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International news

BP FACES LARGEST OIL POLLUTION PENALTY IN U.S. HISTORY AS FINAL PHASE OF TRIAL BEGINS

January 13 - Dozens of lawyers will return to a New Orleans federal courtroom Tuesday (Jan. 20) to begin the final leg of arguments over the **2010 Gulf of Mexico spill** -- its cause, its impact, and, ultimately, its price tag in pollution fines.

The third, three-week phase of the civil trial will determine how much BP, the owner of the failed Macondo oil well, owes in penalties under the federal **Clean Water Act**.

BP faces the largest oil pollution penalty in U.S. history, resulting from one of the most complex cases the federal court system has seen. *The Times Picayune* [Read more](#)

January 15 - BP's max fine for spill cut by billions on court ruling

BP Plc will face a maximum fine of \$13.7 billion under the Clean Water Act for its Gulf of Mexico oil spill, several billion less than feared, after a judge found on Thursday the size of the spill was smaller than the U.S. government claimed.

The ruling by federal magistrate Carl Barbier put the size of the worst offshore spill in U.S. history in 2010 at 3.19 million barrels.

That was well below the government's estimate of 4.09 million barrels, which could have led to penalties of up to \$17.6 billion. *Reuters* [Read more](#)

MOU BETWEEN ROPME AND JICA

November 2 - The Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) have pledged to strengthen their cooperation with a view to ensure appropriate co-ordination of the relevant work and activities of ROPME and JICA. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by ROPME and JICA today, sets out a framework November for their further cooperation in the Region.

Cooperation under the MOU will allow the ROPME and JICA to address environmental problems of mutual interest to insure the sustainability and enhancement of the environment of the ROPME Sea Area. Both Organizations will examine possibilities of cooperation in the fields of marine environment protection. *ROPME* [Read more](#)

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Incident reports from around the world (in chrono order)

CANADA: OIL-COVERED SEAL, DUCKS SEEN ON CAPE FREELS BEACH, NEWFOUNDLAND

January 4 - A man walking near Lumsden on Saturday says he came upon a seal that had scratched off a large portion of its fur after getting covered in oil — oil he's worried may have come from the sunken Manolis L. Bill Bryden said he noticed what he thinks is an oil slick on the coastline near Cape Freels beach on Friday, and decided to see if any nearby wildlife had been affected.

Bryden isn't sure where the oil came from, but he thinks the oil washed ashore between Cape Freels and Newtown to get samples for chemical analysis to determine its origin. [CBC News](#) [Read more](#) [Thanks to Don Johnston of ISCO Industry Partner, DG & Hazmat Group]

SINGAPORE: OIL SPILL IN SINGAPORE STRAIT PUTS ENDANGERED TURTLES AT RISK

January 9 - Oil spill response companies are rushing to clean up a [large oil spill](#) in the Singapore Strait, off the coast of Indonesia, in the hope of stopping the oil slick before it reaches protected turtle nesting areas on Bintan Island, Indonesia.

On Jan. 2, an estimated 4,500 tons (or 33,000 barrels) of crude oil were spilled when the Libyan oil tanker Alyarmouk and a Singaporean cargo ship, Sinar Kapuas, collided approximately 11 nautical miles from the territorially-disputed shoreline of [Pedra Branca](#), Indonesia, northeast of Singapore.

The accident has been classified as a major spill — and one of the largest to have hit the area in years. The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPAS) said that satellite images taken over the last few days did not find any evidence that the oil spill had reached the resort beaches of Bintan Island (which is also home to several rare species of turtles), but the agency has not ruled out the possibility that it would make landfall this weekend.

Bintan is known for its white sandy beaches and is considered a major tourist destination for eco tours. [TriplePundit.com](#) [Read more](#)

Incident reports from around the world (in chronological order)

CANADA: LONGUEUIL, QUEBEC, MAY FACE LEGAL ACTION FOLLOWING MAJOR OIL SPILL



Photo: The centre treats waste water from the City of Longueuil and three other cities in the metropolitan area: Boucherville, Brossard and Saint-Lambert. (Radio-Canada)

January 14 - The City of Longueuil could be facing legal action for the way it handled a major oil spill, a spokesman for Quebec's Urgence-Environment said.

