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## GLOBAL DISASTER ALERT AND COORDINATION SYSTEM (GDACS)

April 9 - Annual meeting of the Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System (GDACS) 2020 has again demonstrated an increased need for a more integrated multi-hazard analysis approach, from natural to technological disasters, from hybrid threats to epidemics.

The purpose of integrated disaster analysis is to provide timely and adequate diagnostics in support for decision making, including the estimated impact, the anticipated need for international assistance, and potential future developments of the scenario.

GDACS is a cooperation framework between the United Nations and the European Commission.

GDACS aims at providing timely disaster alerts and automatically calculated impact estimations as a basis for decision making by the authorities of the affected country and potential international responders.

GDACS has created online collaboration platforms to facilitate global information exchange in the first disaster phase, and to coordinate the production of required satellite images. coordinate the production of required satellite images.

Online event program and participant registration - At this year's HNPW, GDACS will organize several sessions jointly with other organizations to provide updates of latest developments and to discuss areas for improvement. All sessions will be of short duration with a focus on a specific theme and target audience. The sessions are available on the interactive HNPW event program at [www.hnpw.org](http://www.hnpw.org), where participants can register directly for the sessions and gain access to connection details for the remote conference.

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## OTHER INTERNATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

### APRIL 6 - UN HITS BACK AT HOUTHJI THREAT OVER TIME BOMB YEMEN OIL TANKER

Stephane Dujarric, spokesman for the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, was speaking after the militia's leader, Mohammed Ali Al-Houthi, said the world body would be "fully responsible" if there was a major oil leak from the vessel.

Al-Houthi made the accusation despite his group repeatedly refusing access to the FSO Safer tanker, which has been described as a ticking time bomb. Arab News / [Read more](#)

### APRIL 7 - BIDEN'S POLICY SHIFT IN YEMEN COURTS ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER

On February 4, President Joe Biden announced the end of U.S. support to Saudi Arabia and the appointment of diplomat Tim Lenderking as his special envoy for Yemen, signaling a return to a diplomatic process that has yielded no visible success in years.

Less than two weeks later, Biden lifted the foreign terrorist organization designation, sacrificing the leverage it would have provided his envoy during negotiations. The Hill / [Read more](#)

### APRIL 7 - MEETING OF THE IOPC FUNDS' GOVERNING BODIES

The governing bodies held remote sessions from Monday 29 to Wednesday 31 March 2021.

A brief summary of the key decisions taken at the sessions is available [here](#) and the full Record of Decisions of the meeting will be made available via the [Document Services section](#) very soon.

### APRIL 8 - 30 COUNTRIES JOIN GLOBAL INITIATIVE TO TACKLE MARINE LITTER

Countries from across the oceans team up to tackle marine plastic litter under the ambitious GloLitter Partnerships Project. The GloLitter Partnerships Project is implemented by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), with initial funding from the Government of Norway via the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad).

Ten countries have been confirmed as Lead Partnering Countries (LPCs) and a further twenty countries have been selected as Partnering Countries (PCs) of the GloLitter Project.

LPCs will take lead roles in their respective regions to champion national actions in the context of supporting the IMO Action Plan on Marine Litter and the FAO Voluntary Guidelines for the Marking of Fishing Gear. The LPCs and PCs will work together, via a twinning working arrangement, to build regional support for the project.

The 10 Lead Partnering Countries are: Brazil, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Madagascar, Nigeria and Vanuatu.

The 20 Partnering Countries are: Argentina, Cabo Verde, Columbia, Ecuador, Gambia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Solomon Islands, Sudan, United Republic of Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga and Viet Nam. IMO / [Read more](#)

### APRIL 8 – OSPAR COMMISSION: HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND EUTROPHICATION 2021

Philip Axe (Sweden) excellently chaired the March 2021 OSPAR's Hazardous Substances and Eutrophication Committee meeting, which was held by videoconference. HASEC devoted a large part of the meeting to reviewing its Recommendations and Decisions and some of the discussions were of a highly technical nature. In consequence, HASEC decided to establish a Group on Measures and Recommendations (ICG-MaRE), which will facilitate HASEC with developing and implementing measures, as well as coordinate measures with external bodies, in order to deliver the new strategy and through this, the objectives of the OSPAR Convention. OSPAR / [Read more](#)

### APRIL 8 - ISRAEL'S OIL SPILL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

[A thoughtful article by Naama Grossman] - The recent oil spill is an important reminder for all of us on environmental and social responsibility. Seeing the Israeli public mobilize en masse to voluntarily clean our beaches is a stark reminder of the positive impact we can have if we channel our collective energy into positive action.

