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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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## IMO MEPC APPROVES NEW GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF OPRC CONVENTION AND HNS PROTOCOL



The IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee held its 74<sup>th</sup> meeting in London on 13-17 May 2019.

The Committee approved the Guide on practical methods for the implementation of the OPRC Convention and OPRC-HNS Protocol, and requested the Secretariat to prepare the Guide for publication through the IMO Publishing Service. The Committee also endorsed the actions of the PPR Sub-Committee to address the outstanding challenges related to the ratification and implementation of the OPRC Convention and the OPRC-

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS (CONTINUED)

HNS Protocol after publication.

Parties to the OPRC convention are required to establish measures for dealing with pollution incidents, either nationally or in co-operation with other countries. Like the OPRC Convention, the HNS Protocol aims to provide a global framework for international co-operation in combating major incidents or threats of marine pollution by hazardous and noxious substances. Parties to the HNS Protocol are required to establish measures for dealing with HNS pollution incidents, either nationally or in co-operation with other countries.

The Committee approved as an environment-related thematic priority for the 2020-2021 biennium to assist countries with the implementation of the OPRC Convention and the OPRC-HNS Protocol and enhance regional cooperation in marine pollution preparedness, response and cooperation, including when caused by non-compliant discharges under MARPOL, as well as address aspects of the implementation of the relevant international regimes on liability and compensation for oil and HNS pollution damage.

The Committee also considered a submission from the delegation of Turkey proposing a new output to develop an operational guide compiling good practices on preparedness and response to spills of hazardous and noxious substances (HNS), drawing from years of experience in this field from Member States and organizations, including the latest technologies.

The proposed work item would facilitate the ratification and the effective implementation of the OPRC-HNS Protocol, and will also act as valuable material to support global capacity-building activities in this field of work. Given the experience gained by Member States over recent decades in the response to HNS incidents, both high-profile and small-scale, in addition to the research and studies into the fate and

behaviour in the marine environment of various hazardous substances, both through donor-funded projects, and the work of GESAMP, there exists a wealth of knowledge and lessons learned to contribute to guidance in this field.

## IPIECA PRESENTS AN INDUSTRY VIEW ON IMO'S GLOBAL CAPACITY-BUILDING FRAMEWORK FOR OIL SPILL PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND COOPERATION

At the The 74th session International Maritime Organization's (IMO's) Marine Environment Protection Committee National delegates reviewed the document submitted by IPIECA, recalling the shared capacity-building framework that both organizations have jointly put in place to help governments and industry prepare for, and respond to, oil spills. The document summarises the work achieved by IMO and IPIECA under the Global Initiative (GI) programme which aims to help nations work together with industry to implement the provisions of the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation (OPRC).

On 16<sup>th</sup> May, IPIECA hosted a reception to celebrate the achievements of the GI programme since it began over twenty years ago. Executive Director of IPIECA, Brian Sullivan, addressed the delegates in which he recalled the great partnership of IMO and IPIECA under the Global Initiative. He called for continued efforts to protect the marine environment, in spite of many other competing challenges that society faces, in meeting the expectations of sustainable development.

Launched in 1996, the Global Initiative (GI) is an umbrella programme under which governments, through the [International Maritime Organization \(IMO\)](#), and the oil industry, through IPIECA, work together to assist countries in developing national structures and capability for oil spill preparedness and response. The GI programme is jointly led by the IMO and IPIECA, with strong participation from the [International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation \(ITOPF\)](#), industry-funded Tier 3 oil spill centres (strategically sited response centres that hold large quantities of specialized resources, held in readiness to respond to a spill), as well as the leveraged contributions of the industry members themselves. IPIECA / [Read more](#)

## USA & CANADA: INTERNATIONAL OIL SPILL DRILL IN STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA

May 22 – Last week U.S. and Canadian Coast Guard personnel conducted an oil spill response drill in the waters of British Columbia, Canada, and the United States in the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

The purpose of the drill was to test the activation process for the Canada-United States Joint Marine Pollution Contingency Plan, Pacific Annex (CANUSPAC Annex) and to test moving response assets and personnel across the U.S./Canadian border, the Coast Guard said. The CANUSPAC Annex is a plan designed to provide an international cleanup response if it is needed.

Pollution response crews with cleanup equipment from both nations took part of the drill along with cooperating oil spill response organizations and federal and state agencies. The drill included aerial assets and vessels. Wildlife subject matter experts were on hand to monitor for marine species in the area. Peninsula Daily News / [Read more](#) Victoria News / [Watch video](#)

## **RACE AGAINST WW II SHIPWRECKS OIL SPILL**



*Photo: M.V. Ocean Recovery*

May 23 - A remediation programme to protect island ecosystems from damage caused by oil pollution from World War II wrecks sunk in the Pacific Ocean launched in Newcastle Harbour on Thursday 23 May).

