

## ISCO & THE ISCO NEWSLETTER

The International Spill Control Organization, a not-for profit organization dedicated to raising worldwide preparedness and co-operation in response to oil and chemical spills, promoting technical development and professional competency, and to providing a focus for making the knowledge and experience of spill control professionals available to Intergovernmental, Governmental, NGO's and interested groups and individuals

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## YEMEN REBELS SEND REPAIR TEAM TO STRICKEN TANKER RISKING LEAK

July 2 - Yemen's Houthi rebels say they've sent a maintenance team to repair an aging oil tanker laden with more than 1 million barrels that the United Nations and environmental groups see as a threat to marine life in the Red Sea.

The repair team may fail to prevent the Safer from leaking oil, however, because the Saudi Arabian-led coalition fighting the Houthis has blocked access to necessary equipment, Mohammed Ali Al-Houthi, a member of the Houthi ruling political council, said in a statement.

Yemen's UN-recognized government has said the rebels would be to blame for any leaks from the ship because it's moored in a Houthi-held area. The Houthis have refused to accept any responsibility. Bloomberg Quint / [Read more](#)

[Other recent reports appeared in issues 741 and 742 of the ISCO Newsletter. ISCO has been covering breaking news on the risk posed by the decaying FSO safer since July 2019. Earlier reports can be found in issues 695, 696, 698, 700, 713, 729, and 735 of the ISCO Newsletter. To get a good understanding of the issues involved we also recommend you read the article by [Dr. David Soud, Rohini Ralby, and Dr. Ian Ralby published by the Atlantic Council in July 2019](#)]

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You can apply for Student Membership, Associate Membership (AMISCO), MEMBERSHIP (MISCO) or FELLOWSHIP (FISCO)

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS (CONTINUED)

# AN OUTLOOK OF PROGRESS MADE IN THE FIELD OF PREVENTION OF, PREPAREDNESS FOR AND RESPONSE

In collaboration with Plan Bleu, the Regional Activity Center for Specially Protected Areas (SPA/RAC) and the Coordination Unit of UNEP/MAP, REMPEC, prepared and launched a study on trends and outlook of marine pollution from ships and activities and of maritime traffic and offshore activities in the Mediterranean.

This study compiling important information about the socio-economic as well as ecological aspects and impacts of the maritime activities is expected to be finalised by September 2020.

REMPEC recently launched a consultation process for the preparation of the Post-2021 Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2016-2021), involving National competent authorities, relevant regional and international institutions and stakeholders addressing challenges and offering expertise, resources, and funding to progress in the improvement of the prevention of and response to marine pollution from ships.

REMPEC also progressed in the implementation of the road map for a proposal for the possible designation of the Med SOx ECA, notably on the preparatory phase of the requested knowledge gathering based on existing knowledge and studies, and of the further studies to be carried out with a view to developing a mutually agreed joint and coordinated proposal for the possible Med SOX ECA.

In order to maintain and strengthen its emergency response capability, REMPEC renewed the Memorandum of understanding (MoU) with [Sea Alarm](#) and the Federazione Nazionale dell'Industria Chimica ([Federchimica](#)), which are two components of the Mediterranean Assistance Unit (MAU) that can be mobilized to provide onsite and remote assistance to the Contracting Parties impacted by a pollution. Info / RAC / [Read more](#)

## A SUSTAINABLE APPROACH TO SOIL

Given its organic nature and universality, it can be easy to think of the soil around us as a renewable resource. However, the truth is that the lengthy development period and the combination of several important natural factors in its formation mean that soil is essentially non-renewable. Due to its vital contribution to food security and future sustainability, there is growing recognition of the fact that – like all the world's resources – soil needs to be protected and used appropriately.

This is reflected in both soil's inclusion in the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (see Targets 3.9, 12.4 and 15.3) and the European Union's monitoring of the 'Status of local soil contamination in Europe'.

Of particular importance to the resource management industry should be the protection of soil through the reduction and removal of organic and inorganic contaminants, including heavy metals or manmade contaminants, rather than the removal and disposal of the soil itself, with the associated landfill issues. Hub4 / [Read more](#)

## GERMANY TAKES OVER HELCOM CHAIRMANSHIP, PRIORITIZES MARINE BIODIVERSITY AND PRESSURES ON THE BALTIC SEA



Above: The German Chairmanship team: HELCOM Chair Lilian Busse (centre) with Vice-Chairs Andreas Röpke (left) and Johannes Oelerich (right). Photo: BMU



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS (CONTINUED)

As of 1 July 2020, Germany has taken over the chairmanship of HELCOM from Finland for a period of two years, setting goals and priorities for combating the threats and pressures impacting the Baltic Sea.

“The overarching goal remains the best possible protection of the Baltic Sea,” said Svenja Schulze, Minister of the Environment of Germany, in [her video address introducing the German chairmanship of HELCOM](#), further adding that all efforts should also consider aspects of “sustainability, relevance for the climate and biological diversity, and suitability.”

[Lilian Busse](#) from the German Environment Agency (UBA) has been designated by Germany as its Chair for HELCOM. Before joining UBA as Head of the Division on Environmental Health and Protection of Ecosystems, Busse worked at the California Environmental Protection Agency. Overall, she has close to 20 years of experience working on marine environmental protection and related matters.