Sustainability is a burning issue; not something we can put off until a later time. It must become an integral part of our lifestyle, and we must teach it to our children so that they are equipped to deal with it in their lifetime. The Media Online / [Read more](#)

## OTHER INTERNATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF (CONTINUED)

### APRIL 9 - EXCEPTIONAL MARITIME PEOPLE HONOURED AT VIRTUAL IMO AWARDS

The event, which premiered on 7 April, saw Mr. Peter Hinchliffe, former Secretary-General, International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), receive the prestigious International Maritime Prize for 2019.

The 2020 IMO Awards for Exceptional Bravery at Sea were awarded to Mr. Marcio Santos Teixeira and Mr. Fabio Rodrigues Alves de Abreu (Brazil), for averting a major oil spill event at the Terminal Almirante Barroso in São Sebastião Port; and to Mr. Ralph Ofalla Barajan (Philippines), who saved the lives of all those onboard the sinking passenger vessel Siargao Princess.

Mirage News / [Read more](#)

### APRIL 9 - HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH HAS DIED

Prince Philip was the first president of WWF UK, from its establishment in 1961 through to 1982, and was president emeritus of WWF International at the time of his death. The charity said the duke had been a "passionate voice, advocate and champion" for its work, and in 1970 had given his name to the Duke of Edinburgh Conservation Award. Prince Philip, who has passed away at the age of 99, is being remembered for his pioneering work promoting environmental causes, having encouraged conservation in his singular style throughout his life and long before it became fashionable. The Queen's late husband toured the world to draw attention to the plight of wildlife endangered by poaching, deforestation and pollution. The Independent / [Read more](#)

Prince Philip was "an admirable man" who was "vigorous" in his conservation work, his friend Sir David Attenborough has said. Sir David said the Duke was a "very effective, very rigorous" president of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) charity, now known in the UK as the World Wide Fund for Nature. When the organisation was founded in 1961, the Duke became its inaugural president. "Any idea that he'd be resting on his royal position was absurd. He was there to do a job and he expected everyone else to do a job," Sir David said. ITV News / [Read more](#)

## NEWS REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

### AUSTRALIA: WAGERUP REFINERY CHEMICAL SPILL CAUSE PROBED

April 8 - A metal object may have pierced the side of a tank and caused the massive chemical spill at a South West refinery last month, a preliminary investigation has revealed. About seven million litres of processing "slurry" gushed from a tank at Alcoa's Wagerup refinery on March 9, with the highly corrosive liquid splashing through the secondary and tertiary containment tanks and onto the bitumen ground below. The West Australian / [Read more](#)

### CANADA: NEW SFU STUDY SHOWS TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE VIABILITY IN DOUBT WITH NEW CLIMATE POLICY

April 6 - Researchers at Simon Fraser University conclude that Canadians will lose an estimated CAN\$11.9 billion from the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion. The study released is the first comprehensive benefit cost analysis to assess the impacts of weaker oil markets, Canada's new climate plan, and cancellation of the Keystone XL pipeline on the economic viability of the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion.

"The \$11.9 billion loss to Canada is primarily due to a more than doubling of the Trans Mountain construction costs from the original CAN\$5.4 billion to CAN\$12.6 billion, combined with new climate policies just confirmed by the Supreme Court that will reduce the demand for oil," said Professor Thomas Gunton, lead author of the study. World Pipelines / [Read more](#)

### CANADA: TRANS MOUNTAIN CONDUCTS FULL-SCALE EMERGENCY EXERCISE AT WESTRIDGE MARINE TERMINAL WITH A HYBRID INCIDENT COMMAND POST

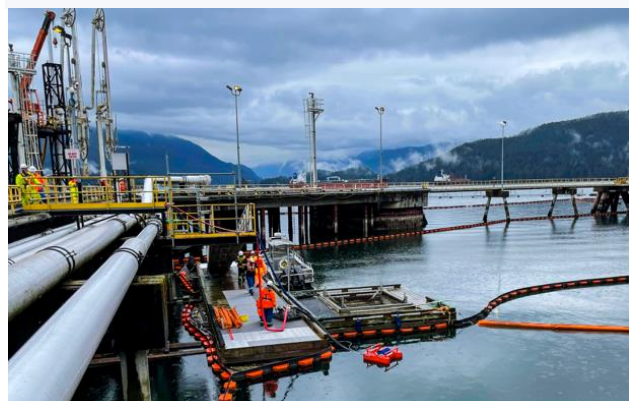


Photo: Trans Mountain spill response equipment with Aqua-Guard RBS TRITON skimmer.

