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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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IPIECA AND WBCSD ANNOUNCE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FOR AN OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY SDG SECTOR ROADMAP

IPIECA and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) have agreed to collaborate around efforts to develop an SDG Sector Roadmap for the oil and gas industry.

This initiative will seek to bring leading representatives from the sector together to explore, articulate and realize the potential of the oil and gas industry to contribute to the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The final Roadmap, which will be jointly developed by IPIECA and WBCSD, will be launched in the summer of 2020.

The roadmap has the support of and will incorporate key inputs from WBCSD and IPIECA member companies.

Through its SDG Sector Roadmap project, WBCSD looks to support its member companies and the wider business community in developing robust SDG roadmaps to help guide and inspire entire sectors as they seek to optimize their contributions to the SDGs. This work builds off recommendations from the [Business and Sustainable Development Commission's landmark Better Business Better World report](#) which underlined the importance of roadmaps as a tool to help guide sectoral shifts to sustainable development in line with the SDGs.

In 2018 WBCSD elaborated on this concept by [publishing freely available guidelines](#) providing a detailed methodology for how companies within a given industry can come together and explore their collective potential to advance the SDG agenda.

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The oil and gas sector SDG roadmap project will leverage these guidelines as well as WBCSD's recent experience in the production of SDG sector roadmaps for a number of other industry groups including the [chemical sector](#) and the [forest sector](#). It will also build on work that has already been undertaken by IPIECA, including the publication of its 2017 report [Mapping the oil and gas industry to the Sustainable Development Goals: An Atlas](#).

Peter Bakker, President and CEO of WBCSD: "The SDGs have the potential to unleash innovation, economic growth, and systems transformation at an unprecedented scale. They also represent a significant market opportunity for business. However, the fact is that the ambitions of the Goals are beyond the reach of any company in isolation; instead they call for coordination and collective efforts from entire industry sectors." "Our SDG Sector Roadmap model will help the oil and gas industry to develop a common understanding of how they can contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and to establish a collective pathway to accelerate and optimize that level of contribution on the road to 2030. This in turn helps the sector to collectively strengthen its license to operate, manage operational and regulatory risks, and open up growth markets. We are glad we can work with IPIECA to accomplish this."

Brian Sullivan, Executive Director IPIECA: "As a key pillar of the global energy system, the oil and gas industry is, and will continue to be a driver of economic and social development. We are excited to work with WBCSD and see this as a key next step, building on our work with the United Nations Development Programme and the International Finance Corporation in the *Mapping the oil and gas industry to the Sustainable Development Goals: An Atlas*, to create a pathway for sustainable development in our sector." www.ipieca.org/

NEWS REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD (COUNTRIES LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

CANADIAN SENATE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS GOVERNMENT SCRAP TANKER BAN BILL

May 16 - The premier of Canada's main crude-producing province Alberta on Thursday welcomed a Senate committee vote recommending the federal government does not proceed with a bill enacting an oil tanker moratorium along British Columbia's northern coast.

The committee voted on Wednesday night against Bill C-48, which would ban oil tankers from docking on that stretch of coast. Six senators were in favor of the legislation and six against, and under Senate committee rules a tied vote counts as a rejection.

Bill C-48 will now return to the Senate chamber where legislators will vote on whether to accept or reject the committee's recommendation. It could still be passed into law. gCaptain / [Read more](#)

FINLAND TO DEPOSIT ITS INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION TO HNS CONVENTION

May 16 - The [Ministry of Transport](#) and Communications of Finland says it has circulated for public commenting proposals for acts under which Finland would adopt the Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea (HNS Convention). The adoption of the Convention would increase shipowners' liability for the carriage of hazardous and noxious substances by sea and ensure that persons suffering damages are compensated more promptly and effectively. Port News / [Read more](#)

FRANCE: CEDRE ACTIVITY REPORT FOR APRIL 2019

May 13 - Cedre continued to be involved in the follow-up to 3 incidents: the collision of the Ulysse and the CSL Virginia (public meeting and cleanup site inspection and validation), the PLIF pipeline rupture (field visits and public meeting), and the sinking of the Grande America (final drift committee meetings, buoy tracking, chemical analyses, response to enquiries from the land authorities). Information on the characteristics and risks related with parafins was sent to the Somme authorities. We were called upon several

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times in connection with small oil spills, mainly of light oils (by a community of communes in Finistère and the Finistère fire brigade, the La Garde MRCC, the Conflans-SainteHonorine river brigade, the DDTM Manche and the DDT HauteSavoie). We advised the La Garde MRCC following a fire at a wastewater treatment plant which led to contaminated extinguishing water being released into the sea. In terms of exercises, we were called upon by Total Mauritania to provide drift and behaviour forecasts in relation to a scenario involving a crude oil spill from its facilities. Finally, we were contacted by our Czech colleagues during an ICE network test. Cedre / [Read more in the latest issue of the Cedre Newsletter](#)

KENYA: GOVERNOR KIBWANA SENDS URGENT MESSAGE TO UHURU, RUTO



May 18 - Makueni Governor Prof Kivutha Kibwana has continued to pile pressure on the government to address cases of oil spillage in his county. This follows spillages at Kiboko natural springs and Thange village that have led to adverse harmful effects to both the residents and environment, according to the county boss.