The programme is the result of a partnership between Major Projects Foundation, the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) – an intergovernmental Pacific regional organisation made up of 26 members – and the University of Newcastle. It will see expert teams of scientists, engineers and marine archaeologists work with Pacific island communities to meet the challenges posed by the degradation of wrecks.

There are in excess of 3,700 World War II wrecks registered globally, but the most vulnerable locations are those in the Pacific region, with Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands and Solomon Islands identified as being areas at high risk of oil leakage from sunken vessels. Marine Link / [Read more](#)

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

### **AUSTRALIA: IOPC FUNDS RUNS SHORT COURSE IN AUSTRALIA**

May 16 - At the invitation of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) the IOPC Funds' Secretariat, with the assistance of the International Group of P&I Associations, held a short course on the international liability and compensation regime for oil pollution in Sydney, Australia, from 15-17 May 2019.

Claims Manager, Mark Homan, and Head of External Relations and Conference, Thomas Liebert, ran the course which involved 14 participants from various Australian maritime agencies and port authorities and two participants from Maritime New Zealand. The main objectives of the first two days were to present the legal framework behind the compensation regime for tanker spills and to give an overview of other maritime liability Conventions. IOPC Funds / [Read more](#)

### **CANADA: RENEWING CANADIAN COAST GUARD FLEET**

May 22 - Following an announcement by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau earlier today, the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development and Member of Parliament for Québec, visited Quai de la Reine in Québec to highlight the Government of Canada's new investments to renew the Canadian Coast Guard fleet and to provide up to 18 new large ships to be built in Canadian shipyards. These new vessels will help the Coast Guard continue to deliver its important services for Canadians. Government of Canada / [Read more](#)

### **CANADA: MORE THAN JUST BIG SPILLS FROM TANKERS**



Anne Legars Administrator, Ship-source Oil Pollution Fund, is interviewed in this short article in the May 2019 issue of BC Shipping News – “Being careful not to give the impression that it’s an “open bar” on Shipsource Oil Pollution Fund (SOPF or the Fund) access, Anne Legars would like Canadians — especially those in the maritime industry and coastal communities — to know that the Fund is there for them when they need it. “As we approach the 30th anniversary of the SOPF, we want to highlight the relevancy of the Fund and help potential claimants understand the process of seeking compensation for a shipsource oil spill,” said Legars, further noting that recent amendments stemming from Bill C-86 have clarified and strengthened a number of the Fund’s capabilities. And, as Legars explains, “the Fund is for more than just big spills from tankers.” BCSN / [Continue reading](#)

### **CANADA: ABOUT THE 42ND AMOP TECHNICAL SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION AND RESPONSE**

The AMOP Technical Seminar on Environmental Contamination and Response is an international forum on preventing, assessing, containing, and cleaning up spills of hazardous materials in every type of environment. It also deals with solutions for remediating and rehabilitating contaminated sites.

The annual AMOP Technical Seminar on Environmental Contamination and Response is organized and sponsored by the Emergencies Science and Technology Section (ESTS), Science and Technology Branch of Environment and Climate Change Canada.

In 2019 Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) will host the 42nd AMOP Technical Seminar on Environmental Contamination and Response. The first Technical Seminar and was held in Edmonton, AB in March 1978 and began after the Government of Canada launched the Arctic and Marine Oilspill Program (AMOP) in 1977. The initial forum was organized to provide AMOP contractors the opportunity to present reviews and results of their studies as well as generate new research and development ideas. The focus was to improve the knowledge base and technology for cleaning up Arctic and marine oil spills. The AMOP Technical Seminar soon evolved into an international technical forum about oil spills in any environment as well as other spill-related topics. In 1983, the first Technical Seminar on Chemical Spills (TSOCS) was held in conjunction with the AMOP Seminar. In 1999, the Technical Seminar for Phytoremediation/Biotechnology Solutions for Spills (PHYTO) was added. This seminar changed to Biotechnology Solutions for Spills (BIOSS) and then to Biological Solutions for Site Remediation, Restoration, and Rehabilitation (BIOSOLR3). The dynamic field of spill response compelled that, in 2008 all three Seminars amalgamate under the name AMOP Technical Seminar on Environmental Contamination and Response.