April 7 - Today, Trans Mountain conducted a full-scale emergency response exercise to demonstrate Trans Mountain's ability to effectively manage a spill response event should one occur in Burrard Inlet at Westridge Marine Terminal. The drill included a coordinated response with more than 150 virtual and in-person participants from two Indigenous communities and 10 agencies, including the Canada Energy Regulator, Canadian Coast Guard, Transport Canada and Western Canada Marine Response Corporation (WCMRC), working collaboratively to ensure an efficient and effective response. Transmountain / [Read more](#)

## CANADA: NEWS FROM SHIP-SOURCE OIL POLLUTION FUND

April 9 - During the months of March and April:

- We are presenting at the national Canadian Marine Advisory Council (CMAC) on April 12, 2021.
- Our claims team had an introduction meeting with the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds' (IOPC Funds) claims team.
- The Administrator attended the IOPC Funds' meeting in London virtually with the Canadian delegation.
- The five-year Special Examination, which was carried out at the end of 2020, has now been posted on our website.

<http://sopf.gc.ca/>

## CROATIA: ATRAC CALLED ON A MISSION TO LEBANON



*In the picture: ATRAC director Vedran Martinić and associate Anja Pilepić*

March 24 - The mission aimed to determine the extent of pollution, provide advisory services and provide education, and prepare the Lebanese government for further intervention steps to clean up the coast and to minimize environmental impact. The planned program of the mission includes a four-day tour of the coast from the border with Israel to the northern part of Lebanon, specifically the city of Byblos, as well as accompanying meetings and training.

<http://atrac.hr/en/atrac-called-on-a-mission-to-lebanon/>

## ECUADOR: THE 'TRIPLE PANDEMIC' DEVASTATING ECUADOR'S AMAZON COMMUNITIES AFTER AN OIL SPILL

April 9 - The fuel that flowed into the Napo and Coca rivers in the northeastern rainforest of Ecuador more than a year ago caused a humanitarian and ecological disaster. The affected indigenous communities are demanding answers from the authorities and companies that have been reluctant to act. On April 7, 2020 in the Ecuadorian Amazon, the Napo and Coca rivers turned dark with oil and fuel from three ruptured pipelines, producing the worst environmental disaster of the last 15 years. More than 15,000 gallons (almost 57,000 liters) spilled into the rivers, affecting 35,000 people directly and more than 120,000 indirectly, many of them Kichwa indigenous people from 105 communities. El Pais / [Read more](#)

## GHANA: "OUR OCEANS ARE GRADUALLY BECOMING A TOXIC ENVIRONMENT" - BAWAH MOGTARI

*In the picture: Joyce Bawah Mogtari is an aide to former president Mahama*

April 9 – Reacting to the news of the washing ashore of some mammals (including dolphins) at the coast of Axim, Joyce Bawah Mogtari said that it is a regrettable and unfortunate happening. “the oceans are an indestructible source of inspiration, largely unexplored and contain up to 80% of our fish stocks. Reports stated that a recent chemical spill at sea has left over 60 dead dolphins washed ashore on the coasts of Axim, Osu and Keta. She is calling on the government faster and more proactively than it has so far shown. Ghana Web / [Read more](#) Read a related report in [The Guardian](#)



## LITHUANIA ENLISTS EMSA'S RPAS SERVICES TO MONITOR SHIP EMISSIONS

April 8 - In response to a request from the Environmental Protection Department of Lithuania's Ministry of the Environment, EMSA is providing the country with Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) services to assist in monitoring ship emissions, protect the marine environment and improve maritime safety. EMSA / [Read more](#)

## MAURITIUS: TO CONTAIN THE OIL THREATENING THEIR ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY, HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS GATHERED TO MAKE DIY BOOMS

April 6 – In this short article Reena Usha Rungoo recounts how the people came together to respond to the MV Wakashio oil spill. “To protect the coast from a devastating oil spill, they would make booms from whatever they could find: single-use plastic bottles, fibrous sugar cane waste, even human hair. Word of the DIY initiative spread. Within hours, hundreds of Mauritians came to the people's factory zone to contribute whatever they could. For weeks on end, an expanding army of islanders worked round the clock, even cutting off their own hair to add to the growing lengths of handmade booms”.