Speaking after Water Cabinet Secretary Simon Chelugui toured Kiboko area on Friday, Kibwana asked President Uhuru Kenyatta and his Deputy William Ruto to comment on the issue, which he described as a 'disaster'. "I must commend CS Chelugui for taking a lead role in addressing the effects of Kiboko oil spill by Kenya Pipeline Corporation (KPC). However, President Kenyatta and DP Ruto need to break their silence over this disaster," he said. Hivisasa / [Read more](#)

TUNISIA: MOIG REGIONAL WORKSHOP

May 13 – Report received from Cedre - From 2nd to 4th April, the Deputy Director in charge of Production was in Hammamet to run the regional workshop on Crisis Management and Making Decisions, organised by the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG) with the support of ENI Tunisia.

The main objectives of this workshop were to remind participants of the reasoning method, the main response strategies and the principles of their implementation, the decision support tools available and to work in groups on different tabletop exercises relating to a variety of spill scenarios at sea, on the shoreline and in inland waters.

The workshop was attended by around 40 participants from MOIG member companies as well as from the Tunisian administration. Furthermore, participants also had the opportunity to visit a spill response vessel chartered by ENI Tunisia, fitted with various dispersant spraying and containment and recovery systems which were presented onboard.

Cedre / [Read more in the latest issue of the Cedre Newsletter](#)

USA: PHMSA ANNOUNCES PUBLIC MEETING TO SOLICIT INPUT FOR 2020 EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDEBOOK

May 9 - On May 7, 2019, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration announced a public meeting scheduled for June 17, 2019, to solicit input on the development of the 2020 edition of the Emergency Response Guidebook. The ERG is a guidebook intended for use by first responders during the initial phase of a transportation incident involving dangerous goods/hazardous materials and has been updated and published every four years.

During the June 17 meeting, PHMSA will discuss methodology used to determine the appropriate response protective distances for poisonous vapors resulting from spills involving dangerous goods considered toxic by inhalation in the "green pages" of the 2016 ERG Guidebook. Fire Engineering / [Source document](#) [Thanks to Don Johnston of ISCO Industry Partner, DG & Hazmat Group]

NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS

OSRL ENHANCES ITS SERVICE CAPABILITY TO SWIS SUBSCRIBERS WITH MARITECH'S SEA/RESPONSE SOFTWARE PLATFORM

May 14 - Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL), on behalf its Subsea Well Intervention Services (SWIS) members (which include BP, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, Exxonmobil, Equinor, Petrobras, Shell, and Total) is pleased to announce that it has entered into a licence with Maritech Services Ltd (Maritech) for the provision of an offshore emergency response software tool: Sea/response.

Sea/response uses its patented technology to identify emergency vessels and equipment most suitable for and closest to a well or drill location. In the event of an offshore emergency, Sea/response will enhance energy company operational preparedness whilst aiming to reduce environmental damage and meet the needs of regulators.

Maritech worked with OSRL and their SWIS members to tailor certain specifications of Sea/response to meet the members' multi-mission requirements covering Capping & Containment, Offset Installation Equipment (OIE), and Relief Well Drilling. Maritech is a

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wholly-owned subsidiary of Clarkson plc.

Andrew Worrall, Senior Technical Specialist, BP Capping and Containment, said: “This is a great example of OSRL recognising an opportunity to increase their service level for subscribers. The Sea/response portal’s use of intelligent data not only facilitates significant reductions in incident response times, but also allows for real-time monitoring of mutual aid vessel availability, particularly in remote locations, giving operators visibility of any emerging risks and allowing them to react accordingly.”

Chris Lund, SWIS Technical Manager added: “I’m pleased to see how the combination of the Sea/response software and the various Source Control Mission Plans found in the SWRP Capping & Containment Guidelines, available only to the SWIS subscribers, have created such a valuable tool to the industry – ensuring that operators have a full insight of the vessels of opportunity in the region during preparedness planning and response situations. This tool is now available to the industry and may significantly reduce response times when every minute counts, and the number one priority is to stop the release of hydrocarbons to the environment as quickly as possible.”