While the Seminar retains its recognized moniker, AMOP, the scope seminar has been broadened to encompass spills of oil and hazardous materials in every type of environment. A committee of experts provides guidance to the overall direction of AMOP and the peer-review process to ensure the continued scientific integrity of the technical seminar. Special sessions have been an integral feature of AMOP allowing the Technical Seminar to address current spill priorities. A few examples of spill response special sessions over the years are: contaminated sites or Brownfields, CBRNE and counterterrorism incidents, inland freshwater spills, deep-water offshore oil spills, as well as pipeline, rail and ship source incidents. Government of Canada / [Read more](#)

### **CONGO: NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON CONTINGENCY PLANNING AND ON THE UPDATE OF THE NOSCP**

This contingency planning workshop will be held in Kinshasa on 22-26 July 2019. The objectives are to - Provide training to relevant national authorities on contingency planning; Test the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP) of DRC through a table top exercise; Initiate amendments to the NOSCP on the basis of lessons learnt from the exercise and Develop recommendations to improve the NOSCP. The event is part of the the Global Initiative Programme for West, Central and Southern Africa (GI WACAF Project) is a cooperation between the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and IPIECA, the global oil and gas industry association for environmental and social issues, to enhance the capacity of countries to prepare for and respond to marine oil spills. [More info](#)

### **GUYANA: CIVIL DEFENCE COMMISSION GETS OIL SPILL RESPONSE EQUIPMENT**

May 23 - The Ministry of the Presidency's Department of Energy, this morning, handed over a quantity of oil spill response equipment to the Civil Defence Commission (CDC), the lead agency tasked with creating a National Oil Spill Response Contingency Plan.

The CDC is mandated to prepare key public and private stakeholders with a detailed understanding of the plan and to acquaint them with policy and procedures to be implemented as part of a national oil spill response. Four shipment containers of oil spill resources were handed over to Warrant Officer Carlton Semple at the CDC's Alternate Emergency Operations Centre at Timehri. News Guyana / [Read more](#)

### **KENYA: REGIONAL CONTINGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP**

May 17 – News from ITOPF - ITOPF was invited to support a workshop aimed at operationalising national oil spill contingency planning, held in Nairobi, Kenya from 1-3 May 2019. The event was organised by the government of Norway's Oil for Development (OfD) programme, in conjunction with IMO and UNEP, and attended by representatives of national and local government from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Zanzibar, Mozambique, Lebanon and Iraq. Mark Whittington presented on a variety of spill-related topics at the three-day workshop and also ran an adaptation of ITOPF's claims handling desktop exercise. The delegates were highly engaged, and each country left with an action plan of tasks required to further their contingency planning. [ITOPF Report](#)

### **MALTA: THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE FOCAL POINTS OF THE REGIONAL MARINE POLLUTION EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA (REMPEC)**

The Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) will host its Thirteenth Meeting of the Focal Points, from 11 to 13 June 2019 in Malta.

The principal objectives of the Meeting are to examine the implementation of the Programme of Work of REMPEC since the Twelfth Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC; and to discuss and approve the proposed Programme of Work of REMPEC for the biennium 2020-2021, prior to its submission to the Meeting of the Focal Points of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) and to the Twenty-first Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols for adoption.

All REMPEC official Governmental Focal Points, relevant regional and international organisations, observers from national oil, gas, port and shipping industries as well as environmental non-governmental organisations (NGOs), the activities of whom are relevant to the objectives of the Meeting have been invited to participate in the Thirteenth Focal Points Meeting. REMPEC / [Read more and download the working documents](#)

## NAMIBIA: TRANSBOUNDARY OIL SPILL RESPONSE EXERCISE BETWEEN ANGOLA AND NAMIBIA

This transboundary exercise is scheduled to take place on 5-8 August 2019. The objectives are to - Test the communication links between Angola and Namibia; Test mechanisms for requesting assistance and mobilization of international resources; Test the National Plans of the two countries in the case of a trans-boundary oil spill incident; and Expose participants to the key issues related to trans-boundary spill incidents. The event is part of the the Global Initiative Programme for West, Central and Southern Africa (GI WACAF Project) [More info](#)

## NIGERIA: UK COURT ASKS SHELL TO PAY OGO NI COMMUNITY N183BN

May 19 - The Queens Bench Division High Court of Justice in the United Kingdom has ordered Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited (SPDC), Shell International Company Limited and Shell International Exploration and Production BV to pay Ejama Egbubu community of Ogoni in Rivers State the sum of N183bn as damages for oil spill in the area.