<https://undark.org/2021/04/06/mauritius-locals-fight-oil-spill/>

## ROMANIA: EMSA PROVIDES ENHANCED SURVEILLANCE CAPACITIES FOR ROMANIAN BORDER AUTHORITIES IN THE BLACK SEA



April 7 - Multipurpose coastguard support via remotely piloted surveillance system (RPAS) services is as of this month provided by the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), at the request of the Romanian Border Police. The mid-sized RPAS craft can stay in the air for up to 7 hours and has a range of up to 200km. It is equipped with a camera capable of day and night operations, a sea surface scanner, a distress beacon detector and a sensor that can detect vessel positions. It can be used for a range of activities, including border control, monitoring naval traffic, search and rescue, and environmental protection. Data from the RPAS can be recorded and transferred to the EMSA RPAS data centre in real time, and then made immediately available to national authorities. EMSA / [Read more](#)

## RUSSIA: “BALTIC SEA DAY” FORUM IN SAINT PETERSBURG ATTRACTS 400 PARTICIPANTS, WITH BALTIC SEA ACTION PLAN, HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING AND CLIMATE CHANGE TAKING CENTRE STAGE

April 1 - Attended by about 400 people in person and several hundred more online, the [XXI International Environmental Forum “Baltic Sea Day”](#) was held from 23 to 24 March 2021 in Saint Petersburg, Russia as a hybrid event, with a main focus on the [Baltic Sea Action Plan](#) (BSAP), both on its current achievements and its now imminent update.

“The BSAP remains one of the most effective instruments for achieving the HELCOM environmental objectives, offering a long-term vision and strategic orientation for a healthy Baltic Sea,” said the Executive Secretary of HELCOM, Rüdiger Stempel, in his opening plenary address, adding that the update of the plan is already well set to uphold this legacy. The BSAP is due to be updated later this year at the next HELCOM Ministerial Meeting. HELCOM / [Read more](#)

## SINGAPORE: ENDANGERED TURTLES RELEASED AFTER OIL SPILL RESCUE

April 9 - Endangered sea turtles were returned to the Mediterranean after surviving an oil spill in February 2021, Location: Michmoret, Israel Yahoo News / [Watch video](#)

## SRI LANKA SEEKS \$17 MILLION FROM GREEK SHIP OWNER OVER OIL SPILL

April 9 - Sri Lanka on Friday lodged a claim for \$17.38 million with the Greek owners of an oil tanker that caught fire and left a spill stretching 40 kilometres (25 miles) off the South Asian island. The New Diamond vessel was travelling from Kuwait to India with 270,000 tonnes of crude oil on board in September when a fire broke out as it passed Sri Lanka's east coast. The crude being carried as cargo was unaffected by the blaze but some of the tanker's fuel leaked into the Indian Ocean. Economic Times / [Read more](#)

## UK: MITIGATING POTENTIAL CHEMICAL HARM WITH EXTENSIVE REGULATIONS

April 8 - A business owner whose company utilises a variety of chemicals may find himself frustrated by the extensive government regulation governing everything about the use, storage, and disposal of said chemicals. Regulations can be frustrating. That much we know. But the regulations are put in place to mitigate the harm caused by chemical hazards. Such regulations vary from one jurisdiction to the other. So do the government agencies that oversee regulatory schemes. Here in the UK, workplace chemicals are largely governed by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). In the US, there are multiple regulatory bodies with authority, including OSHA and the EPA. Eureporter / [Read more](#)

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

April 4 – Please click on the links below to read the latest News Reports from NOAA OR&R

[Environmental Justice and the Urban Waters Federal Partnership](#)

Environmental justice is the idea that all people, regardless of race, religion, national origin, or economic station, deserve fair treatment with regards to environmental laws and policy. The [Urban Waters Federal Partnership](#)(link is external) works to restore and revitalize relationships between urban communities, particularly those that have been disproportionately impacted by pollution or economic distress, and local waterways.

[New Publication About the Mechanisms of Oil-induced Cardiotoxicity in Fish](#)

Scientists from OR&R have been working with collaborators from the Northwest Fisheries Science Center and other research groups

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to improve our understanding of how exposure to oil during early development causes injury in fish.