Prior to Germany, Finland chaired HELCOM from 2018 to 2020 and had set its own priorities on advancing the BSAP update process, the reduction of nutrient inputs, the effects of climate change, and the links between HELCOM and the UN Agenda 2030, especially the integration of SDG 14 in HELCOM processes. “On the Finnish priorities, we committed to leading the updating the Baltic Sea Action Plan and to finding common solutions to formulate an ambitious and realistic updated plan,” said [Saara Bäck](#), the outgoing Chair of HELCOM, adding that “[we] achieved just that, with the update process well on track despite the crisis having hit hard across the entire Baltic Sea region – a feat that I cannot be prouder of and which I would personally like to thank the entire HELCOM community for.” HELCOM / [Read more](#)

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

### CANADA: PACHEEDAHT FIRST NATION AND CANADIAN COAST GUARD SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO BUILD PORT RENFREW MULTIPURPOSE MARINE FACILITY



Photo: Fisheries Minister Bernadette Jordan, seen here on April 5, 2019, said the partnership is 'something that we can do to make sure that we're developing TMX safely, responsibly, but also in partnership with First Nations. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

June 29 - The Government of Canada is working to renew its relationship with Indigenous peoples based on recognition of rights, respect, co-operation and partnership. One way that the Government has committed to renewing this relationship is by ensuring that First Nation, Inuit and Métis peoples have a clear and prominent role in helping manage Canada's natural environment and resources.

It is in this spirit that the Canadian Coast Guard and the Pacheedaht First Nation, as part of the Co-Developing Community Response initiative of the Trans-Mountain Expansion Project, are pleased to announce the signing of a

Memorandum of Understanding for the construction of a multipurpose marine facility in Port Renfrew, British Columbia.

The MOU outlines a path forward for the Coast Guard and the Pacheedaht Nation to build a marine facility with the primary mission to provide marine search and rescue and environmental response services, as well as strengthen marine safety and response capacity in the Juan de Fuca Strait. Canadian Coast Guard / [Read more](#) Related report in the [Globe & Mail](#)

### IRAQ: AS CONFLICT ABATES, IRAQI VILLAGES BEGIN TO TACKLE “HUGE” PROBLEM OF RUBBLE

June 19 - In Iraq – a country hard hit by the displacement crisis – the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is working with its partners to recycle rubble to rebuild homes and communities.

The contrast between the satellite images of Buwaiter, Iraq from January 2015 to March 2019 are stark. Where there were once neat outlines of homes and buildings, the village, some 35 kilometers from Kirkuk, is now a messy blur of sand-coloured rubble and overgrown vegetation.

UNEP's debris recycling project is the second of its kind in Iraq, following a pilot scheme launched in [Mosul in 2019](#). These projects, implemented in partnership with the International Organization for Migration, have been funded by Germany's development bank, KfW, in the case of Mosul, and the Government of Japan in the case of Kirkuk. UN Environment / [Read more](#)

### IRELAND: NATIONAL MARITIME OIL/HNS SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN (NMOSCP)

June 26 - The National Maritime Oil & HNS Spill Contingency Plan (NMOSCP) establishes a national framework and strategy to coordinate marine pollution preparedness and response. It addresses all oil and HNS pollution whether it originates from ships,

harbours, offshore units or oil/HNS handling facilities and land-based sources. It covers waters in the Irish Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)



*Photo: The grounding of the Kowloon Bridge occurred off the west Cork coast almost 34 years ago Photo: Courtesy Denis Minihane/Irish Examiner*

Additionally, the National Maritime Oil & HNS Spill Contingency Plan (NMOSCP) is consistent with the relevant International Conventions to which Ireland is a party. It has been developed with due regard to the International Convention, EU Directives and operational guidelines. The NMOSCP includes a number of guidance documents and standard operating procedures and their appendices which address key elements of effective preparedness and response.

Coordination between the Irish Coast Guard, other government and/or non-government entities is an essential feature of the national organisation

represented in the NMOSCP. It also addresses the mechanisms to request assistance from other countries through bi-lateral and multi-lateral arrangements. Further it provides a platform to coordinate responses in the context of the Major Emergency Management Framework (<http://mem.ie/>) and separately under the Strategic Emergency Management National Structures and Framework <http://www.emergencyplanning.ie>

Finally, the implementation of the NMOSCP will address Ireland's obligation under international convention in respect to preparedness and response to maritime pollution incidents. Additionally it will provide the Irish Maritime Administration (Irish Coast Guard) with a framework in operations benchmarked against best international practice in this area. Govt. of Ireland / [Read more](#)  
See also related reports in [Marine Link](#) and [Afloat](#)

## RUSSIA CHANGES OIL SPILL RESPONSE RULES

June 30 - The Government of the Russian Federation has approved draft amendments to the Law On Environmental Protection aimed at preventing and eliminating the spills of oil and oil products on land in Russia.

In particular, the [new legislation](#) requires that all projects involving the production, refining, transportation, storage or sale of oil and oil products on the territory of the Russian Federation should include plans for the prevention and elimination of oil and oil product spills and any other negative environmental impacts. The operator of the project is also obliged to have financial reserves to back the prevention and elimination of oil and oil product spills, including full compensation for harm caused to the environment, including to life, health and property of citizens and legal entities, before the start of the operation of oil and gas facilities.

In the event of oil and oil product spills, the operator company is obliged to notify the federal and regional executive authorities about the oil or oil product spill, to ensure that the organization and progress of containment and relief efforts for the oil and oil product spills in accordance with the approved plan using its own emergency and rescue services, and once this is done, to rehabilitate the contaminated soil, vegetation, and water bodies in the manner prescribed by law. The Arctic / [Read more](#)

## RUSSIA: NORNICKEL DRAWS UP PERMAFROST MONITORING PLAN AFTER ARCTIC FUEL SPILL

July 2 - Russia's Norilsk Nickel, a major global nickel and palladium producer, has prepared a long-term program to monitor permafrost and remedy environmental damage after an Arctic fuel spill in its home city, it said on Thursday.