The verdict followed the registration and reaffirmation of the judgment of the Federal High Court in Asaba on the compensation due to the Ogoni community as judgment creditors in a suit filed at the High Court of Justice, Queens Bench Division in the United Kingdom. This Day Live / [Read more](#)

## NIGERIA: NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION IN CASE OF OIL SPILL

This workshop is scheduled to take place in Lagos on 9-11 September 2019. The main objective of this workshop is to present and provide training to relevant national authorities on the scope and implementation of IMO Conventions related to liability and compensation in case of an oil spill through case studies and table-top exercises (cost evaluation and compensation procedures). The event is part of the the Global Initiative Programme for West, Central and Southern Africa (GI WACAF Project) [More info](#)

## THAILAND: CULTIVATION OF 80,000 CORAL BRANCHES IN HONOR OF HIS MAJESTY, THE KING OF THAILAND



May 20 - The target of planting 80,000 coral fragments in Thailand has been achieved, a decade after its initial launch. To mark the achievement of this goal, a celebratory event was held in Sea Life Bangkok Ocean World, on 26 April 2019.

The founding collaborator agencies were present in the event: Vinythai PCL; Marine Science Activity and Conservation Foundation (MACF); Department of Marine and Coastal Resources (DMCR), Rambhai Barni Rajabhat University (Faculty of Science and Technology); as well as two new partners, the Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation, and Chulalongkorn University (Aquatic Resources Research Institute).

PEMSEA / [Read more](#)

## UK: GUIDANCE (ENGLAND & WALES) - OIL STORAGE REGULATIONS FOR HOME & BUSINESS

May 6 - How to store oil, design standards for tanks and containers, where to locate and how to protect them, and capacity of bunds and drip trays.

Contents -

Storing oil on farms

Oil types

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Generators and transformers

Design standards for containers

Where to position your container

Remote filling

Secondary containment

Design standards for bunds

Fixed tanks: additional requirements

Fixed tanks with underground pipework: additional requirements

Mobile bowsers: additional requirements

You must follow the rules on storing oil if you've got an oil storage container with a capacity of 201 litres or more at a business, including marinas, public sector building like a school, hospital or leisure centre.

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You must also follow these rules if you've got an oil storage container with a capacity of 3,501 litres or more at a home, including barges and houseboats.

**UK Government /** [Read the complete text of this guidance briefing applicable in England & Wales](#)

See also Guidance for [Scotland](#) and [Northern Ireland](#)

## USA: LATEST ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM NOAA OR&R

May 24 – Please click on the links below to read the latest News Reports from NOAA OR&R

### [ASEAN Workshop to Reduce Marine Debris Impacts on Fisheries](#)

On May 13-15, Marine Debris Program Director, Nancy Wallace, served as the Head of Delegation for the United States at an Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum workshop in Nha Trang, Vietnam.

### [New Chemical Countermeasure at Play in the Gulf of Mexico](#)

OR&R staff from the Emergency Response Division (ERD) and the Assessment and Restoration Division (ARD) participated in Chevron's 2019 Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP) exercise this week held in Covington, Louisiana.

### [Arctic IoNS 2019 Exercise](#)

The 2019 Arctic Incident of National Significance (IoNS) Workshop/Exercise was held May 21-22 in Anchorage, Alaska.

### [CAMEO Team Shares Emergency Planning Software with Local Responders](#)

In early May, members of the CAMEO® software team attended the National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials (NASTTPO) conference to discuss CAMEO's chemical emergency software and gain insights on the current needs and situations of planners across the nation.

### [OR&R Participates in Canada-United States Joint Marine Pollution Contingency Plan, Pacific Annex](#)

NOAA Scientific Support Coordinator LCDR Jim Rosenberg participated in an oil spill response exercise in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard, Washington Department of Ecology, and the British Columbia Ministry of Environment in the Strait of Juan de Fuca on May 22.

### [Guidelines for Sea Turtle Response and Assessment during Oil Spills Released](#)

To best prepare experts for oil spills where sea turtles could be impacted, NOAA has released "Guidelines for Oil Spill Response and Natural Resource Damage Assessment: Sea Turtles."

### [NOAA Presents Mapping Tools at Workshop with Coast Guard](#)

OR&R presented on several of our mapping, data management and modeling tools at the [Washington State and U.S. Coast Guards Best Achievable Protection Workshop](#) in downtown Seattle May 14-15, 2019.

### [NOAA Scientists Provide Training and Modeling Support for the Panama Canal Authority \(ACP\)](#)

Oceanographers Christopher Barker and Dylan Righi visited the responders at the Sección de Respuesta a Emergencias (Emergency Response Section), ACP (Panama Canal Authority) May 21-23 to provide training and support for an updated version of NOAA's General NOAA Operational Modeling Environment (GNOME) model for the Panama Canal.

### [Marine Debris Program Promotes Collaboration across the West Coast States](#)

On May 16, the Marine Debris Program's Pacific Northwest and California Regional Coordinators, Nir Barnea and Sherry Lippiatt, contributed to a webinar "Current Actions of the U.S. West Coast Marine Debris Plans," hosted by OCTO and the West Coast Marine Debris Alliance.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### ALGA ANNOUNCES NEW CEO



The Australasian Land & Groundwater Association (ALGA) Ltd announced today that its Board of Directors has appointed Donald Coventry as Chief Executive Officer, effective 5 June 2019.

