducts a joint oil spill training exercise Tuesday with Canadian Pacific railroad and the [Albany Fire Department](#) on the Hudson River at the Port of Albany.

Demonstrators gathered outside the DEC offices to protest the use of crude-oil trains in the state. Many stop in Albany. [TimesUnion.com](#) [View more photos and video](#)

October 23 - New crude oil report concludes risks of train spills are real

Mile-long oil trains that are expected to crisscross California daily in the coming years pose significant risks to residents of urban areas, including Sacramento, a new report concludes, contradicting earlier studies that found no major safety concerns.

Other news reports from around the world (continued)

NEWS REPORTS FROM USA (Continued)



The report, issued by San Luis Obispo County officials, is based on a plan by Phillips 66 to transport crude oil on 80-car trains, five days a week, to its Santa Maria refinery, some likely through Sacramento. The authors looked at the cumulative impact of all oil trains that could come through California on a daily basis and came to the conclusion that the risk of oil spills and fires is real, and offered suggestions on how those issues should be addressed.

“Up to seven crude oil trains a day could travel on the stretch of track between Roseville and Sacramento,” the report reads. “The cumulative risk would be significant.”

The analysis, called a draft environmental impact report, contrasts with two recent analyses of similar crude-by-rail projects in Benicia and Bakersfield. Valero Refining Co. in Benicia and Alon USA in Bakersfield are proposing to

transport crude oil twice a day on trains into their facilities. The Valero trains would come through downtown Sacramento, Roseville, West Sacramento and Davis, likely on the same tracks as the Santa Maria refinery trains. Some of the Bakersfield-bound trains also may come through Sacramento. *The Sacramento Bee* [Read more](#)

October 24 - Corps project could breathe new life into island heavily damaged during oil spill

PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LA (WVUE) - A tiny island that has virtually vanished since the 2010 Gulf oil spill may be reborn, through a seldom used coastal restoration program.

Cat Bay, once home to thousands of nesting birds, was heavily oiled in the spill.

This spring, pelicans, egrets and shore birds nested on only one of the four islands that once were teeming with life.

Plaquemines Parish officials have scrambled to save another island that locals dubbed, "Cat Island."

Now, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is considering the island for a demonstration project aimed at illustrating the feasibility of delivering sediment over long distances. *Fox8 WVUE* [Read more](#)

People in the news

ISCO MEMBER, MARK SHEPHERD HAS A NEW POSITION AT AGIP KCO

Mark Shepherd is now Incident and Crisis Manager for Agip KCO in Kazakhstan.

ISCO News

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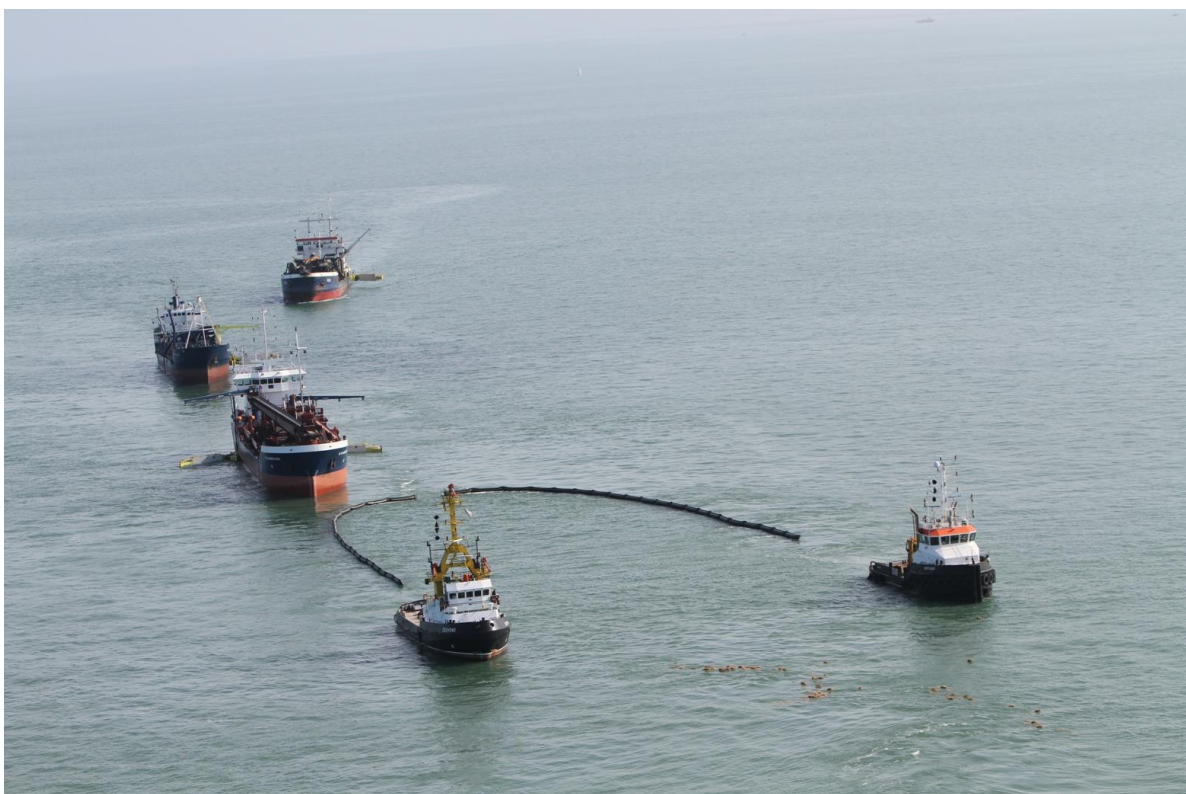
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BEL-NETH-EMSA OIL SPILL RESPONSE EXERCISE IN THE NETHERLANDS