Early Wednesday morning, equipment failure at a Longueuil waste water treatment centre caused 28,000 litres of diesel to spill into the St. Lawrence River.

According to Radio-Canada, the diesel spilled into the sewers from a generator and made its way into the river. The problem appeared at about 4 a.m. ET, and the ministry was notified just before 9:30 a.m. ET.

A ministry official told CBC that by the time an emergency team from Urgence-Environnement arrived on the scene — which was about 6 hours after the leak occurred — it was too late to stop the spill. [CBC News](#) [Read more](#)

Incident reports from around the world (continued)

January 15 - Diesel spill in Quebec: Longueuil residents warned not to drink city water

The city of Longueuil, Que., is in crisis, after a diesel fuel spill raised concerns the water supply is unfit to drink.

Around 300,000 people in the city, and surrounding area, have been asked not to drink the tap water, after an estimated 28,000 litres of fuel spilled, spread through the sewer system and ended up in the Saint-Lawrence River early Wednesday morning.
CTV News [Read more](#)

Other news reports from around the world (countries in alphabetical order)

CANADA: INSIDE AN UNFOLDING TOXIC 'MARINE DISASTER' ON BC'S COAST

January 3 - The continuing deterioration of a derelict ship moored to an unsecured toxic waste site on the B.C. central coast is a marine "disaster" in the making, say groups long pressing for it to be cleaned up.

The failure to act, they say, proves the inability of government to keep the Pacific Coast safe from pollution.

New video acquired by The Tye, shot by Pacific Wild Executive Director Ian McAllister and April Bencze on Dec. 10, shows a timelapse of the 570-tonne Chilcotin Princess loosely moored to the dock of the former BC Packers salmon cannery at Namu and crashing against crumbling foreshore buildings known to hold barrels of oil and other waste. *The Tye* [Read more](#)
[Thanks to Don Johnston of ISCO Industry Partner, DG & Hazmat Group]

CANADA: FEWER OIL SPILLS AS TANKER TRAFFIC HAS INCREASED, SAYS FRASER INSTITUTE

January 15 - Despite an increase in tanker traffic worldwide, oil spills have not proliferated, according to a new Fraser Institute study.

Indeed, notwithstanding a "dramatic" rise in worldwide oil tanker traffic since the 1980s, the number of oil spills has dropped significantly, said the Fraser study, which looked at tanker traffic globally and in Canadian waters.

Between 1985 and 2010, marine transport of oil nearly doubled internationally, while the number of oil spills (those surpassing 700 tonnes) declined sharply, the study by engineer Philip John found. Moreover, of all the seaborne oil spilled worldwide over the past four decades, 56% was spilled in the 1970s while only 3.7% was spilled between 2000 and 2009.

In Canadian waters, the decline was also swift, as the number of major tanker oil spills per decade dropped from 18 in the 1980s, to six in the 1990s, to zero spills between 2000 and 2004. According to Kenneth Green, senior director of the institute's Centre for Natural Resources, the rise in the amount of oil shipped by sea has coincided with a dramatic drop in spilt oil, which he called "great news for marine wildlife and ecosystems." *BIV.com* [Read more](#)

GIBRALTER: PORT AUTHORITY PUBLISHES REVISED OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN

January 14 - The Gibraltar Port Authority has announced the publication of its revised Oil Spill Contingency Plan. It follows an in depth review, conducted in consultation with all interested stakeholders and specialists in this field. Taking into account developments in this area, it is tailored specifically to routine activities taking place in the port and in British Gibraltar Territorial waters, underpinning Gibraltar's reputation as a centre of maritime excellence. The plan forms part of the Gibraltar Government's wider national contingency planning, and is a vital tool in effective oil spill response coordination.