Sea/response spokesperson, Paul Love, adds: “We are delighted to have secured OSRL’s SWIS members as users of Sea/response. As a collective, OSRL includes over 40 individual energy companies and to have their SWIS members on board with Sea/response really demonstrates the value that technology can bring to emergency situations and the shipping industry generally. It provides us with great confidence for the adoption of future technology releases that we bring to the market.” <https://www.oilspillresponse.com/>

TRAINING

SINGAPORE: REGIONAL WORKSHOP: TRAIN-THE-TRAINERS

MEPSEAS has announced that the Regional Workshop “Train the trainers” is taking place in Singapore on the 28 - 30 May 2019. <https://mepseas.imo.org/news/regional-workshop-train-the-trainers> [More info](#)

PUBLICATIONS

IMAREST REPORT PUBLISHED ON INDUSTRY-LEVEL RESPONSE TO MARINE PLASTIC POLLUTION

May 15 - Following a roundtable discussion hosted by the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science & Technology together with the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science, a report has been published on an industry-level response to marine plastic pollution.

The discussion looked to gauge a wider industry perspective into the challenges, management practices and attitudes of professionals across the marine industry. The report is now available to download and gives an overview of the discussion and recommendations directly from industry on how the IMarEST can support education efforts targeted across marine sectors. Inside Marine / [Read more](#)

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SAFETY BRIEFING

USA: WATCH OUT FOR CHEMICAL WEAPONS DUMPED IN THE SEA

May 15 - The US Army [will destroy](#) stockpiles of mustard gas and nerve agents this summer as part of its commitment to a 1997 [treaty](#) banning the production and use of chemical weapons. The undertaking will require [specialized personnel](#)—toxic-materials handlers, chemical-accountability managers, surety specialists, ammunition surveillance/quality assurance specialists, and a coterie of supervisors.

SAFETY BRIEFING (CONTINUED)

In the decades immediately following World War II, America's military wasn't quite so buttoned up about its chemical cast-offs. Until Congress [outlawed](#) dumping of munitions at sea in 1972, there were an estimated 74 offshore chemical weapons disposals through 1970, 32 of which took place in US waters and 42 abroad.

Oceanographers at Texas A&M University have [estimated](#) that at least 31 million pounds of munitions of all types were dumped in waters off 16 states and in the Gulf of Mexico, although "that could be a [very conservative estimate](#)."

The problem is not limited to US waters. Sections of the Baltic and North Seas are known to contain large numbers of abandoned chemical weapons, and such munitions have turned up off the coasts of [France](#), [Sweden](#), and [Germany](#). Quartz / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Don Johnston of ISCO Industry Partner, DG & Hazmat Group]

MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM EVENT ORGANISERS

4th ADRIATIC SPILL CONFERENCE – Reminder: This will take place on 28-30 May 2019 in Opatija, Croatia. We kindly invite you to consult our website www.adriaspillcon.com for all relevant information, including programme and registration form. For further inquiries you are welcome to contact us at info@atrac.hr

CLEAN PACIFIC Conference & Exhibition – Just announced WCMRC Water Demonstration - Tuesday, June 18 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Best viewing location is North Point of the Canada Place pier. Vessels and equipment from WCMRC's South Coast and Vancouver Island fleets will be on display, including the new class of Coastal Response Vessels. WCMRC will host a lunch at noon for delegates. The lunch will be held at the Port of Vancouver's private patio at Canada Place. Pre-registration is required for lunch only. Add as an option upon [registering](#) for CLEAN PACIFIC.

CLEAN GULF Conference & Exhibition – Changes in the schedule announced - Please note that we have made some changes to this year's CLEAN GULF schedule and wanted to give you ample time to plan. Workshops and other conference activities will start at 1 p.m. on Monday, October 28, with conference sessions wrapping up by 12 noon on Thursday, October 31.

A special Mega Session has been added on Tuesday and exhibits will run all day Tuesday-Wednesday. Sprinkled throughout will be chances to celebrate Halloween in the Bayou City! <http://2019.cleangulf.org/>

NEW 2019 SCHEDULE

Monday, October 28

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Exhibitor Move-in
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM Registration Open
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Training Workshops and Research Sessions

Tuesday, October 29

8:00 AM – 6:30 PM Registration Open
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Keynote Address
10:00 AM – 6:30 PM Exhibit Hall Hours
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM Networking Break in the Exhibit Hall
10:45 AM – 12:15 PM Mega Session
12:15 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch in the Exhibit Hall
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Breakout Sessions
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM Networking Break in the Exhibit Hall
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM Breakout Sessions
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM Opening Reception in the Exhibit Hall

Wednesday, October 30

8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Registration Open
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM Breakout Sessions
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM Exhibit Hall Hours
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM Networking Break in the Exhibit Hall
10:45 AM – 12:15 PM State & Federal Updates
12:15 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch in the Exhibit Hall
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Breakout Sessions
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM Networking Break in the Exhibit Hall
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM Breakout Sessions
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Monster Bayou Bash in the Exhibit Hall
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Exhibitor Move-out