The company plans to boost its cooperation with Russian and foreign researchers focused on the Arctic ecology and permafrost zones to find solutions and improve the industrial safety in the region, Bougrov said in the statement. Devdiscourse / [Read more](#)

## RUSSIA TEMPORARILY HALTS PARTS OF NORNICKEL POWER UNIT AFTER FUEL SPILL

July 3 - Russia's safety watchdog on Friday ordered NTEK, a power unit of mining giant Norilsk Nickel, to suspend operations at six facilities for 90 days for violating safety rules, following a fuel spill in the Arctic.

Nornickel said the requested changes to improve safety by the Rostekhnadzor watchdog were already in its working plan to prepare for the winter season in the Norilsk region. Reuters / [Read more](#)

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

June 29 – Please click on the links below to read the latest News Reports from NOAA OR&R

[Marine Debris Program Presents at MIT Environmental Solutions Initiative Workshop](#)

On June 18 and 19, Nancy Wallace, chief of the Marine Debris Division, participated in a virtual workshop hosted by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Environmental Solutions Initiative.

## NEWS REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD (CONTINUED)

### [Disaster Preparedness Program Meets with U.S. Senator Rick Scott's Staff](#)

On June 19, Kate Wheelock, Chief of the Disaster Preparedness Program, and Charles Grisafi, Southeast Regional Preparedness Coordinator, spoke with Washington D.C. and district staff from the office of Senator Rick Scott (FL).

### [OR&R Lecture Series: Steve Buschang on the Texas Automated Buoy System and Geographic Information Systems, Remote Sensing, and Modeling](#)

Responding to and preparing for major oil spills requires the connection and coordination of many systems. The Texas General Land Office's(link is external) Director of Research and Development explained how these systems have been connected and used in their coastal waters on the June 25 episode of OR&R's YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW.

Next week, OR&R's YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW will take a hiatus for the Independence Day holiday, but will return on July 9 with Dr. Paul Penetta, chief scientist for the largest oil spill testing tank in the world, [OHMSETT \(National Oil Spill Response Research and Renewable Energy Test Facility\)](#)(link is external). He will be talking about high resolution slick thickness measurements using ROVs.

## USA: FOUND AN INJURED BIRD?

Advice received from Tristate Bird Recue – “We are currently able to accept patients. If you have found an injured bird, you may bring it to our facility for care any day of the week between 9 AM and 5 PM. We have set up an admit station in our vestibule to drop off patients to minimize social contact. If you need assistance with or have a question about an injured bird, please call 302-737-9543 and then enter extension 103 to leave a message. For the time being, we do not have volunteers answering phone calls, so please follow the directions to leave a message. We will return your call as soon as we can. Tristate Bird Rescue / [Read more](#)

## ISCO NEWS

### WELCOME NEW MEMBER LETTER

**When a new member joins ISCO the Secretary sends a “Welcome to Membership” letter with information which is periodically updated.**

**Members who have been with us for some time will not be familiar with the current content, which may also be of interest to prospective new members. A copy is reproduced below.**



Dear New Member,

Your application to join ISCO has been approved and I am pleased to welcome you / your company to Membership of ISCO.

Your Membership Certificate will now be prepared and sent to you via air mail upon receipt of your first year's membership subscription.

If you have not already paid your first year's subscription, you will shortly receive an invoice. Payment instructions are detailed on the invoice which is due for payment within thirty days.

As a Member of ISCO, you have the right to access the Members' Area of the ISCO website where you will be able to find a large number of operational guidelines, technical articles and other useful information.

You can set up your own account on the website by clicking on this link – (this link will be made available to members)  
If you complete the form on this page your user profile will be set up and you will then be able to log into the website and access the members' area. The website log-in button is located at the top of the home page [www.spillcontrol.org](http://www.spillcontrol.org)

Corporate Members and Industry Partners can enable access to the Members' Area for their employees. It is recommended that you set up a group account for the organisation and copy the nominated User Name and Password to members of your staff.

The Administrator will add your name / the name of your organisation to the list of Members on the website and you are invited to provide a few words about yourself / your organisation by way of an introduction to other Members.

You will receive ISCO's weekly Newsletter which I hope you will find useful and interesting. Please remember to let me know if your email address changes in order that the mailing list can be kept up-to-date.

If you have joined as a Corporate Member, your company will be listed in the classified Supplies & Services section of the website. Please check that your entries have been made in the appropriate section/s of the Directory and that the hyperlink to your company website is working correctly. Entries in the directory are free for members. If you would like to add a banner to your standard entry, just send a ready-made banner. If you don't have a banner we can make one for you at a small cost.

In addition please provide names and email addresses for any of your colleagues that would be interested to receive the Newsletter.

Additional information for your guidance is listed below.

I look forward to your participation in the activities of the Organisation and hope you find your membership will be of real benefit in your professional and business life.

With best wishes,



Matthew Sommerville, Secretary General

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE GUIDANCE OF MEMBERS

**Objectives of the Organization** – You can find these on the website at <http://www.spillcontrol.org/home/objectives>

**Terms and Conditions of Membership** – These can be found on the ISCO website at [www.spillcontrol.org](http://www.spillcontrol.org)

**Use of the ISCO logo** - All Corporate Members in good standing (annual subscriptions paid up-to-date) are entitled to reproduce the ISCO logo on their websites, company brochures, headed notepaper, etc. to denote that your company is a member of an organisation dedicated to improving response preparedness, encouraging technical development and raising professional competency. <http://www.spillcontrol.org/2013-02-05-12-47-53/logo>

**Emergency Assistance** – Corporate Members and Industry Partner Members will receive forwarded emails received from governments, requesting parties and other entities who are seeking emergency resources in support of response to major pollution incidents. See <http://www.spillcontrol.org/emergency-assistance>. **To ensure receipt of forwarded emails it is vital for you to notify the Secretariat immediately if the contact person and email address listed in our mailing list requires to be updated. Please notify changes by email to [info@spillcontrol.org](mailto:info@spillcontrol.org)**

### Professional Membership of ISCO

The International Spill Control Organisation (ISCO) has introduced classes of professional membership that recognise the qualifications and experience of spill responders and others in the international spill response community.