The Minister with responsibility for the Port, the Hon Paul Balban said: "The environmental protection of our waters is paramount. In keeping with this policy, this revised plan complements the GPA's wider capabilities in ensuring that our environmental credentials remain second to none." *H.M. Government of Gibraltar* [Source document](#)

ISRAEL: AIR POLLUTION AT OIL SPILL SITE MINIMIZED, BUT CLEANUP STILL IN FULL SWING

January 12 - Air quality tests indicate a 90 percent reduction of pollution levels in the Evrona Nature Reserve area, the site of last month's large oil spill north of Eilat, the Environmental Protection Ministry reported on Monday.

"All of the oil has been pumped – parts of the reserve will be opened to the public soon," Deputy Environmental Protection Minister Ophir Akunis said, after touring the site in the morning.

Cleanup has been ongoing since the Eilat-Ashkelon Pipeline Company spill took place on December 3, sending some 5 million liters of crude oil surging into the Arava. After further tests in the coming days and weeks, a decision will be made as to when to reopen the Evrona Reserve to the public, the ministry said. At the end of December, the government approved a NIS 17 million budget to rehabilitate the portions of the desert affected by the oil spill, in addition to the funds being contributed by EAPC for the cleanup. *The Jerusalem Post* [Read more](#)

SUDAN: PROMOTION OF NATIONAL CAPACITIES FOR OIL SPILL RESPONSE IN SUDAN



December 20 - A delegate from PERSGA visited Sudan during 20-26 December 2014 to mobilize efforts for launching a new project phase, which shall carry on establishment and operation of a national coordination center for oil spill response. Furthermore, the visit also aimed at identifying priority issues to be considered in formulating upcoming PERSGA on-the-ground projects in the country.

This mission comes to put into action recommendations of a formal meeting that joined HE PERSGA SG, Dr. Ziad Abu Ghararah and HE Minister of Environment, Forestry and Physical Planning in Sudan Dr. Hassan A. Hilal, on sidelines of the last CAMRE summit in November 2014 at Jeddah. The PERSGA delegate included Dr. Salim

Al-Maghrabi (environmental expert) and Dr. Ahmed Khalil (Regional Coordinator for Living Marine Resources and Climate Change). The mission program contained several meetings and field visits, which were well arranged by PERSGA focal point in Sudan.

The team was joined in Khartoum by Ms Ekhlis Adam, director of Marine Administration at the Ministry, Dr. Mahgoub Hassan, coordinator of the previous project phase, and Dr. Siddig Eisa, General Manager of Safety and Environment at the Ministry of Petroleum. As planned, the technical team had meetings with their Excellencies, Ministers of Environment, Transport, and Petroleum in Khartoum. [PERSGA](#) [Read more](#)

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO: OIL SPILL TRAINING FOR ENERGY COMPANIES

Joyce Moyer, CEO of Jaxon Mattison Consulting LLC, addresses participants during a workshop on Incident Command System at Petrotrin Staff Club in Pointe-a-Pierre yesterday. Photo: RISHI RAGOONATH

January 13 - In the aftermath of 2014's destructive oil spills, public and private energy companies are being schooled by US consulting company Mattison Jaxon on dealing with industrial and environmental disasters.

However, Energy and Energy Affairs Minister Kevin Ramnarine said the four day workshop on Incident Command Systems (ICS), organised by his ministry, had nothing to do with Petrotrin's major spillages into the Gulf of Paria in December 2013 and the Guaracara River last August.



He said the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved workshop was a requirement of the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan aimed at bringing energy companies up to international standards. [Trinidad & Tobago Guardian](#) [Read more](#)

USA: ELK RIVER CHEMICAL SPILL INCIDENT REPORT PUBLISHED

January 8 - On January 9, 2014, a spill of crude methylcyclohexanemethanol (MCHM) into the Elk River tainted the water for more than 300,000 West Virginians in nine counties. The leak resulted in a do-not-use order being issued, meaning citizens of Kanawha County and surrounding counties could not drink, cook with, or bathe in their water. The spill raised questions about why this incident happened and how similar crises could be avoided in the future.