Thursday, October 31

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Registration Open
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Exhibitor Move-out
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM Breakout Sessions
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Breakout Sessions

RESPONSE EVENTS DURING MAY 2019 (UPDATED)

UK: ARCTIC OIL & GAS CONFERENCE

London, May 21-22. Assessing the challenges and solutions for oil and gas exploration, production and transportation in Arctic and ice-infested regions. Bringing together key stakeholders from the oil and gas industry [More info](#)

CROATIA: ADRIASPILLCON 2019 CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

Opatija, May 28-30. Participants, speakers and exhibitors will include those from the Adriatic coastal States, the Mediterranean region, the European countries and other parts of the world too, the organizers, ATRAC (Adriatic Training and Research Centre for Accidental Marine Pollution Preparedness and Response), embarked upon the organization of the 4th successive Adriatic Spill Conference and Exhibition ADRIASPILLCON 2019 which will be held once again in Opatija, a resort on the northern Adriatic coast of Croatia. [Read more](#)

RESPONSE EVENTS DURING MAY 2019 (CONTINUED)

CANADA: SHIP-SOURCE OIL POLLUTION FUND CONFERENCE & 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Ottawa, May 28. The Fund's in-house counsel will examine the application of the "polluter pays" principle in the context of important case law. A panel will discuss recent legislative changes, their impact on the Fund and other concerns shared by the Fund, TC and the CCG. A panel discussion will focus on advancing equality, diversity and inclusion and facilitating access to justice for victims of oil spills, including Indigenous and small communities. [More info](#)

SINGAPORE: TRAIN THE TRAINERS REGIONAL WORKSHOP

Singapore, May 28-30. The Train The Trainers Regional Workshop is taking place in Singapore on the 28 - 30 May 2019. The event is expected to assist the participating countries with the national deliveries that will focus on the implementation of the chosen conventions. MEPSEAS participating partners are Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. [More info](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS – JUNE 2019 ONWARDS (UPDATED)

COUNTRY	2019	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
For more information click on Title of Event			
CANADA	June 4-6	42nd AMOP Technical Seminar on Environmental Contamination & Response	Halifax, Nova Scotia
CHINA	June 10-14	Int'l Conf. on Marine Pollution and Ecotoxicology	Hong Kong
UK	June 11-12	Ports and Terminals Insurance Seminar	London
CÔTE D'IVOIRE	June 11-12	National exercise to test the NOSCP	San Pédro
MALTA	June 11-13	REMPEC Focal Points Meeting	Valetta
BELGIUM	June 12-13	European Environmental Ports Conference 2019	Antwerp
USA	June 12-16	IAFC Hazardous Materials Conference	Baltimore, MD
CANADA	June 17	APICOM General Managers Meeting	Vancouver, BC
UK	June 17-21	IOPC Funds' Short Course	London
CANADA	June 18-20	Clean Pacific Conference and Exhibition	Vancouver, BC
LEBANON	June 19-20	East Med Maritime Conference	Beirut
TOGO	June 24-27	Workshop on oil spill liability and compensation	Lomé
UK	June 25-26	UK Spill Annual Conference	Moreton-in-Marsh
NEW ZEALAND	Sept. 3-5	Ecoforum Conference 2019	Auckland
UK	Sept. 3-6	SPE Offshore Europe Conference & Exhibition	Aberdeen
UK	Sept. 11-12	Maritime Salvage & Casualty Response Conference	London
UK	Sept. 11-12	The Spill Response Expo	Birmingham
UK & IRELAND	Sept. 25-26	ISAA Training Days at Castle Archdale	Enniskillen
CROATIA	October 2-5	Pollution Response Challenges in the Mediterranean Conference	Split
USA	October 7-10	Elastec's Fall 2019 River Spill Workshop	Carmi, IL
NORWAY	October 14-18	NOSCA Seminar 2019	Frøya
SINGAPORE	October 21-24	International Chemical and Oil Pollution Conference and Exhibition	Singapore
USA	October 28-31	Clean Gulf Conference and Exhibition	New Orleans, LA
TUNISIA	Nov. 13-14	Incident Management System Training Workshop	Tunis
COUNTRY	2020	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
USA	May 11-14	International Oil Spill Conference & Exhibition	New Orleans, LA

To request posting of an event of interest to the Spill Response Community please send details to the Editor