Donald was recently CEO for Natural Resource Management South in Tasmania, and has held previous roles in the not-for-profit sector, including CEO of Southern Gulf Catchment in Queensland and CEO of Birdlife Australia in Melbourne.

Mr Coventry takes over the CEO role from Elisabeth Dank, who has successfully led ALGA from its inception in 2008, to become the peak industry body it is today. ALGA / [Read more](#)

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS (CONTINUED)

### NEW GENERAL MANAGER APPOINTED AT BESL

May 20 – Briggs Environmental Services Ltd. (BESL) has announced the promotion of Jamie Campbell as its new General Manager

Earlier this year at its 2019 Annual Awards the UK Spill Association, Jamie Campbell of Briggs Environmental was honoured by being given the UK Spill award for Individual Responder.



## NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS

### RESOLVE REFLOATS CEMENT CARRIER OFF PRISTINE BEACHES OF OMAN ALLOWING NO DAMAGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT



May 21 - Resolve Marine Group recently completed the complicated wreck removal of the bulk cement carrier MV RAYSUT II, which grounded off the pristine beaches of Al-Fazayah Beach, Salalah. Resolve was chosen for this project because of their plan to refloat her in one piece, limiting environmental damage. Al-Fazayah Beach, Salalah, is a unique vacation spot which is known for the nesting of endangered sea turtles. The partially loaded vessel, RAYSUTT II, departed Port of Salalah in May of last year when the port was evacuated due to adverse weather conditions. The vessel lost headway and steerage and subsequently grounded on Fazayah Beach on 26th May 2018.

The grounding was devastating to the tourist community and locals as the 5 kilometers long stunning landscape is home to five of the world's seven species of Sea turtle, four of which nest there – the green turtle, the hawksbill, the loggerhead, and the Olive Ridley. All of Oman's turtles have been classified as endangered with the loggerhead turtle facing extinction. Resolve's goal was to protect the environment and avoid disturbance of the beaches during turtle nesting season. gCaptain / [Read more](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

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The books will ship in May 2019. Thanks again for everyone’s patience!

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## RESPONSE EVENTS DURING MAY & JUNE 2019 (UPDATED)

### 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](#)

### CANADA: SHIP-SOURCE OIL POLLUTION FUND CONFERENCE & 30<sup>TH</sup> 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](#)

### CANADA: 42ND AMOP TECHNICAL SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION & RESPONSE



Halifax, Nova Scotia, June 4-8. The AMOP Technical Seminar on Environmental Contamination and Response is an international forum on preventing, assessing, containing, and cleaning up spills of hazardous materials in every type of environment. It also deals with solutions for remediating and rehabilitating contaminated sites. [More info](#)

### **CHINA: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MARINE POLLUTION AND ECOTOXICOLOGY**

Hong Kong, June 10-14. The ICMPE-9 Conference aims to provide a forum for experts all over the world to meet and discuss their frontier research, and the latest scientific and technological advancements in relation to marine pollution and ecotoxicology. [More info](#)

### **UK: PORTS AND TERMINALS INSURANCE SEMINAR**

London, June 11-12. Understand liability in the ports and terminals sector including: liabilities for equipment and vessels whilst in port, fines for regulatory breaches including pollution, safety, and cyber security challenges [More info](#)

### **CÔTE D'IVOIRE: NATIONAL EXERCISE TO TEST THE NOSCP**

San Pédro, June 11-12. The main objective is to test the operationality of the NOSCP (POLLUMAR plan) and to strengthen the competences of the stakeholders in order to enable Côte d'Ivoire to respond effectively in the event of oil spills. [More info](#)

### **MALTA: REMPEC FOCAL POINTS MEETING**

Valetta, June 11-13. Thirteenth Meeting of the Focal Points of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) [More info](#)

### **BELGIUM: EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL PORTS CONFERENCE 2019**

Antwerp, June 12-13. Given the increasing focus on environmental regulations from the IMO and policy makers in the maritime sector, there is a growing responsibility and requirement of ports to reduce their environmental impact; now is a crucial time to share best practices and explore new technologies and methodologies in order to advance daily operations of a port with minimal ecological consequences. [More info](#)

### **USA: IAFC HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONFERENCE**

Baltimore, MD, June 12-16. The training offered at the Hazmat Conference provides immediate, practical and valuable information designed to ensure you successfully meet the demands of hazmat response in today's challenging environment. [More info](#)