The West Virginia Attorney General's Office had similar questions and officially launched an investigation into the incident on January 13, 2014. We pledged to provide citizens a clear and fact-based understanding of what transpired, and allow for informed, factual decisions to be made as to prevent these types of incidents in the future. The report that follows is a summary of the Office's findings that resulted from our investigation into the incident. Significantly, the report details the causes of the leak at the Charleston tank farm and documents how years of neglect and deteriorating conditions were overlooked and ignored by both Freedom and its predecessors. [Office of the West Virginia Attorney General](#) [Read the Report](#) [Thanks to Marc K. Shaye Hon.FISCO, Member of the ISCO Executive Committee]

USA: TRAINS PLUS CRUDE OIL EQUALS TROUBLE DOWN THE TRACK



Photo: Decaying track and bridge conditions on the Alabama southern railroad could pose a risk to Tuscaloosa, Ala., population 95,000. Above, video of trains crossing the bridge. Curtis Tate / McClatchy

Editor: This is an interesting article giving a good overview

January 12 - The 116-year-old span is a landmark in this city of 95,000 people, home to the University of Alabama. Residents have proposed and gotten married next to the bridge. Children play under it. During Alabama football season, die-hard Crimson Tide fans set up camp in its shadow.

But with some timber pilings so badly rotted that you can stick your hand right through them, and a “MacGyver”-esque combination of plywood, concrete and plastic pipe employed to patch up others, the bridge demonstrates the limited ability of government and industry to manage the hidden risks of a sudden shift in energy production.

And it shows why communities nationwide are in danger.

“It may not happen today or tomorrow, but one day a town or a city is going to get wiped out,” said Larry Mann, one of the foremost authorities on rail safety, who as a legislative aide on Capitol Hill in 1970 was the principal author of the Federal Railroad Safety Act, which authorized the government to regulate the safety of railroads.

Almost overnight in 2010, trains began crisscrossing the country carrying an energy bounty that included millions of gallons of crude oil and ethanol. The nation’s fleet of tens of thousands of tank cars, coupled with a 140,000-mile network of rail lines, had emerged as a viable way to move these economically essential commodities. But few thought to step back and take a hard look at the industry’s readiness for the job. *McLatchy DC* [Read more](#)

USA: EPA WANTS TO OVERHAUL OIL SPILL DISPERSANT RULES

January 13 - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed a series of changes Tuesday to the standards governing chemical dispersants used in oil spills.

The EPA said the rules incorporate some of what officials learned in the 2010 Deepwater Horizon spill in the Gulf of Mexico, in which responders used various dispersants both at and below water level.

The **standards** concern toxicity testing requirements, the information manufacturers must supply to the EPA and the public and how toxicity must be monitored when the chemicals are used on spills.

“Our emergency officials need the best available science and safety information to make informed spill response decisions when evaluating the use of specific products on oil discharges,” Mathy Stanislaus, who oversees the EPA’s emergency response policies, said in a statement.

“Our proposed amendments incorporate scientific advances and lessons learned from the application of spill-mitigating substances in response to oil discharges and will help ensure that the emergency planners and responders are well-equipped to protect human health and the environment.” *The Hill* [Read more](#) [Thanks to Marc K. Shaye Hon.FISCO]

Other related reports: [The Times Picayune](#) [The Maritime Executive](#)

January 14 - Proposed Rule: National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan

EPA is proposing to amend requirements under Subpart J of the NCP to incorporate scientific advances and lessons learned from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. The proposed changes would ensure that agents listed on the product schedule have met efficacy and toxicity requirements. The proposed changes would also ensure that product manufacturers provide important use and safety information.

This signed copy of the proposed amendments to Subpart J of the National Contingency Plan is being provided until the official proposed rule is available in the Federal Register. Once the proposed rule is available, a link will be provided to the Federal Register.

[More info from EPA - Pre-publication copy \(247 Pages\)](#)

USA: MINNESOTA NOT PREPARED TO DEAL WITH OIL DISASTER, REPORT SAYS



Photo: A fire from a train derailment burns uncontrollably as seen in this aerial photograph Monday, Dec. 30, 2013, west of Casselton, N.D. Michael Vosburg / Forum Photo Editor

January 15 - Many Minnesota public safety workers say they are not prepared to deal with an oil train or pipeline accident.