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 News from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority
 News from the Adriatic Training and Research Centre
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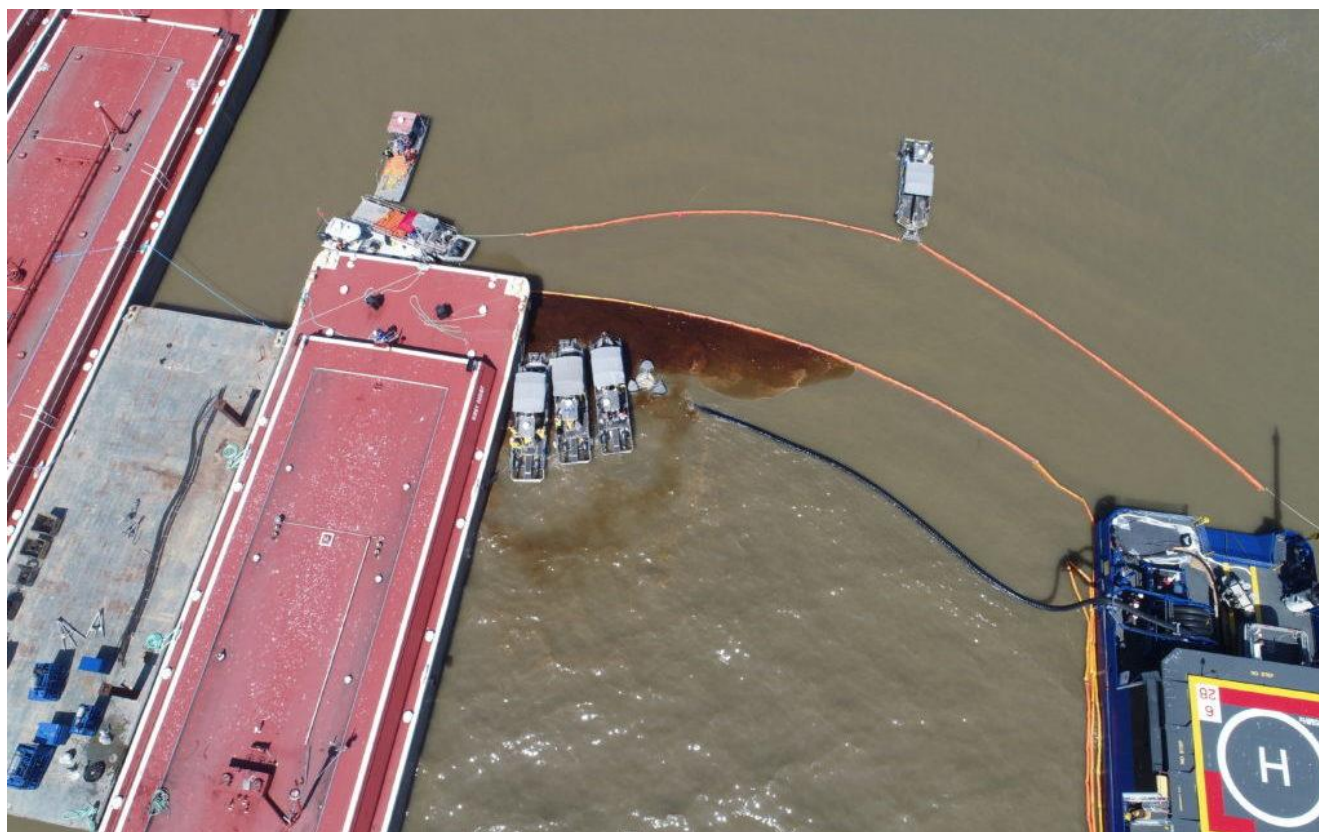
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BIMCO Bulletin	Marine and shipping-related news from BIMCO	February 2019
Newsletter from George Holliday	News and commentary on HSE issues from George Holliday	On request email
Bow Wave	Sam Ignarski's Ezine on Marine & Transport Matters	Current issue
Cedre Newsletter	News from Cedre in Brittany, France	April 2019
Clean Nigeria Associates Newsletter	News from CNA about Oil Spill Response in Nigeria	December 2018
EMSA Newsletter	News from the European Maritime Safety Agency	May 2019
GISEA Quarterly Newsletter	News from Global Initiative for South-East Asia	April 2019
IMO News Magazine	News from the International Maritime Organization	Spring 2019
IMO Publishing News	New and forthcoming IMO publications	March 2019
JOIFF "The Catalyst"	Int'l Organisation for Industrial Hazard Management	April 2019 issue
Maritime Executive Magazine	Often contains articles of interest to the spill response community	March-April, 2018
MOIG Newsletter	News from the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group	April 2019 issue
Nautical Institute News	News from the Nautical Institute	March, 2019
Navigate Response	Global crisis communications network for shipping & marine	March 2019
NOAA OR&R	Weekly round-up of news from NOAA's Office of Response & Restoration	Latest issue
Oceanbuzz	Newsletter giving news on the Ocean Technology Industry	Current issue
OCIMF Newsletter	News from the Oil Companies International Marine Forum	April 2019
OHMSETT Gazette	Oil Spill Response Research & Renewable Energy Test Facility Quarterly	Fall 2018
OSPAR Newsletter	Protecting & Conserving the N.E. Atlantic and its resources	Spring 2019
PEMSEA Newsletter	Healthy oceans, people and economies in the East Asian Seas	January, 2019
Pollution Online Newsletter	News for pollution prevention & control professionals	April 3, 2019
Safe Seas, Clean Seas	Quarterly Newsletter from Maritime New Zealand	July 2018 issue
Salvage World	Quarterly Newsletter of the International Salvage Union	Current issue
Sea Alarm Foundation Newsletter	Oiled wildlife Preparedness and Response news from Sea Alarm	Current issue
Spill Alert	Newsletter from the UK Spill Association	December 2017
Technology Innovation News Survey	News from US EPA – Contaminated Site Decontamination	Mar. 16-31, 2019
USA EPA Tech Direct	Remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater	May 1, 2019