ISCO President David Usher said “This fills a long felt need and will help meet the aspirations of many in the industry who have long felt that their qualifications and experience should be recognised. The creation of professional memberships will encourage all who are making a career in the field of oil and chemical pollution control to take pride in their chosen profession”.

You can find out more about Professional Membership under “Membership” at <http://spillcontrol.org> See under “About Professional Membership”, “Application Form”, “Code of Conduct”, Assessment Guidelines”, Appeals Policy” and “Complaints Procedure”.

### Helping Students/Apprentices/Trainees in their professional development –

Professional Membership of ISCO offers individuals a career path with an option to progress towards higher levels of professional recognition. Nominated individuals will receive a Certificate of Student Membership and be able to access technical information such as spill response tools, manuals, response guidelines in the Members' Area of the ISCO website. They will also receive the ISCO Newsletter which has an educational role and be able to seek additional help and advice from other members.

Availability of free one year “student membership” for students, apprentices and trainees. These awards are made to individuals upon recommendation of training organisations and companies undertaking internal training programmes. The intention is to encourage young people who show promise and interest in making a career in the spill response industry.

Lecturers at training establishments and relevant managers at companies that carry out their own internal training are invited to nominate candidates for a free student membership of ISCO. Please send an email to [info@spillcontrol.org](mailto:info@spillcontrol.org) with names and email addresses of the candidates you wish to recommend.

**ISCO Newsletter** – The ISCO Newsletter is read every week by over 5,000 professionals in about 65 countries. All members receive the weekly ISCO Newsletter free of charge. The addressee on the mailing list is usually the name of the person who completed the original Joining Form at time of joining the organization. Members (other than Individual Members) can request the addition of their colleagues to the mailing list – a subscription form is provided at [info@spillcontrol.org](mailto:info@spillcontrol.org)

If at any time you find that you are no longer receiving the ISCO Newsletter it may be because –

- (1) The email of the addressee has changed or is no longer valid (for example if that person has left the company)  
You can correct this by notifying the Secretariat and advising an updated contact person and email address.
  - (2) Your computer is labelling the incoming newsletter email as “spam”.
  - (3) Your Internet Service Provider is blocking receipt of the newsletter
- To correct non-delivery for reasons (2) or (3) you will need to ask your IT person to take appropriate action.

Corporate Members and Industry Partners are encouraged to recommend to their employees that they add their names to the Newsletter mailing list. The Newsletter subscription form is at [www.spillcontrol.org](http://www.spillcontrol.org)

**Annual Renewal of Membership** – In order to maintain your membership status and benefits you must pay the invoice for your annual subscription promptly. Subscriptions are invoiced annually on each anniversary of the date on which you first joined. If you do not receive an invoice it may be because the contact person and email address held by our Membership Director is not up-to-date. To avoid being removed from the Register of members for non-payment of dues, you should advise the Secretariat of the correct contact information for invoicing. To avoid problems, we prefer to send invoices to the “Accounts Payable” department within your organization and to be able to quote a purchase order reference where applicable.

### **RESPONSECON free standard emergency response contracts**

Members providing emergency response to spill events (contracting to mobilise response resources) can find and download the ISCO-BIMCO standard contracts – go to [www.spillcontrol.org](http://www.spillcontrol.org) and click on Contracts

The RESPONSECON contracts were developed in order to speed up spill response by creating a standard internationally recognised contract for spill response that would avoid the delays that arise from prolonged contract negotiations.

The RESPONSECON Contracts have application for both MARINE and ONSHORE spill response.

The Contracts were drafted by a project sub-committee representing industry and chaired by a representative from the International Group. They conform with the International Group of P&I Clubs’ Guidelines on Vessel Response Contracts.

RESPONSECON is tailored for international use, whereas US RESPONSECON is specifically for use in the United States. Terms and conditions are set out in standard clauses with accompanying annexes for the parties to insert detailed descriptions of the required services and rates for personnel and equipment. Both contracts are available free of charge from BIMCO’s website, subject to “Conditions of Use”. A link is also provided on the ISCO website under “Response Contract” at [www.spillcontrol.org](http://www.spillcontrol.org)

### **NEWSLETTER POLICY ON HANDLING OF PRESS RELEASES**

1. The Editor has sole discretion over what is accepted for publication
2. The Editor reserves the right to edit press releases
3. Information in press releases must be factual and free from sales hype and exaggerated claims
4. Members of ISCO are given priority over non-members in allocation of editorial space.
5. Subject matter of press releases must be relevant to the interests of the spill response community
6. Space availability for printing press releases is limited and they should be kept short
7. If a press release is too long only part of it will be printed but a link can be included for downloading its entirety
8. Links for downloading additional information or viewing video material can be included
9. Depending on space availability press releases may be included in the next issue or held over for a future issue
10. The placing of press releases is usually allocated within sections as follows –

**PEOPLE IN THE NEWS** – Announcements of new appointments, retirements, honours, awards, etc. relating to senior people in a company or organisation. Photos should be included.

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY** – Reserved for technical content relating to new developments that represent a significant technological advance – photos, diagrams, etc. should be included.

**CASE HISTORIES** – Welcomed for publication subject to educational content criteria. In publishing case histories the objective is to pass on experience and lessons learned that will be of interest to other professionals in our community. There is a benefit for contributors because publication of case histories raises the profile of the company concerned.

**NEW PRODUCTS & SERVICES** – Announcement of the launch of a completely new product or service. Photo/s usually provided.

**NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS** – News about new activities / products / services. Change of address, phone numbers, etc. Staff appointments. Award of a major new contract. Other news of significance concerning the company or organisation.

**EQUIPMENT FOR SALE** - For corporate members only – to assist in disposal of equipment that is surplus to requirements.

**MEMBER PROFILES IN THE ISCO NEWSLETTER** – For corporate members only – For a contribution of £200 to ISCO funds publication of a one page company profile. Restricted to one profile a year only per member. Only one profile will be printed in any issue of the newsletter.

### **THE EDUCATIONAL ROLE OF THE ISCO NEWSLETTER**

The ISCO Newsletter has in the past published excellent serialised articles on such matters as inland spill response, aerial observation



## ISCO NEWS (CONTINUED)

of oil spills, in-situ burning, etc. by respected experts including Dr Merv Fingas and Mark Francis. The editor is always looking for more interesting articles. If you think you can contribute an article, please get in touch with [john.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org](mailto: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.

You 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.

### 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.

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](mailto:info@spillcontrol.org) If not in English language, please include a short introduction in English to introduce the submitted item.

### YOUR COMPANY'S BANNER DISPLAYED FOR FREE IN ISCO'S INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORY

Corporate Members can take advantage of the option to display their company banners in ISCO's Directory of Supplies and Services. All members are listed under one or more classifications – Consultants; Equipment & Materials; Response Organizations; and Training Providers – and every entry is hyperlinked to give one click access to company's website.

As an example, to see how your banner might look click on <http://www.spillcontrol.org/2013-02-05-12-36-12/equipment-materials> Send a copy of your banner to [info@spillcontrol.org](mailto:info@spillcontrol.org) or, if you don't have a banner, our designer can create one for you at a modest cost. The option to display your banner is a free benefit only available to paid-up Corporate Members of ISCO.

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## ISCO ADDS NEW READERS TO THE ISCO NEWSLETTER

During the month of June 2020 the number of new subscribers to the ISCO Newsletter was 97. Our new readers are located in Vietnam 13, USA 12, Russia 8, Thailand 7, China 6, Ukraine 4, Canada 4, Laos 3, Brazil 3, and other countries 35.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### A.W. MCAFEE NAMED MANAGING DIRECTOR OF RESOLVE ALASKA



Resolve Alaska, the northwest operating arm of the Resolve Marine Group, welcomes A.W. McAfee as their new Managing Director responsible for overseeing Resolve's operational response and recovery activities. McAfee comes to Resolve from the Bechtel Corporation as an operations manager where his global maritime experience compliments Resolve's diverse response, compliance, and marine services. "We are excited to have A.W. on board contributing to our northwest expansion plans," said Joseph E. Farrell, III, Director of Business Development at Resolve. "His strong background in project management and administration strengthens Resolve's commitment to this region." The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

### NEW PRESIDENT OF THE NAUTICAL INSTITUTE TO FOCUS ON THREE CHALLENGES

The newly elected President of The Nautical Institute, Jillian Carson-Jackson has vowed to help the Institute and wider maritime community meet three important challenges – those of diversity and inclusion, branch engagement and managing the impact of technology. Speaking at today's Nautical Institute Annual General Meeting she announced a pledge from the Institute on diversity and inclusion saying: "There has been a concerted effort over the past years to raise visibility of not just women, but the overall role of diversity and inclusion in maritime. The pledge of the Institute, as a global body for maritime professionals, is to show its commitment to encourage, support and celebrate a diverse and inclusive maritime industry." NI / [Read more](#)



## WEBINARS & ONLINE TRAINING

### THE NEXT WEBINAR OF THE GI WACAF PROJECT WEBINAR SERIES ON OIL SPILL PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY

This live webinar with experts from the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds) will be dedicated to the international legal framework, which governs many aspects of oil spill preparedness and



## WEBINARS & ONLINE TRAINING (CONTINUED)

response at the global and national levels.

At the end of the webinar, participants should be able to:

- Understand the functioning of IMO as a regulatory body;
- Gain knowledge on the key conventions relating to marine environment and oil spill preparedness and response;
- Understand the importance and basic principles of the transposition of international convention into national law;
- Understand the OPRC Convention and its main dispositions;
- Understand the liability and compensation regime, the difference between tanker spills and non-tanker spills; and
- Gain knowledge on the functioning of the IOPC Funds.

There are 2 sessions, one in the morning at 11am (London time) in French and one in the afternoon at 2 pm (London time) in English.

Do not hesitate to register, and please share this link amongst your network: all the GI WACAF webinars are free and open to everyone!

Registration links:

French: <https://event.webinarjam.com/register/16/w804zf2>

English: <https://event.webinarjam.com/register/15/kr8vvh0>

## OSRL'S WEBINAR SERIES CONTINUES THIS WEEK

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| • Preparedness Priorities for Offshore Activities (Spanish) | 7th July |
| • Revisiting Oil Spill Response Capability Review           | 8th July |
| • Preparedness Priorities for Offshore Activities           | 9th July |

Registration for our webinars is available [here](#). If there is a topic you would like to see us cover in a webinar, please do get in touch with your OSRL contact or email us on [myosrl@oilspillresponse.com](mailto:myosrl@oilspillresponse.com). We have also released the latest in our Crisis Management podcast series - Reputation and In-flight review - which is available to [download](#) now. This episode shares lessons from a reputational perspective and discusses the merits of conducting an in-flight review.