They told the state Public Safety Department they are not adequately trained and some did not know what type of equipment they need to fight an oil fire, the department said in a report released Thursday.

Public safety workers also lack knowledge about what railroad and pipeline company and other resources are available in case of an accident.

"As a whole, first responders surveyed for this study rated their area's preparedness for an oil transportation incident

as below moderate (2.6 on a 1 to 5 scale)," the report indicated. "None of the responders rated their preparedness as excellent."

The report added: "Local governments generally do not have the equipment or personnel to respond to a significant oil transportation incident, such as a large spill or fire." [TwinCities.com](#) [Read more](#)

USA: US SENATORS WANT TO ENSURE TRANSCANADA RESPONSIBILITY IN CASE OF OIL SPILL

January 17 - Major Canadian oil company TransCanada responsible for Keystone XL Pipeline construction along with other foreign oil companies operating in the United States has to pay taxes into the US Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, US Senators Maria Cantwell and Edward Markey said on Friday.

"There is a loophole, believe it or not, in the American tax code that allows tar sand oil from Canada like that that would flow through the Keystone pipeline not to pay into the federal trust fund to respond to oil spills in the United States," Sen. Markey said during the Keystone XL Pipeline debate on the Senate floor.

Markey, co-sponsor of the amendment that will ensure that foreign oil companies contribute into US Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, underscored that at the moment there is nothing in Keystone XL Pipeline bill that will close the tax loophole for the TransCanada tar sands oil. [SputnikNews.com](#) [Read more](#)

NO NEWS FROM YOUR PART OF THE WORLD ?

Members and other readers are invited to help rectify the balance of world news reporting. News stories from North America, UK, Australia, etc. are much more accessible on the internet than reports from other parts of the world and especially from non-English-speaking countries. To make it easier for readers in other parts of the world to contribute stories your editor is considering options to include links for interesting articles in other languages.

One option could be to print the report headline only in English and another language. A short introductory paragraph in the reader's own language could follow together with the source (for example, name of the publication) and a link that would allow the reader to access the complete article in his/her own language.

If you come across a report or an article that you think worth sharing with other members of the response community, why not send it to the editor at info@spillcontrol.org

ISCO News

ISCO REPRESENTATIVES AT IMO POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RESPONSE MEETING

ISCO representatives at this week's PPR Meeting in London will be ISCO Secretary John McMurtrie and Dr Douglas Cormack Hon.FISCO.

Matters of particular interest to ISCO Members will be - Guidance for international offers of assistance in response to a marine oil pollution incident; Updated IMO Dispersant Guidelines; Revised section II of the Manual on oil pollution-contingency planning; Guide on oil spill response in ice and snow conditions; and Updated OPRC Model training courses

ISCO News (continued)

ISCO PRESENTATION AT 25TH ANNUAL NO SPILLS CONFERENCE

Michael Rancilio of ISCO gave a presentation at the No Spills Conference held on 5-7 January in Mount Pleasant, Michigan, USA.

Michael reported that the No-Spills conference was well worth attending. He met again with some of the people who attended the ISCO Forum held in September last year including Forum speakers, Steve Leymann, Ralph Dollhopf, Jeff Kimble and Jim Elliot.

Michael presented a recap of Forum activities and spoke about ISCO's history in providing assistance to spills around the world and highlighting Bangladesh as a current effort. He listed the benefits of ISCO membership including the newsletter.

No-Spills supported the Forum and are, as a group, very supportive of ISCO. Their website is www.no-spills.org where you can find the agenda and speaker list.

IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP OF ISCO PAID UP-TO-DATE?

ISCO Membership Director, Mary Ann Dalgleish is currently sending out invoices for membership renewal (and reminders to a few members who unfortunately need to be reminded). Please look out for her emails being sent out from mrydetroit@aol.com

All members are reminded that the publication of the ISCO Newsletter and other activities and services provided by the organization depend on the regular receipt of annual membership dues from our members.