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INCIDENT REPORTS (IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)

USA: HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL PARTIALLY CLOSED AFTER CHEMICAL SPILL



See earlier reports in last week's ISCO Newsletter

May 12 - Dozens of cargo vessels are stuck waiting to enter and leave the Port of Houston while the port's ship channel remains partially closed in the aftermath of a major chemical spill.

A unified command consisting of the U.S. Coast Guard, Texas General Land Office, the port's fire department and Kirby Inland Marine, owner of the tugboat that was towing the barges, was established to respond to the accident. Thousands of feet of containment boom were deployed over the weekend to contain the spill. Freight Waves / [Read more](#)

May 13 - Response Continues to Houston Ship Channel Collision, Reformate Spill - Federal, state and local agencies worked tirelessly over the weekend to clean up 9,000 barrels of the gasoline blending stock Reformate that was spilled into the Houston Ship Channel after a collision between a tanker and tug pushing two barges near Bayport, Texas. Members of the Unified Command established to respond to the collision continue to deploy material and personnel resources to limit environmental impacts and fully reopen the Houston Ship Channel to maritime commerce. gCaptain / [Read more](#)

May 15 - Houston Ship Channel Reopened, Spill Response Continues after Barge-Tanker Collision - Response efforts continue following estimated spill of 9,000 gallons of gasoline blend component reformate. The Houston Ship Channel has been reopened following the closure that followed the May 10 collision between the 755-foot tanker Genesis River and barges pushed by the Kirby tug Voyager that resulted in a 9,000 gallon spill of gasoline blend stock. According to an update issued by the unified command responding to the spill, the following restrictions were in place as of 3.00 p.m. yesterday: no meeting or overtaking at Light 73, wake and surge considerations from Light 66-76, vessels are to favor the red side of the channel as a safety precaution. As of 2 p.m., yesterday, there were no outbound vessels and 53 inbound vessels waiting to make safe passage through the channel. A one nautical mile safety zone is in effect around the damaged barge.

Salvage teams have secured the barges in their current locations and continue to remove product from the damaged barge while crews prepare to conduct salvage operations on the capsized barge. Work is expected to continue throughout the day with an established priority of ensuring the protection of the bay from additional release of product. Six skimmers are on scene and have recovered more than 376 barrels of product-water mixture. Oil & Gas 360 / [Read more](#)

May 16 - Traffic in Houston Ship Channel returns to normal operations - The Unified Command, including the US Coast Guard, Texas General Land Office, Port of Houston Fire Department and Kirby Inland Marine, have successfully removed two barges involved in a collision from the Houston Ship Channel, on May 15. After the success of the operation, the Captain of the Port of Houston-Galveston has opened the Houston Ship Channel without restrictions and vessel traffic has returned to normal operations. Kirby barge 30015T, the barge damaged from the collision, was transferred to the Southwest Shipyard at Channel view, while barge MMI 3041, the overturned barge, was taken to Barbours Cut Turning Basin where lightering operations will take place. Safety4Sea / [Read more](#)

UAE: FOUR TANKERS SABOTAGED OFF FUJAIRAH

May 13 - Four tankers were sabotaged off the port of Fujairah over the weekend, according to officials in the UAE. The vessels include two Saudi tankers, identified by Reuters as the Amjad and the Al Marzoqah; the Thome Group-managed, Norwegian-flagged Andrea Victory; and a UAE-based bunker barge, the A Michel. Saudi Arabia's energy ministry said that the Saudi vessels sustained "significant" damage, but did not describe the nature of the attack. Photos of the Andrea Victory show a large gash on her transom, right at the waterline. Thome has confirmed that the Victory's crew are unharmed and that the vessel's stability is not compromised. Saudi Arabia's minister of energy said that the attacks on the Saudi tankers occurred at 0600 hours on Sunday. "One of the two vessels was on its way to be loaded with Saudi crude oil from the port of Ras Tanura, to be delivered to Saudi Aramco's customers in the United States. Fortunately, the attack didn't lead to any casualties or oil spill; however, it caused significant damage to the structures of the two vessels," the minister said. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