### [Marine Debris Program and Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve up on Binational Management of Solid Waste and Flooding](#)

On March 25-26, the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve (TRNERR) hosted a virtual workshop, Binational Management of Solid Waste and Flooding, with more than 130 participants representing the U.S. and Mexico.

### [OR&R Meets with Staff from Senator Maria Cantwell's Office](#)

On Friday, March 26, Director of OR&R, Scott Lundgren, had a one-on-one briefing with Senator Maria Cantwell's (WA) office staff.

## USA: NAMEPA RESUMES MARINE SCIENCE COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS

April 5 - The American Salvage Association (ASA) and the North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA) are resuming their annual Marine Sciences Scholarship Competition. After a pause in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ASA and NAMEPA are relaunching the annual scholarship program, which is open to all high school and undergraduate students who have recently participated in a science or engineering fair with a project that has relevance to the marine sciences, either individually or in a team of up to three persons.

Winners will earn scholarship funds to further their education and research, along with the opportunity to showcase their work, including an invitation to present at NAMEPA's annual conference on October 28. The competition is intended to highlight the importance of preserving the marine environment through the use of sound environmental practices; raise awareness of the art and science of marine salvage and engineering; and promote careers within the maritime industry and marine sciences.

The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

## VIETNAM UPDATES REGULATIONS ON OIL SPILL RESPONSE

April 8 - On March 24, 2021, the Prime Minister of Vietnam issued Decision No. 12/2021/QĐ-TTg issuing regulations on oil spill response (Decision 12). Decision 12 will take effect on May 10, 2021, replacing Decision No. 02/2013/QĐ-TTg as amended by Decision No. 63/2014/QĐ-TTg (together, Decision 02). Broadly speaking, the changes introduced by Decision 12 are minor, and serve mainly to update aspects of Decision 02. One of the more notable changes is the introduction of templates for oil spill response plans (OSR plans) which are provided under Decision 12 to support localities to formulate and prepare their own OSR plans, which must then be approved by the relevant authorities.

Another notable change is the introduction of the timeline for evaluation and approval of OSR plans at all levels. Accordingly, such timelines are elaborated as follows:

- For OSR plans requiring approval from the National Committee for Natural Disaster Response and Search and Rescue (VINASARCOM): Within 30 working days from the date of receipt of complete and valid dossier.
- For OSR plans requiring approval from the provincial People's Committee: Within 20 working days from the date of receipt of a complete and valid dossier.
- For OSR plans requiring approval from the district-level People's Committee: Within 15 working days from the date of receipt of a complete and valid dossier.

Another change is related to financial security for payment of compensation for loss and damage caused by oil spills. Accordingly, Decision 12 requires the owners of Vietnamese and foreign seagoing vessels carrying more than 2,000 tons of raw material to have a certificate of insurance or a financial guarantee as security to discharge their civil legal liability to pay compensation for loss and damage caused by oil spills in accordance with provisions under the 1992 CLC Convention. Lexology / [Read more](#)

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### MOIG DIRECTOR CELEBRATES 25 YEARS ANNIVERSARY



April 7 – Houcine Mejri (Pictured on left), Director of the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group is celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service with ETAP and MOIG. On behalf of the Management Committee Members, MOIG Chairman, Mahmoud Abdessalm Kamour (Pictured on right) made the presentation of a long service appreciation Certificate and said “These few words will be not enough to praise for your achievements, the quality of your work and the talents you have shown always exceed our expectations. We want to let you know that your presence in the MOIG Management Committee made all the difference. In short, you really stepped up to the challenges”.



Houcine has a Master's Degree in Geology applied to Environment from the Science Faculty of Tunis-Tunisia. He started his professional Career in ETAP Laboratories in 1995 as a Chemical Engineer in fluid analysis. In 2011, Houcine moved to Central Direction Production as head of Health, Safety and Environment Department in charge of the HSE dossiers of ETAP and its Partners. Houcine was seconded to MOIG as Director on July 2013 in charge of its permanent Secretariat. [www.medoigroup.org](http://www.medoigroup.org)

## ITALY: ISPRA RESEARCHER INCLUDED IN LIST OF HIGHLY CITED RESEARCHERS



Piero Genovesi, Head of the Wildlife Coordination Service of the Istituto Superiore per la Protezione e la Ricerca Ambientale (ISPRA) has been included in the list of the Most Cited Researchers in the World by Web of Science (Web of Science Highly Cited Researchers 2020).