ISCO is grateful to its members who regularly remit their membership fees on time but there are a few of you who have been falling behind with your payments. This creates a great deal of extra work for our Membership Director, Mary Ann Dalgleish, in sending out reminders and chasing up overdue payments.

If you are behind with your payment, please go to <http://www.spillcontrol.org/2013-02-05-10-50-47/subscriptions> where it only takes a minute to renew your subscription online.

If you are finding it difficult to make your payment, please let us know. ISCO takes a sympathetic view and, rather than strike a member off the register would far rather allow you extra time than have to go through the very considerable amount of work involved in reinstatement of memberships that have been allowed to lapse.

THE EDUCATIONAL ROLE OF THE ISCO NEWSLETTER

The ISCO Newsletter has regularly published excellent serialised articles on such matters as inland spill response, aerial observation of oil spills, in-situ burning, bituments/dilbits, etc. by respected experts including Dr Merv Fingas, Mark Francis, and others. Your editor is currently looking for more interesting articles of this kind. If you think you can help, please get in touch. john.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org

Disseminating news about new technical developments is of value to our community. Corporate Members and others are invited to contribute articles.

Your editor is also interested to receive interesting case histories for publication. Dealing with spill events often requires an innovative approach and you are invited to share your experiences.

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INDIA: OSRL/ITOPF MUMBAI SEMINAR, INDIA, THURSDAY 29 JANUARY 2015

GOVERNMENT & INDUSTRY COOPERATION - A Successful Response - Effective Implementation of the Contingency Plan

Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, Mumbai, Thursday 29th January 2015

This seminar builds on the successful seminars in New Delhi and Mumbai in November 2013 and March 2014 on the theme of Government and Industry collaboration which is central to a successful future response based on the new NOSDCP.

In terms of technical topics we will have a particular emphasis on Global Good Practice in scaling of Tier I/II/III response resources in line with spill risk and tackling HNS spills (Hazardous and Noxious Substances - ie chemicals) given its inclusion in the new draft NOSDCP.

For both oil and HNS, having a response capability that can be mobilised on the timescales required is an essential feature of a successful plan.

Distinguished speakers have been invited to present from a variety of perspectives from both Government and Industry including Deputy Inspector General AA Hebbar, TM Director (Environment), Indian Coast Guard who will lead the discussion relating to the latest draft of India's NOSDCP. [More info](#)

UK SPILL: ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND DINNER

3 February is the date for the UK Spill Annual Conference & Dinner at Donington, Book now for UKSpill2015 exhibition & conference on our 10th anniversary

The Conference Programme is now confirmed and details can be found on the website, a mini exhibition will also take place with opportunities still open for companies to exhibit. Click on <http://www.ukspill.org/ukspill2015.php> for further details and registration.

THE NETHERLANDS: INTERSPILL 2015 – FULL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Current Issues and Challenges in Spill Response is the topic for the Opening Plenary Session at [Interspill 2015](#) and will set the context for the conference programme that follows.

2015 Conference Programme

Sessions which will be taking place following the Opening Plenary Session on **Tuesday 24 March**, the first day of Interspill 2015 include:

- Stakeholder Engagement: Focus on Communication
- Shoreline Issues
- Dispersant Issues
- Inland Spills

The full 2015 Conference Programme is [available to view online](#).

FRANCE: CEDRE INFORMATION DAY - 10TH MARCH 2015 - TOUR SEQUOIA - PARIS LA DÉFENSE

In 2010, in situ burning was widely used in the United States during the [Deepwater Horizon](#) oil spill. In 2007, vast quantities of floating sorbents were used in South Korea in response to the [Hebei Spirit](#) spill.

The Cedre Information Day 2015 will be devoted to in situ burning, bioremediation, sorbent use and other alternative techniques.

French and foreign specialists will address these issues from scientific, technical and operational perspectives.