May 14 – Report from Voytenko Mikhail – "Norwegian tanker on Fujairah Anchorage damaged, circumstances unclear. Product tanker ANDREA VICTORY suffered hole in aft tank after an unknown object hit tanker on May 12, said tanker's management company Thome Ship Management in May 13 statement. Media outlets said "... hull of a Norwegian-registered product tanker was damaged by an unknown object off the coast of the United Arab Emirates port of Fujairah on Sunday...". Tanker wasn't "off the coast of Fujairah", actually. Tanker was anchored on Fujairah Anchorage, not far from allegedly damaged in "sabotage act" Aframax tanker AL MARZOQAH. ANDREA VICTORY arrived on Fujairah Anchorage on May 11. Is ANDREA VICTORY damage related to so-called "act of sabotage", which hit at least 4 tankers on Fujairah Anchorage, or is it unrelated accident, is yet unknown, though probably, it is related, because anchored ship can't collide with unknown object and sustain hull breach, such ship should be hit by an object, to be damaged". Maritime Bulletin / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Voytenko Mikhail, vmd@odin.tc]

May 15 - UAE Calls for Calm After Attack on Four Tankers - The United States and France are assisting the government of the UAE in investigating the attack on four oil tankers at an anchorage off Fujairah last Sunday. The incident has raised tensions in a region already on edge over the confrontational rhetoric between the U.S. and Iran. Multiple private-sector analysts have suggested that the attack was likely carried out using limpet mines, small explosive charges that can be attached by divers or boat teams to a vessel's hull. In comments to U.S. news outlets, American officials have said that the initial U.S. assessment is that Iranian forces or Iranian-backed groups used explosives to carry out the attacks. However, an official told Reuters that the U.S. does not have "hard evidence" to show who conducted the operation. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

May 17 - U.S. Assessment: Iran's Involvement in Fujairah Attack "Highly Likely" - American officials told U.S. media on Friday that it is "highly likely" that Iran was involved in the recent attack on four tankers at Fujairah. Norwegian war risk insurer DNK has reached a similar assessment, according to Reuters.

Most private-sector analysts have suggested that the attackers used hand-placed limpet mine with explosive charges of less than five kilograms; however, the DNK report concludes that the attack was likely conducted with underwater drones, each carrying a charge of 30-50 kilograms of high explosives. As evidence for Iranian involvement, DNK cited a similarity between the shrapnel found on the Norwegian-flagged Andrea Victory at Fujairah and shrapnel found after surface drone boat attacks carried out previously by Iranian-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen. DNK intended the report as a confidential assessment for its shipowner clients, not for public release. An investigation carried out by the UAE with assistance from French and U.S. officials is expected to conclude within days. In the meantime, the UAE's foreign ministry has called for restraint and for all parties to avoid assigning blame until after the results of the inquiry are finalized. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

SAUDI ARABIA SAYS ITS OIL PIPELINE WAS HIT BY DRONES



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May 15 - An oil pipeline that runs across Saudi Arabia was hit Tuesday by drones, the Saudi energy minister said, as regional tensions flared just days after what the kingdom called an attack on two of its oil tankers near the Persian Gulf.

The Houthis, who are at war with Saudi Arabia, said earlier Tuesday they launched seven drones targeting vital Saudi installations, without elaborating. They later claimed responsibility for the pipeline attack in comments broadcast by Houthi military spokesman Brig. Gen. Yahya Sari.

Saudi Arabia said the two petroleum pumping stations that were struck by drones are located in the greater region of Riyadh, home to the landlocked capital. The stations, targeted around the same time early Tuesday, are located in al-Duadmi and Afif, about 200 kilometers (125 miles) west and 400 kilometers (250 miles) west of Riyadh city, respectively. AP News / [Read more](#)

May 15 - Saudis Restart Oil Pipeline After Iran-Backed Rebel Attack - Saudi Arabia restarted its main cross-country oil pipeline after a drone attack by Iran-backed rebels that halted the link and escalated tensions in the world's largest oil-exporting region.

Saudi Aramco resumed operations at the pipeline after a halt Tuesday, the state-run oil company said in an emailed statement. A drone attack claimed by Houthi rebels in neighboring Yemen on Tuesday had targeted two pumping stations along the link, which crisscrosses the Arabian peninsula, carrying crude, natural gas and refined products. Bloomberg / [Read more](#)

NORWAY: EQUINOR INVESTIGATES OIL SPILL AT STATFJORD NORTH SEA FIELD

May 15 - Equinor is investigating an oil spill at its Statfjord field in the North Sea, although the Norwegian company said on Wednesday the incident had not disrupted production.