In 2018 and 2019 he was included in the environmental research category, while in 2020 in the cross-field sector, a category created in 2018 for researchers who impact in multiple research fields. ISPRA / [Read more](#)

## ISCO NEWS

### INTRODUCING ISCO'S FIRST REGIONAL AMBASSADOR

Carlos Sagrera, MSc, Member of ISCO Council for Panama has been appointed as ISCO Representative for the Ibero-American Region



Photo: Carlos Sagrera during a recent activity in Roatán (Honduran Caribbean)

Former Lieutenant Commander of the Uruguayan Navy, has sailed international oil vessels. He worked as an advisor of the Navy International Affairs Office; member of several bilateral and intergovernmental committees related to maritime, riverine, boundary and international issues (within the framework of IMO, UNDP). He has advised the Uruguayan Government about issues related to the Marpol agreement, Solas, CLC, Fund, etc.). Has a Master Degree in Transport Management (Brussels-Leuven-Liege-Mons), Maritime and Air Law (Brussels), and European Integration (Liege). He has coordinated projects for the Environmental Protection and Control of Pollution Caused by the Maritime Transportation in the Gulf of Honduras. He has controlled responses at over 200 maritime and ground spills, level 1-2-3 in Panamá and Central America. He was directly responsible for prevention activities,

which has led him to lead dozens of exercises and simulations of deployment of resources, notification, management of maritime coasts, and crisis management in Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Panama. He works as an independent advisor and instructor in courses for oil pollution control and other harmful substances in all countries from Central America and the Caribbean, both in English and Spanish. Read more about Carlos' experience, current activities, conference presentations, publications and special projects completed at [www.mtconsult.org](http://www.mtconsult.org)

Below is a copy of the acceptance of his appointment as ISCO Representative for the Ibero-American Region.



Ciudad de Panamá, 08 Abril 2021

Sr. Neil Marson

Secretario General ISCO

Tengo el agrado de dirigirme a Ud. a efectos de agradecer su comunicación del 02 Abril 2021, por la cual se nos informa de nuestra designación como Representante de ISCO para la Región Iberoamericana, dentro del concepto general de Embajadores de ISCO informado por Ud. al Directorio y Consejo de ISCO en la Reunión Zoom del 23 Marzo 2021.

Al respecto le informamos a continuación la lista de los 18 países en que ejerceremos dicha representación, todos ellos de habla hispana, idioma que se utilizará en las comunicaciones e interacciones con los actores del sector (Autoridades de Gobierno, Empresas Petroleras, OSROs, ONGs Ambientales y otros referentes vinculados al Oil and HNS Spill Control), lo que facilitará los objetivos de ISCO en la región:

Argentina – Bolivia – Colombia – Costa Rica – Cuba - Chile - Ecuador - El Salvador - Guatemala – Honduras – México - Nicaragua - Panamá - Paraguay – Perú – República Dominicana - Uruguay - Venezuela

Nuestros objetivos generales procuran hacer llegar de manera adecuada la información elaborada en forma periódica y los servicios de ISCO a través de sus plataformas virtuales y procurar su afianzamiento y confirmación en la región Iberoamericana, a través de la participación, suscripciones y métodos de pago que se consideren pertinentes y faciliten para las partes interesadas por parte de esa Secretaría General y la Administración de ISCO.

Finalmente queremos informarle que nuestra actividad espera contar con el apoyo directo de referentes reconocidos en Iberoamérica y que son parte del Staff y Miembros de ISCO, con participación en actividades del sector en la región, con los que se realizarán los contactos oportunos acorde a los requerimientos que se visualicen en cada país y situación en particular.

Agradecemos su atención, le saluda atentamente,



**Carlos Sagrera, MSc. ([www.mtccconsult.org](http://www.mtccconsult.org))**

**Representante ISCO Región Iberoamericana**

And in English translation -

Mr. Neil Marson, Secretary General ISCO

I am pleased to write to you in order to thank your communication of April 02, 2021, by which we are informed of our designation as ISCO Representative for the Ibero-American Region, within the general concept of ISCO Ambassadors informed by you to ISCO Board of Directors and Council at the Zoom Meeting of March 23, 2021.