This day is open to all interested individuals. Register now! Download the [registration form](#)

SINGAPORE: INTERNATIONAL CHEMICAL AND OIL POLLUTION CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION (ICOPCE) - 21 APR 2015 - 24 APR 2015

The biennial [International Chemical and Oil Pollution Conference & Exhibition \(ICOPCE\)](#) is back as part of Singapore Maritime Week 2015. Organised by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, ICOPCE will provide regional and global insights on prevention and management of marine pollution incidents. [Brochure Download »](#) | [Register Online »](#)

Training

UK: GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION AND REMEDIATION – NEWCASTLE – 9-13 FEBRUARY 2015

The course introduces the fundamental principles and factors that govern the fate of pollutants in the groundwater environment. This understanding underpins the techniques by which it is possible to calculate the timing and extent of groundwater pollution, which will be demonstrated with real world examples. Applying the principles of groundwater contaminant behaviour, the course explores available treatment technologies for polluted groundwaters, including their design, operation, and advantages or disadvantages of the various technologies. Case studies are used throughout. [More info](#)

USA: OHMSETT - HANDS-ON SPILL RESPONSE TRAINING

Ohmsett, in partnership with Texas A&M National Spill Control School (NSCS), announces open registration for the April 7-10, 2015 Oil Spill Response Strategies and Tactics Training.

Training at Ohmsett takes the learning from the classroom, to the 2.6 million gallon wave/tow tank. That's where you will receive hands-on training with the latest spill response equipment and techniques used in the field.

With the emphasis on practical experience in full-scale oil recovery operations in the Ohmsett tank, you can increase your proficiency using boom and skimmers while practicing removing spilled oil. At the end of the training you will receive a NSCS Certificate of Completion. [More info](#)

UK: OSRL – UPCOMING EUROPE OIL SPILL TRAINING COURSES

Here is a quick reminder of the upcoming courses OSRL are running in Europe; it includes courses to April, updated course info and our new courses. To access further course information and links scroll down past the picture of the Training Directory. [If you need any further information, please contact me.](#) [Many thanks Steve Woods](#) [Course dates, locations & registration](#)

Company News

ISCO CORPORATE MEMBER, VIKOMA INTERNATIONAL, WILL EXHIBIT NEW PRODUCTS AT INTERSPILL 2015 IN AMSTERDAM

Vikoma have taken an exhibit space on stand B30 which will feature Vikoma's leading range of Oil Spill Response Equipment.

Vikoma General Manager and Director, Karen Lucas said "We are excited to be launching our latest version of the world-renowned Komara Skimmer range. This will be showcased at the exhibition along with the launch of a unique new boom system".

Regional Sales Managers, Peter Hoyle, and Kevin Leppard, will be in attendance at the show together with our Quality and Technical Manager, Gary Barnes. www.vikoma.com

TITAN SALVAGE TO HOST AMERICAN SALVAGE ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER IN HOUSTON ON JAN. 22

TITAN Salvage, Crowley Maritime Corp.'s Houston-based marine salvage, emergency response and wreck removal company, is hosting the American Salvage Association's (ASA) Education Committee Fundraiser on Thursday, January 22, at the Houston Maritime Museum. All proceeds from the event will support ASA Education Committee scholarships and science fair prizes.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the greater maritime community to come together for a good cause," said Lindsay Malen, TITAN's director of business development and ASA Educational Committee member. "There is a shortage of seafarers and maritime support personnel, and we hope that this event will promote awareness and provide the funds necessary to help increase opportunities for younger generations interested in joining the maritime community."

Attendees will have the opportunity to explore the Maritime Museum and network amongst friends and colleagues, while enjoying cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a dinner buffet. "We are very thankful to the Houston Maritime Museum for donating their space and look forward to seeing HMM grow as an attraction for those who visit Houston."

Tickets for the ASA Education Committee Fundraiser are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/asa-fundraiser-tickets-15195020716> and cost \$100 per person (\$75 when purchasing two or more) for non-ASA members, \$75 for ASA members and \$50 for young professionals. Tickets will also be available at the door. [More info](#)

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