## WEBINAR - THE JOURNEY OF THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY

The Journey of the Global Environment Facility - Delivering Transformational Change - A conversation with Naoko Ishii, outgoing GEF CEO and Chairperson, and her successor, incoming GEF CEO and Chairperson Carlos Manuel Rodriguez. July 9, 2020 9:00 am – 10:30 am EDT [More information and registration](#)

## PFAS FATE, TRANSPORT AND TREATMENT - JULY 23, 2020, 12:00PM EDT (16:00 GMT)

SERDP and ESTCP will host this webinar on approaches to better characterize PFAS fate and transport in the subsurface, as well as a novel technology for PFAS treatment. First, Dr. Linda M. Abriola (Tufts University) will discuss experimental, mathematical modeling and decision tool development efforts to better understand the processes controlling PFAS fate and transport in the subsurface. Second, Dr. Timothy Strathmann (Colorado School of Mines) will summarize his research efforts to develop a novel technology to treat PFAS in water and other high moisture content wastes. For more information and to register, see please visit <https://serdp-estcp.org/Tools-and-Training/Webinar-Series/07-23-2020>.

## NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS

### OSRL REMAINS READY TO RESPOND

This week has seen the Southampton and Singapore bases meet the criteria for OSRL to change the alert level from "Red" to "Amber" at these locations. While work-from-home remains our default condition at those sites, we will now undertake more equipment/facilities maintenance activities subject to the controls set out in the Tactical Recovery Plans for each location. We expect the Norway base to follow next week.

In the "Amber" phase, OSRL will undertake a test of our deployment protocols for Offshore Containment & Recovery in Singapore and Shoreline Protection in Southampton. A carefully-managed pre-exercise test of the shoreline protocols was successfully undertaken within the Southampton site this week.

Our Business Continuity work continues with the completion of two more Country Response Plans; Russia and France, bringing our total to 54 plans. We have also updated nine existing plans; Singapore, Turkey, Brunei, Egypt, Senegal, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand. All the Country Response Plans are available on our [website](#). We currently have three further plans under development; Cote D'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea and Republic of Congo. Also this week, OSRL has participated in the first meeting of an IPIECA Oil Spill Group Pandemic Cohort which is seeking to draw on experience from oil companies and OSROs in sharing good practice and improving preparedness. We will continue to support this cohort as it develops its work plans.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Event organisers are requested to notify ISCO immediately if a listed event is cancelled or postponed**

Your Editor is doing his best to keep this listing up-to-date but it should not be assumed that listed events have not been cancelled or postponed. It is recommended that you check with event organisers before finalising your attendance plans.

If an event title is not printed in blue ink it is not hyperlinked to the event website. This may be because the website is not yet available or because the link for the website has not yet been sent to the Editor.

COUNTRY	2020	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
For more information click on Title of Event			
USA	July 6 -	<a href="#">Clean Pacific Conference</a>	Internet
USA	August 3-5	<a href="#">Clean Waterways Conference &amp; Exhibition</a>	Indianapolis, IN.
USA	August 17-20	<a href="#">Science of Chemical Releases (SOCR)</a>	Seattle/Online TBA
ESTONIA	August 25-27	<a href="#">BALEX DELTA 2020 pollution response exercise</a>	Talinn
USA	CANCELLED	<a href="#">HazMat Emergency Response Workshop</a>	Sacramento, CA
USA	Sept. 8-11	<a href="#">Oil Spill Response Strategies &amp; Tactics Training</a>	Leonardo, NJ
AUSTRALIA	Sept. 15-17	<a href="#">Ecoforum Conference &amp; Exhibition (Virtual)</a>	Internet
ICELAND	Sept. 28-30	<a href="#">International Symposium on Plastics in the Arctic and Sub-Arctic Region</a>	Reykjavik
MALTA	October 6-7	Regional Meeting of National Experts on the Post-2021 Mediterranean Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships	Valetta
UK	October 12-13	<a href="#">El Hazardous Area Classification</a>	London
UK	October 19-23	<a href="#">IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee</a>	London
USA	October 20-22	<a href="#">Clean Gulf Conference &amp; Exhibition</a>	San Antonio, TX
CANADA	October 27-29	<a href="#">Arctic Shipping Forum North America</a>	Montreal
MONACO	October 27-29	Regional Workshop to enhance Marine Oil and HNS regional cooperation in the Mediterranean (MEDEXPOL 2020)	Monaco
UK	November 2 -	<a href="#">Meetings of the IOPC Funds' governing bodies</a>	London
NETHERLANDS	November 4-5	<a href="#">European Environmental Ports Conference 2020</a>	Rotterdam
GREECE	POSTPONED	<a href="#">Posidonia 2020</a>	Athens
UK	December 2-3	<a href="#">Salvage &amp; Wreck Removal Conference</a>	London
BAHREIN	December 7-8	<a href="#">El Middle East HSE Forum</a>	Bahrein
COUNTRY	2021	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
USA	May 10-13	International Oil Spill Conference (IOSC 2021)	New Orleans, LA
MALTA	May 25-27	Fourteenth Meeting of the Focal Points of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)	Valetta
CANADA	June 8-10	43rd AMOP Technical Seminar on Environmental Contamination and Response	Edmonton, Alberta
USA	June 28-30	Clean Pacific Conference & Exhibition	Seattle, WA
COUNTRY	2022	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
NETHERLANDS	Details TBA	<a href="#">Interspill Conference &amp; Exhibition</a>	Amsterdam

## MESSAGES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS

### CLEAN WATERWAYS CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

It's been a hard few months for everyone during this pandemic and we're all itching to find some normalcy and resume things like live events and business meetings. If you're getting cabin fever and want to meet with people in person, we're holding [CLEAN WATERWAYS](#) on August 3-5 in Indianapolis, IN. The city of Indy took this pandemic very seriously and immediately took swift action, which has allowed Indy to be "back on track" and moving toward a 100-percent opening of restaurants, hotels, and attractions beginning July 6th. The CLEAN WATERWAYS event team is continuing to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely as the health and safety of our attendees and exhibitors is our top priority. Our team is working with the JW Marriott Indianapolis, the host hotel and location of the live event, to ensure safety protocols are in place to give you peace of mind while at CLEAN WATERWAYS. To view our safety and health protocols in place, [click here](#).