In this regard, we inform you below the list of the 18 countries in which I will exercise such representation, all of them Spanish-speaking, the language that will be used in communications and interactions with sector actors (Government and Local Authorities, Oil Companies, OSROs, Environmental NGOs and others references related to Oil and HNS Spill Control), which will facilitate ISCO's objectives in the region:

Argentina - Bolivia - Colombia - Costa Rica - Chile – Cuba - Ecuador - El Salvador - Guatemala - Honduras - Mexico Nicaragua - Panama - Paraguay - Peru - Dominican Republic - Uruguay - Venezuela

Our general objectives seek to adequately deliver the information prepared periodically and the services of ISCO through its virtual platforms and to ensure its consolidation and confirmation in the Ibero-American region, through the participation, subscriptions and payment methods that are considered pertinent and provided for interested parties by the General Secretariat and the ISCO Administration.

Finally, we want to inform you that our activity expects to have the direct support of recognized leaders in Latin America and that they are part of the Staff and Members of ISCO, with participation in activities of the sector in the region, with whom the appropriate contacts will be made according to the requirements that are displayed in each country and situation in particular.

## **A MESSAGE TO MEMBERS OF THE ISCO VOLUNTEER “WAY FORWARD” GROUP**

The Secretariat has invited all Members of our Volunteer Group to join the specially created Chanty communications platform but is concerned that not everyone has yet signed in.

In order for the Volunteer Group to work as intended it is vital that we all become active in Chanty. Otherwise there's no way that members of the group can effectively share ideas, proposals, updates, etc. as envisaged.

It's very understandable that some of us who (like me) lack computer expertise feel some trepidation about using something with which we are not familiar – but I have been using Chanty for a while and can say that it's well worth making the effort. I'm finding that as I become more familiar with it I'm finding it increasing useful and easy to use – much better than multiple emails that can all too easily get missed or buried – and the easy to use communication facilities with speech and video links with others are first class.

The good news is that over the coming days Mike Watson will be creating very simple easy-to-follow Chanty usage guidance for computer “dummies” like me who need basic ABC instructions – so, if you haven't yet taken up your invitation to join us, please do so now.

## **ABOUT THE ISCO COUNCIL**

**At our last Zoom meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> March it was apparent that some participants were not well informed about the purpose and activities of the ISCO Council.**

The ISCO Council is a non-executive body composed of members who represent countries where ISCO has members. According to ISCO's Constitution the Council Members are appointed to carry out certain duties –



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- a) Each Member of Council shall be the primary point of contact between the Membership in the country or region represented and the Executive Committee. This role is recognised as extremely important in countries where the English language is not universally understood.
- b) The Executive Committee also looks to Members of Council for support in facilitating communications between ISCO and government ministries or agencies, and other national authorities, institutions or bodies in the countries (or regions) represented
- c) Members of Council are charged with the responsibility of encouraging the formation of National (or Regional) Associations which bring together individual professionals, companies and other entities involved in spill control in their countries, as a means of raising levels of knowledge and competence, facilitating sector recognition and creating a channel of communication with governments.
- d) Members of Council are expected to promote ISCO's objectives and to encourage growth of ISCO Membership in their countries.

Several articles in the ISCO Newsletter in recent years elaborated on the role of the ISCO Council. These spelt out responsibilities but were also aimed at encouraging members to volunteer as new Members of ISCO Council and listing some of the activities being undertaken by Members of Council

- Making recommendations to the Executive Committee on policy and other matters
- Giving practical support to ISCO initiatives that are of benefit to our community
- Acting as a point of contact between ISCO and national authorities
- Organising “in-country” meetings of members
- Helping to grow the organisation by recruiting new members
- Publicising the aims and work of ISCO at national conferences
- Helping to secure member benefits such as discounts on training courses, conference fees, etc.
- Supporting ISCO representation at in-country exhibitions
- Representing the organisation at international conferences and other meetings.
- Joining ISCO Delegations attending meetings of IMO and other organizations
- Contributing to working groups (ISCO, IMO, and others) on new projects for improving spill response and related environmental protection projects.
- Submitting technical articles, case histories, etc. for publication in the ISCO Newsletter
- Sending in news reports for inclusion in the ISCO Newsletter

ISCO recognises that most Members of Council are busy people with full-time jobs. Because of this they are not expected to fulfil **ALL** of these activities. – **ONLY** the ones that they can manage to do.

With many countries not represented on the ISCO Council we are looking to expand the membership of the ISCO Council and are particularly interested to secure representation of national associations with an interest in spill response and environment protection.