### **CANADA: APICOM GENERAL MANAGERS MEETING**

Vancouver, BC, June 17. The Association meets for the mutual benefits of the member to exchange information and best practice as it relates to global oil spill response and includes support through mutual aid agreements (people and equipment). APICOM is also a member of the Partnership Action Team which is made up of APICOM, SCAA (Spill Control Association of America) and the U.S. Coast Guard. [More info](#)

### **UK: IOPC FUNDS' SHORT COURSE**

London, June 17-21. The course programme will cover all aspects of the work of the IOPC Funds and the international liability and compensation regime in general and will include practical exercises which allow participants to study a theoretical incident and the subsequent claims submission process. [More info](#)

### **CANADA: CLEAN PACIFIC CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION**

Vancouver, BC, June 18-20. CLEAN PACIFIC brings together the tight-knit response community in the Western United States and Canada to address spill prevention and response matters pertinent to that region's environmental sensitivities. [More info](#)

### **LEBANON: EAST MED MARITIME CONFERENCE**

Beirut, June 19-20. East Med Maritime Conference EMMC, is the perfect platform that will discuss the latest developments in the shipping, maritime, and offshore industries, and provide a premier interdisciplinary forum to the maritime training professionals and community to present the most recent innovations, trends, and concerns, present/future challenges and recommended solutions. [More info](#)

### **TOGO: WORKSHOP ON OIL SPILL LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION**

Lomé, June 24-27. The objective is to present and provide training to relevant national authorities on the scope and implementation

## RESPONSE EVENTS DURING MAY & JUNE 2019 (CONTINUED)

of IMO Conventions related to liability and compensation in case of an oil spill through case studies and table-top exercises (cost evaluation and compensation procedures). [More info](#)

### UK: UK SPILL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Moreton-in-Marsh, June 25-26. For more information please contact Roger Mabbott at [info@ukspill.org](mailto:info@ukspill.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS – JULY 2019 ONWARDS (UPDATED)

COUNTRY	2019	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
<b>For more information click on Title of Event</b>			
CONGO	July 22-26	<a href="#">Workshop on contingency planning and on the update of the NOSCP</a>	Kinshasa
NAMIBIA	August 5-8	<a href="#">Transboundary oil spill response exercise between Angola and Namibia</a>	Jamestown
NEW ZEALAND	Sept. 3-5	<a href="#">Ecoforum Conference 2019</a>	Auckland
UK	Sept. 3-6	<a href="#">SPE Offshore Europe Conference &amp; Exhibition</a>	Aberdeen
NIGERIA	Sept. 9-11	<a href="#">National workshop on liability and compensation in case of oil spill</a>	Lagos
UK	Sept. 11-12	<a href="#">Maritime Salvage &amp; Casualty Response Conference</a>	London
UK	Sept. 11-12	<a href="#">The Spill Response Expo</a>	Birmingham
UK & IRELAND	Sept. 25-26	<a href="#">ISAA Training Days at Castle Archdale</a>	Enniskillen
CROATIA	October 2-5	<a href="#">Pollution Response Challenges in the Mediterranean Conference</a>	Split
USA	October 7-10	<a href="#">Elastec's Fall 2019 River Spill Workshop</a>	Carmi, IL
NORWAY	October 14-18	<a href="#">NOSCA Seminar 2019</a>	Frøya
SINGAPORE	October 21-24	<a href="#">International Chemical and Oil Pollution Conference and Exhibition</a>	Singapore
UK	Oct. 28 – Nov. 1	<a href="#">Meetings of the IOPC Funds Governing Bodies</a>	London
USA	October 28-31	<a href="#">Clean Gulf Conference and Exhibition</a>	New Orleans, LA
TUNISIA	Nov. 13-14	<a href="#">Incident Management System Training Workshop</a>	Tunis
COUNTRY	2020	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
USA	May 11-14	<a href="#">International Oil Spill Conference &amp; Exhibition</a>	New Orleans, LA
To request posting of an event of interest to the Spill Response Community please send details to the Editor			

Note: Where a dedicated event URL is not available an email address for requesting more info is given