### CLEAN PACIFIC *ON DEMAND*

Since we couldn't come together for CLEAN PACIFIC in Seattle last month, we're launching the CLEAN PACIFIC On-Demand portal on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. The portal contains five sessions that were scheduled to take place at the 2020 CLEAN PACIFIC Conference, and a directory of our sponsors will be available to browse and learn about new products and services available for spill prevention and response. All of this content can be viewed on your time and at your pace.

Access to the portal will be available on July 6<sup>th</sup> but you can sign up in advance. We're offering individual access for \$149 or you can let your whole team access the portal for \$799. You can sign up for the portal [here](#).

Sessions in CLEAN PACIFIC On-Demand include:

#### **Preparing your Incident Management Team (IMT)**

This session will help prepare IMT's to identify tools available to prepare, test, and exercise effectively. PHMSA will present on a project to develop instrumental ICS videos for response. Also included will be a discussion on unannounced exercise implementation and a review of the Canadian Pacific Railroad exercise from October 2019.

#### **Moving the Needle on Abandoned and Derelict Vessels: Recommendations to Strengthen State and Federal Capacity to Address a Growing Threat**

In this panel, we will discuss and brainstorm effective strategies for implementing 38 recommendations from a Jan 14, 2020 report by the Pacific States / British Columbia (BC) Oil Spill Task Force (Task Force): Abandoned and Derelict Vessel (ADV) Blue-Ribbon Program for Western U.S. States (Blue-Ribbon Program).

#### **Case Studies: Successful Response Communications**

This session will focus on two recent events where quick responses, spill prevention procedures, and good crisis communications protected both people and the environment. The audience will hear about tangible ways that state and federal entities can engage with indigenous communities, and about how good spill prevention procedures lead to successful responses.

#### **Crisis Leadership Challenges and Advancements**

This session will provide an opportunity to highlight challenges and advancements in response crisis leadership by a panel of qualified response experts.

#### **Emerging Non-Floating Oils Issues**

This session will look closely at emerging assessment technologies for non-floating oil spill response; specifically, how older technology applications are being put toward new uses. [More info](#)

## LINKS FOR DOWNLOADING & READING OTHER PUBLICATIONS

<a href="#">ALGA Cronicle</a>	News from Australasia on Contaminated Land Remediation	April 2020
<a href="#">AMSA Update</a>	Latest News from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority	Current issue
<a href="#">ATRAC Newsletter</a>	News from the Adriatic Training and Research Centre	December 2019
<a href="#">AUSMEPA Bulletin</a>	News from the Australian Marine Environment Protection Assoc'n	Summer 2020
<a href="#">BIMCO Bulletin</a>	Marine and shipping-related news from BIMCO	June 2020
<a href="#">Newsletter from George Holliday</a>	News and commentary on HSE issues from George Holliday	On request email
<a href="#">Cedre Newsletter</a>	News from Cedre in Brittany, France	May 2020
<a href="#">Clean Nigeria Associates Newsletter</a>	News from CNA about Oil Spill Response in Nigeria	Publication paused
<a href="#">EMSA Newsletter</a>	News from the European Maritime Safety Agency	Current issue
<a href="#">Environmental Expert</a>	Environmental News from Environmental Expert	Current issue
<a href="#">GEF Newsletter</a>	Monthly Newsletter from the Global Environment Facility	Subscription
<a href="#">GESAMP</a>	Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection	Latest news
<a href="#">GISEA Quarterly Newsletter</a>	News from Global Initiative for South-East Asia	Q1 2020
<a href="#">IMO News Magazine</a>	News from the International Maritime Organization	Summer 2020
<a href="#">IMO Publishing Newsletter</a>	New and forthcoming IMO publications	June-July 2020
<a href="#">ITOPF Ocean Orbit</a>	News magazine from ITOPF with interesting spill response articles	October 2019
<a href="#">JOIFF "The Catalyst"</a>	Int'l Organisation for Industrial Hazard Management	Q2 2020 issue
<a href="#">Maritime Executive Magazine</a>	Often contains articles of interest to the spill response community	March-April 2020
<a href="#">MEDNEWS</a>	News from UNEP Mediterranean Action Programme	02 / 2020
<a href="#">MOIG Newsletter</a>	News from the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group	January 2020
<a href="#">NCEC Newsletter</a>	News from the National Chemical Emergency Centre	March 2020
<a href="#">Nautical Institute News</a>	News from the Nautical Institute	Jan.-Feb. 2020
<a href="#">Navigate Response</a>	Global crisis communications network for shipping & marine	June 2020
<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	May 2020

## LINKS FOR DOWNLOADING & READING OTHER PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

[OHMSETT Gazette](#)  
[OSPAR Newsletter](#)  
[PEMSEA Newsletter](#)  
[Pollution Online Newsletter](#)  
[Safe Seas, Clean Seas](#)  
[Salvage World](#)  
[Sea Alarm Foundation Newsletter](#)  
[Technology Innovation News Survey](#)  
[USA EPA Tech Direct](#)  
[WestMOPoCo](#)

Oil Spill Response Research & Renewable Energy Test Facility Quarterly  
Protecting & Conserving the N.E. Atlantic and its resources  
Healthy oceans, people and economies in the East Asian Seas  
News for pollution prevention & control professionals  
Quarterly Newsletter from Maritime New Zealand  
Quarterly Newsletter of the International Salvage Union  
Oiled wildlife Preparedness and Response news from Sea Alarm  
News from US EPA – Contaminated Site Decontamination  
Remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater  
Western Mediterranean Region Marine Oil & HNS Pollution Cooperation

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July 2018 issue  
Current issue  
Current issue  
May 1-15, 2020  
July 1, 2020  
January 2020

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## CONTRACTS, TENDERS & BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

### INTERNATIONAL OPEN TENDER NOTIFICATION SERVICE

This is a subscription service. [Have a look to see examples of open tenders.](#)

### OTHER OPPORTUNITIES: USA & EUROPE

USA - Government solicitations are frequently posted in Technology Innovation News Survey and US EPA Tech Direct.