Sjon Huisman of the Response Organisation at Rijkswaterstaat Noordzee has kindly sent your editor photos he took at the recent BEL-NETH-EMSA response exercise held in the Netherlands

The event was held in the framework of European co-operation with regard to oil pollution incidents. Besides two tugs from Belgian authorities, the ARCA of Rijkswaterstaat four TSHD's participated. Guidance was provided by a helicopter. First they sailed in a formation of the five vessels followed by a maneuvering behind the open U configuration.





Publications

DENMARK: SVENDBORG MAERSK: DMAIB REPORT RELEASED

On 14th February 2014, the 8,160-TEU Danish container ship *Svendborg Maersk* lost 517 containers in Storm Ulla, while travelling southwards past Ushant Island. This was a record-breaking number of containers to be lost overboard. The French maritime authority for the Atlantic issued warnings to alert vessels of the hazard and to ensure safety in the area. Considerable resources were deployed to locate and recover the lost containers. Twelve containers were recovered, and Maersk agreed to cover the costs of search operations. Following an inspection of the vessel on 19th February, it was deduced that 85 % of the lost containers were empty, and were believed to have sunk. The Danish Maritime Accident Investigation Board (DMAIB) has just released its [accident report](#). It analyses the combination of factors having contributed to the incident: extreme weather conditions prevailing on site and a conversion of the vessel, in 2012, making it possible to add two or three more layers of containers and thus increasing the ship's capacity by 3,000 TEU, but affecting the stability of the cargo. Source: [CEDRE Newsletter](#)

INVENTORY OF NATIONAL POLICIES REGARDING THE USE OF OIL SPILL DISPERSANTS IN THE EU

EMSA is tasked by Regulation (EC) No 2038/2006 to "draw up on a regular basis a list of the private and state pollution response mechanisms and response capabilities in the various regions of the European Union". In order to fulfil this task of providing accurate and up to date information in the EU and EFTA coastal Member States with regard to dispersants, EMSA contacts the respective Member States and prepares specific inventories such as the Inventory of national policies regarding the use of oil spill dispersants in the EU Member States

[Oil spill dispersants inventory \(2014\)](#)
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Events

USA: UNH HOSTS OIL SPILL RESPONSE FORUM OCT. 28-29

The UNH-funded forum, "Oil Spill Response: 25 Years After the Exxon Valdez and in the Wake of Deepwater Horizon, What Have We Learned and What Are We Missing?", is hosted by the UNH Center for Spills in the Environment and the School of Marine Science and Ocean Engineering and is a free public event. More information and registration information is here: <http://unh.edu/universityevents/events/osr-forum/>.

CANADA: 38TH AMOP TECHNICAL SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION AND RESPONSE – CALL FOR PAPERS

The 38th AMOP Technical Seminar on Environmental Contamination and Response will be held from June 2 to 4, 2015 in British Columbia, Canada. The AMOP Technical Seminar is an international forum on preventing, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from spills of oil and chemicals in the environment. It also deals with solutions for remediating long-term contaminated sites. AMOP is organized and sponsored by Environment Canada. [More info](#)

THAILAND: WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY GLOBAL CEO DINNER 2015