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<a href="#">Alga Chronicle</a>	News from Australia on Contaminated Land Remediation	March 2019
<a href="#">AMSA Aboard</a>	News from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority	December 2017
<a href="#">ATRAC Newsletter</a>	News from the Adriatic Training and Research Centre	April 2019
<a href="#">AUSMEPA Bulletin</a>	News from the Australian Marine Environment Protection Assoc'n	Summer 2019
<a href="#">BIMCO Bulletin</a>	Marine and shipping-related news from BIMCO	February 2019
<a href="#">Newsletter from George Holliday</a>	News and commentary on HSE issues from George Holliday	On request email
<a href="#">Bow Wave</a>	Sam Ignarski's Ezine on Marine & Transport Matters	Current issue
<a href="#">Cedre Newsletter</a>	News from Cedre in Brittany, France	April 2019
<a href="#">Clean Nigeria Associates Newsletter</a>	News from CNA about Oil Spill Response in Nigeria	December 2018
<a href="#">EMSA Newsletter</a>	News from the European Maritime Safety Agency	May 2019
<a href="#">GISEA Quarterly Newsletter</a>	News from Global Initiative for South-East Asia	April 2019
<a href="#">IMO News Magazine</a>	News from the International Maritime Organization	Spring 2019
<a href="#">IMO Publishing News</a>	New and forthcoming IMO publications	March 2019
<a href="#">JOIFF "The Catalyst"</a>	Int'l Organisation for Industrial Hazard Management	April 2019 issue
<a href="#">Maritime Executive Magazine</a>	Often contains articles of interest to the spill response community	March-April, 2018
<a href="#">MOIG Newsletter</a>	News from the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group	April 2019 issue
<a href="#">Nautical Institute News</a>	News from the Nautical Institute	March, 2019
<a href="#">Navigate Response</a>	Global crisis communications network for shipping & marine	March 2019
<a href="#">NOAA OR&amp;R</a>	Weekly round-up of news from NOAA's Office of Response & Restoration	Latest issue
<a href="#">Oceanbuzz</a>	Newsletter giving news on the Ocean Technology Industry	Current issue
<a href="#">OCIMF Newsletter</a>	News from the Oil Companies International Marine Forum	April 2019
<a href="#">OHMSETT Gazette</a>	Oil Spill Response Research & Renewable Energy Test Facility Quarterly	Fall 2018
<a href="#">OSPAR Newsletter</a>	Protecting & Conserving the N.E. Atlantic and its resources	Spring 2019

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<a href="#">PEMSEA Newsletter</a>	Healthy oceans, people and economies in the East Asian Seas	January, 2019
<a href="#">Pollution Online Newsletter</a>	News for pollution prevention & control professionals	April 3, 2019
<a href="#">Safe Seas, Clean Seas</a>	Quarterly Newsletter from Maritime New Zealand	July 2018 issue
<a href="#">Salvage World</a>	Quarterly Newsletter of the International Salvage Union	Current issue
<a href="#">Sea Alarm Foundation Newsletter</a>	Oiled wildlife Preparedness and Response news from Sea Alarm	Current issue
<a href="#">Spill Alert</a>	Newsletter from the UK Spill Association	December 2017
<a href="#">Technology Innovation News Survey</a>	News from US EPA – Contaminated Site Decontamination	April 1-15, 2019
<a href="#">USA EPA Tech Direct</a>	Remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater	May 1, 2019

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## INCIDENT REPORTS (IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)

### USA: GULF OF MEXICO - AFTER 14 YEARS, BARELY A SHEEN FROM OIL SPILL

May 20 - A chronic sheen has become “barely visible” since government contractors installed a new underwater system for capturing and collecting crude at a site in the Gulf of Mexico where oil has been leaking for 14 years, a Coast Guard official said Thursday. A Coast Guard statement describes the installation of the subsea containment system as a “major milestone” in long-running efforts by the federal government to contain the leak. More than 30,000 gallons of oil has been recovered since the system began operating, government attorneys said in a court filing Tuesday.

“After monitoring the system for several weeks we have determined that the system is meeting federal containment standards,” Capt. Kristi Luttrell said in the Coast Guard’s statement. “At this time the system is working and the once (predominantly) large surface sheen has been reduced to barely visible.” St. Mary Now / [Read more](#)

### NIGERIA: FIRE BREAKS OUT AT TRANS FORCADOS PIPELINE SPILL SITE IN DELTA

May 20 - A fire outbreak has occurred at a spill site along the Trans Forcados pipeline within the Chanomi Creeks in Yeye community, in Burutu local government area of Delta state. Sylvester Okoh, general manager, community relations, Heritage Energy Operational Services Limited, operator of the crude pipeline, confirmed the incident to NAN in Warri on Monday. According to Okoh, the fire incident was reported to have occurred at the crude oil spill site along the Trans Forcados pipeline at the Yeye community around 11pm on Sunday. PetroBarometer / [Read more](#)

### UAE: POSSIBLE OIL SPILL DETECTED FROM ONE OF THE SHIPS ATTACKED OFF FUJAIRAH

May 21 - TankerTrackers informed that there might be oil spill after the sabotage attack on the Saudi VLCC supertanker, Amjad. The alleged sabotage attack took place off United Arab Emirates territorial waters in the Gulf of Oman. The ship, Amjad, may was empty of crude oil, but it was carrying fuel oil onboard. The oil spill is no less than 235 barrels. Safety4Sea / [Read more](#)