EUROPE – European Maritime Safety Agency invitations to tender are often posted in The EMSA Newsletter.

See “Links for other publications” for links to download current issues.

ISCO Members are welcome to post tender invitations in this section.

## INCIDENT REPORTS

### UAE: THREE-KILOMETRE OIL SPILL REPORTED ON SHARJAH BEACH



*Photo: Oil washes ashore along a beach in Khor Fakkan. Courtesy: Khor Fakkan Municipality*

June 29 - An oil slick was reported along the coast of Khor Fakkan in Sharjah on Monday. The spill washed up over a three-kilometre stretch between Luluyah and Zubara public beaches. The environmental hazard was reported to Khor Fakkan Municipality, which assembled a team including members from Beeah, an environmental management company, to clean up the beach.

“We received a report about the oil spill and a team of 50 people will be working on cleaning up both Luluyah and Zubara beaches,” said Fawzia Al Qadi, director of the municipality. The National / [Read more](#)

### NETHERLANDS: GERMAN FREIGHTER COLLIDED WITH BRIDGE IN ROTTERDAM, LOST CONTAINERS VIDEO

July 1 - An inland cargo ship loaded with containers struck Willemsbrug Bridge in Rotterdam at around midday Jul 1, and got stuck under the bridge. At least 3 containers fell into water, all reportedly empty. The bridge was slightly damaged, and closed for traffic. Unidentified cargo ship was berthed at Noordereiland. According to ships tracks, the ship in question is German inland cargo ship RHENUS DUISBURG. Maritime Bulletin / [Read more](#) Related report with more video footage in [The Maritime Executive](#)

### PANAMA: OIL SPILL IN THE PORT OF RODMAN

July 1 – Report received from Carlos Sagrera – “Here enclosed some news and photos about an oil spill here in the port of Rodman (Pacific entry to the Panama Canal), PATSA Terminal, from the tanker Sea Lion (Panamanian Flag). So far there is no news about the amount of fuel oil spilled and the effects are being seen on the outskirts of the port with the possibility of reaching the area of the island of Taboga in front of the city”.

<https://www.prensa.com/economia/derrame-de-combustible-en-terminal-de-rodman/>





## INCIDENT REPORTS (CONTINUED)

July 2 – Updated reports received from Carlos Sagrera –

<https://www.pressreader.com/panama/panama-america/20200701/281938840191810>

<https://ensegundos.com.pa/2020/07/01/derrame-de-combustible-en-el-puerto-de-rodman-podria-afectar-hasta-taboga/>

<https://www.panamaamerica.com.pa/economia/derrame-ocasionado-por-barco-sea-lion-tendra-repercusiones-ambientales-1166845>

<https://www.prensa.com/economia/ambiente-inspeccionara-area-de-derrame/>

And an English language report in Ship and Bunker: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/am/153464-fuel-oil-spill-reported-in-panama>

[Thanks to Carlos Sagrera, MSc, MISCO, HSE & Oil Spill Control Advisor, Member of ISCO Council for Panama]

## USA: COAST GUARD, NTSB INVESTIGATING LOST CONTAINERS IN HAWAII



*Photo: Stacks of container toppled on the deck of the Ho Omaka Hou in Hilo Harbor, Hawaii.*

July 2 - The Coast Guard continues to investigate the loss of 21 shipping containers from the barge Ho Omaka Hou off Hilo, Hawaii. All cargo was successfully removed from the barge over the weekend and it returned to Honolulu Monday, where a further damage assessment is being conducted. Twelve containers of have still not been located.

gCaptain / [Read more](#)

## PHILIPPINES: POWER BARGE EXPLOSION LEADS TO MASSIVE OIL SPILL ON ILOILO STRAIT

*Photo: An aerial view of the spillage of the bunker fuel that gushed out of Power Barge 102 owned by AC Energy Corp. in Iloilo City Friday afternoon. (Leo Solinap)*

July 3 - At least 48,000 liters of bunker fuel were spilled into the Iloilo Strait, the body of water separating Iloilo City and the island province of Guimaras, after a power barge exploded Friday afternoon. Based on the incident report of the Iloilo City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (Iloilo City DRRMO), various government response teams and volunteer fire groups have been trying to contain the spillage of bunker fuel in an area of more than 1,299 square meters. Manila Bulletin / [Read more](#)



**July 5 - Oil spill spreads to Iloilo, Guimaras coastal towns** - Magno told The Manila Bulletin Sunday that the bunker fuel coming from the barge has reached the coastal areas of Leganes, Dumangas and Oton towns that face the Iloilo Strait. Magno said that almost 180,000 liters of oil have been collected by a team led by the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), while AC Energy assured that additional equipment was arriving Sunday for the retrieval of the remaining bunker fuel, and to contain the spread of the oil spill.

## Stop Press – Breaking News

## YEMENI GOVERNMENT CALLS ON IMMEDIATE UN INTERVENTION FOR DERELICT OIL TANKER

July 5 - Foreign Minister Mohammed al-Hadhrami called on the UNSC to hold a special session following the Iran-backed Houthi militia's refusal to allow UN experts to conduct their five-year maintenance on the ship. Asharq Al-Awsat / [Read more](#)

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