"Water & Environmental Technology – Global CEO Dinner 2015" will be organized on 30 January 2015 at BITEC in Bangkok, Thailand during 6-9pm. The dinner is aimed for connecting top management related to water and environmental engineering companies. Each company can nominate maximum of two top management persons to participate in this event. This dinner is unconventional as it is aimed to create better networking among all the participants. CEO Directory will be published with profile of each participant. If interested to participate in this dinner event, please send email to ceo-dinner@3W-Expo.com. Registration Procedure : Please download registration brochure [Here](#)

GHANA: SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON SHORELINE CLEANUP AND ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES (SCAT) AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Accra, 15-17 December 2014 [More info](#)

EUROPE: EMSA COURSE ON OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF AERIAL SURVEILLANCE

On 11-12 September, EMSA hosted the fourth training course on 'the use of surveillance systems for marine pollution detection and assessment', organised under the work programme of the Consultative Technical Group on Marine Pollution Preparedness and Response (CTG MPPR). The course focused on operational aspects of aerial surveillance: how to use aircraft and satellite to detect pollution, to estimate the product and the quantity, to make a link with a polluter, and to facilitate follow-up through standard reporting procedures. For the first time, information on legal elements related to the use of evidence were also covered. Some 46 participants from 21 European countries attended the course. [Apologies for absence of advance information]

NEW PLANNING THE RESPONSE TRAINING DVD FROM THE EMERGENCY FILM GROUP

The Emergency Film Group has announce the release of its newest DVD-based training program, Planning the Response. Based on interviews with 23 veteran hazmat responders, the program examines the critical process hazmat responders of all levels should take when sizing up a hazardous materials incident.

Planning the Response is presented by Hazmat Legends, a series of video-based programs based on in-depth interviews with over two dozen legendary hazmat responders. With a combined 966 years of experience in hazmat response, they have been involved in every kind of hazmat incident, including the Crescent City Disaster, the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, Hurricane Katrina, Superstorm Sandy, Iraq, Afghanistan, plane crashes, pipeline ruptures, bombings, BLEVEs and drug labs. As influential instructors, widely read authors and hazmat responders, they reveal the secrets and street smart solutions they've learned on the front lines of hazmat response.

Planning the Response includes a resource CD-ROM that provides testing materials, a risk management case study and additional resources that will help instructors with a seminar presentation based on the film. This program will be useful for training new recruits or for hazmat team refresher training.

Emergency Film Group creates authoritative and accurate training programs for emergency responders. Winner of more than 140 awards in national and international competitions, the company addresses such timely topics as incident management, terrorism response, homeland security, and hazardous materials response. For more information, contact Emergency Film Group at 800.842.0999 or info@efilmgroup.com More information about Planning the Response is available at <http://efilmgroup.com/product.php/243.htm>

Company News

INDIA: ISCO CORPORATE MEMBER, ALPHAMERS PVT LTD. APPOINTS NEW ADVISOR



Photo: Mr.K.Mohandas

Capt.Sekhar, MD of AlphaMERS Pvt Ltd and India's Member on the council of ISCO, in a press note, announced that Mr.K.Mohandas is now associated with AlphaMERS as advisor to the company. Mr.K.Mohandas is from the IAS (Indian Administrative Service) batch of 1974 and has completed his Masters degree in Finance from the University of Strathclyde in 1989. He has served in various capacities in the Govt of Kerala and the Union Government until his superannuation in 2012. He was Secretary to Govt. of India in Ministry of Shipping (2009-12), and Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Additional Secretary (Revenue) in Ministry of Finance, and Principal Secretary to Government of Kerala for Industries, Education and several other departments.

Mr.K.Mohandas brings decades of experience and expertise in administration, finance and a deep understanding of institutional dynamics. Capt.Sekhar elaborated that AlphaMERS, besides its core activities in oil spill response, also has growing activities in design innovation in the field of offshore renewable energy and oil spill response. These innovations have the potential of making a strong social and commercial impact. Having Mr.Mohandas' guidance and advice will help the company stabilize and smoothen its growth trajectory. <http://www.alphamers.com/>

ISCO CORPORATE MEMBER, AQUA GUARD'S LATIN AMERICAN STRIKE TEAM HAVE COMPLETED ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TRAINING SESSION

Aqua-Guard's Latin American strike team complete another successful training session consisting of: 1) The theory of oil spill response in rivers. 2) Hands on training and proper equipment application. 3) Live spill response drill using state of the art oil spill response equipment.

The session consisted of an oil spill response drill in a large Latin America river with demanding and unique conditions.The training and drill were supervised by three of Aqua-Guard's top Latin American oil spill response technicians. Participants were from local authorities along with Aqua-Guard's local agents and allies.

For more information and photographs of the event, click [HERE](#)

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