**May 24 - A Saudi tanker damaged off the coast of the United Arab Emirates in mid-May appears to have leaked a trail of oil, satellite images released on Friday show.** Radar satellites operated by the Finnish company Iceye photographed the vessel Amjad on May 14, two days after it and three other ships, including another Saudi tanker, were mysteriously sabotaged in the Sea of Oman. Devdiscourse / [Read more](#)

### USA: WASHINGTON – UPDATE - OLYMPIA BREWERY TRANSFORMER SPILL



*Photo: This transformer, seen behind the cyclone fence, leaked oil at the former Olympia Brewery site. Approximately 600 gallons of oil entered the Deschutes River and Capitol Lake.*

May 24 – Ecology is initiating the next phase of cleanup operations, which will include the removal of contaminated lake sediment from heavily impacted areas in Capitol Lake. We are currently making preparations so divers can access contaminated areas from the shoreline wearing protective diving equipment to remove the top layer of lake sediments by suction. We expect this activity to begin sometime next week.

Contaminated lake sediments will be pumped into large settling tanks to allow the sediments to separate from the water. The contaminated sediments will be taken off site by tank truck and solidified for proper disposal

in a landfill. Ecology is continuing the next phase of response operations with the contractor team of CCS and Global Diving & Salvage, Inc. WA Dept. of Ecology / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Don Johnston of ISCO Industry Partner, DG & Hazmat Group]

### USA: MISSISSIPPI - NEW ORLEANS-BOUND PASSENGER TRAIN COLLIDES WITH TANKER TRUCK IN MISSISSIPPI

May 26 - Amtrak passenger train 59, the southbound City of New Orleans, was involved in a railway crossing accident around 10:30 Friday morning.

The accident happened in the small town of Bentonia, Mississippi when the train struck a tanker truck trying to cross the tracks.

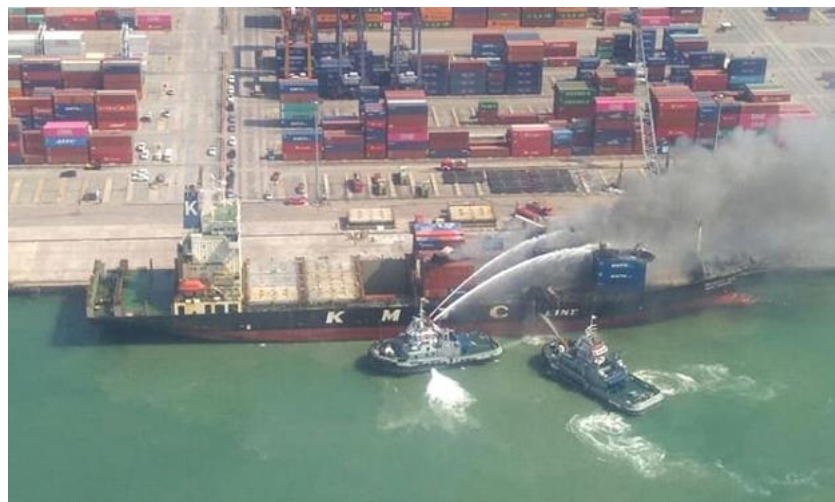
Jason Patterson, publisher of the Yazoo Herald, said the tractor trailer was carrying saltwater used in oil drilling. The locomotive's fuel tank was punctured in the crash and about a thousand gallons of diesel spilled. WWL Radio / [Read more](#)



### JAPAN: FREIGHTER SINKS NEAR HONSHU ISLAND, EAST OF TOKYO

May 26 - Two Japanese freighters collided, one sank, four crew missing. SENSHOU MARU, loaded with 1600 tons of steel, sank, from 5 crew on board 4 went missing, Captain was rescued. Maritime Bulletin / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Voytenko Mikhail, [vmd@odin.tc](mailto:vmd@odin.tc)]

### THAILAND: MAJOR FIRE ON KMTC CONTAINER SHIP IN THAILAND



May 26 - Fire understood to be under control or extinguished, as of morning May 26. Firefighters reported to cool and monitor fire site, with most of the efforts and attention turned to chemical contamination, at sea, on land and in the air. The ship is fenced by booms, emergency staff are trying to collect fluid slime from destroyed or damaged containers. 143 people were injured by poisonous stuff released by explosion, 37 are said to be still at hospital, undergoing treatment. There were 676 containers on board on arrival, 443 were offloaded with 35 more to go. Among containers destroyed or damaged by explosion and fire, 5 tank containers were loaded with liquid paraffin, 13 containers were loaded with Calcium Hypochlorite. Maritime Bulletin / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Voytenko Mikhail, [vmd@odin.tc](mailto:vmd@odin.tc)]

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