Loading was stopped and loading systems at the field were shut down after oil was spotted nearby and systems were mobilised to deal with such a situation, Equinor said.

"In connection with loading oil from buoy to shuttle tanker on the North Sea Statfjord field, oil was observed on the sea surface early this morning," Equinor said. Reuters / [Read more](#)

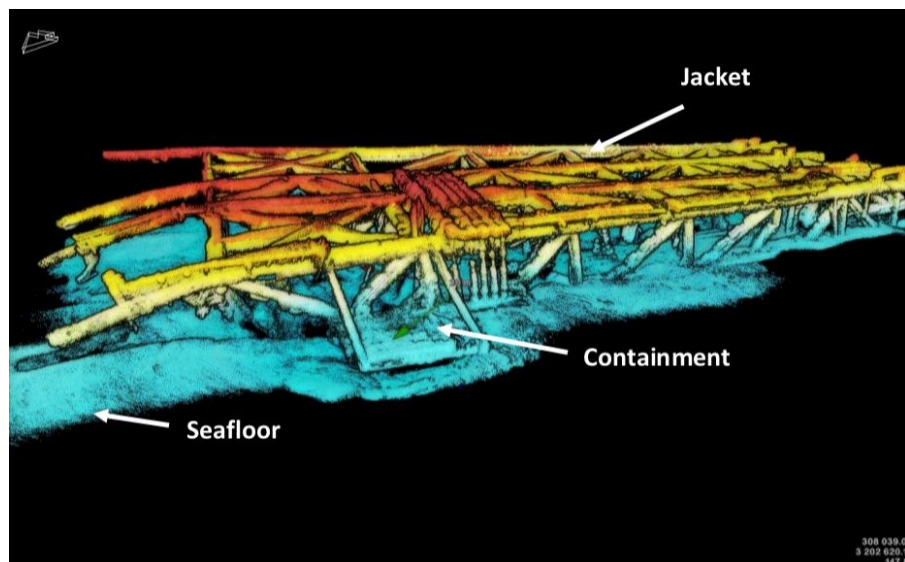
KENYA: OIL SPILL IN MAKUENI POLLUTES ONLY WATER SOURCE

May 16 - Fear of diseases, pollution of water sources, fish farms and destruction of crops are some of the challenges residents of Kiboko area in Makueni county are facing following a massive oil spill from a new Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC) line.

The spillage is said to have contaminated Kiboko river, the major source of water for residents, which besides domestic purposes, is used for horticulture and aqua farming.

Although the spillage was detected on March 30, it is feared that this might have started immediately after laying of the 450km Mombasa-Nairobi pipeline late last year. Acting KPC managing director Hudson Andambi said a point of weakness in the pipeline might have been caused by a large boulder that hit it during backfilling of the pipeline trench, which over time developed into a crack letting out thousands of gallons of oil. Mediamax / [Read more](#)

USA: GULF OF MEXICO'S 14-YEAR OIL LEAK FINALLY CONTAINED



Picture - An echoscope image showing the toppled platform with no plumes coming from the seafloor following the installation of the containment system.

May 16 - A team of contractors has finally contained an oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico that has been spewing from the site of a damaged platform for more than 14 years.

The U.S. Coast Guard confirmed Thursday that teams successfully deployed a subsea system that is able to contain and collect oil being discharged from the site of a toppled platform approximately 11 miles south of the mouth of Mississippi River. The containment system is now actively collecting oil, the Coast Guard said.

The platform, owned by Taylor Energy, LLC, was located in Mississippi Canyon Block 20. It toppled in September 2004 during Hurricane Ivan after storm surge triggered an underwater mudslide. The incident left the platform well conductor pipes buried in more than 100 feet of mud and sediment, impacting 25 of 28 connected wells. gCaptain / [Read more](#)

NAMIBIA: VESSEL OWNER TO FORK OUT FOR OIL SPILL

May 17 - A tanker vessel will have to pay up for last weekend's oil spill that occurred in the port of Walvis Bay.

It will also have to fork out for the clean-up of another oil spill that was detected at Longbeach Extension 1, north of Walvis Bay that was traced back to their vessel.

The Namport oil spill occurred over the weekend when the tanker vessel in question leaked heavy-duty oil after one of the vessel's propeller shafts failed.

The damaged fuel tank has since been isolated to prevent any further oil leakage, however another oil spill was detected on Wednesday at Longbeach resulting in a clean-up campaign spearheaded by the Directorate of Maritime Affairs.

The second oil spill was traced and it was determined to be heavy fuel that escaped from the same tanker vessel currently in port

A clean-up campaign was immediately launched after the detection on Wednesday, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Works and Transport. New Era / [Read more](#)



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