More information about the ISCO Council can be found in the members’ area of the ISCO website in the ISCO Bye-Laws, Guidelines and Reference Information section.

## NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS

### RESOLVE ALASKA SHORES UP DERELICT BARGE IN CHERNOFSKI HARBOR



April 1 - A derelict barge moored in Chernofski Harbor (SW Unalaska), Alaska had become unstable as the stern rested on the shoreline with moor lines connected to deteriorating pilings. Resolve Marine surveyed the desolate barge grown over with tundra and the shoreline location determining that no suitable mooring locations existed within 0.5 miles. The barge appeared seaworthy enabling teams to make plans to tow the barge to another mooring location or back to Dutch Harbor. The immediate need was to secure the barge so it would not relocate during storms and inclement weather. Teams on Resolve’s PIONEER response tug completed the barge tie-down as they secured the barge to an existing outcropping using a 0.75”

galvanized cable double wrapped around the rocks. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

## UPCOMING WEBINARS

### GI WACAF WEBINAR SERIES ON OIL SPILL PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE RESUMES

GI WACAF webinar series on oil spill preparedness and response returns with a first episode dedicated to the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP), its annexes and the importance of its effective implementation. It will take place on **Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** (see the attached event banner).

There are **2 sessions: one in the morning at 10:00 am (GMT+1) in French and one in the afternoon at 2:00 pm (GMT+1) in English.**

**Registration links:**

- English session (2:00 pm GMT+1 on 14/04/2021): <https://event.webinarjam.com/register/42/plr41tx2>
- French session (10:00 am GMT+1 on 14/04/2021): <https://event.webinarjam.com/register/43/m21vvi79>

Please visit our [website](#) to find more information about upcoming webinars and watch the replay of previous sessions.

### FREE WEBINARS FROM UK AND IRELAND SPILL ASSOCIATION

Wed, 14 Apr 2021 15:00 BST [Spill Knowledge Base: Marine Dispersants](#)

Wed, 19 May 2021 15:00 BST [Spill Knowledge Base: Storage Tanks](#)

Wed, 16 Jun 2021 15:00 BST [Spill Knowledge Base: Marine Special Equipment](#)

Click on the blue titles for more info on specified webinars. [view our upcoming virtual events here.](#)

### ALGA – AUSTRALIAN LAND & GROUNDWATER ASSOCIATION

Over 100 Webinars can be accessed - <https://landandgroundwater.com/webinars>

## ONLINE AND OTHER TRAINING COURSES

### CEDRE: "FIGHTING ACCIDENTAL OIL POLLUTION AT SEA AND ON THE COAST - LEVEL IMO 2"

Sessions in French: May 31 to June 4, 2021

### LLOYDS MARITIME ACADEMY – CERTIFICATE IN OIL SPILL RESPONSE

Our [Certificate in Oil Spill Response](#) starts on 14<sup>th</sup> April, and we wanted to remind you why this course is essential for you. This 12-week distance learning course has been designed in line with the IMO's International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation (OPRC), therefore it's your chance to get the best knowledge you can in oil spill safety and effective emergency response.

### USA: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CODE ENFORCEMENT P0615

June 13-18, 2021. Emmitsburg, Maryland. 6-day on-campus - This six-day course is designed to guide students in gaining and sharing the knowledge, skills and abilities to effectively recognize and analyze hazardous materials risk, classify the materials, and apply the codes, standards, and regulations to prevent incidents and mitigate threats to life and property. [More info](#)

### INTERTANKO : NEW ENCLOSED SPACE SAFETY VIDEO LAUNCHED

The issue is hugely important and the IG is very keen to play a part in the mitigation of preventable deaths on board ships. The animation is available on the International Group website [Enclosed Space Entry - The International Group of P&I Clubs \(igpandi.org\)](#) and has been added to the Group's [LinkedIn](#) channel.

### ALGA: PFAS 101 TRAINING MODULES

These training modules, prepared by members of ALGA's Emerging Contaminants of Concern Interest Group (EmCoC IG), consists of 9 online modules covering aspects of PFAS from health risk and community consultation to investigation and remediation. The content for the modules has been developed with a principally Australian and New Zealand focus, but also draws examples of best practice from around the world, making it up to date, expansive yet locally relevant. [More info](#)

## CONTRACTS, TENDERS AND 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**

US Government solicitations are frequently posted in Technology Innovation News Survey, US EPA Tech Direct and USA Federal Contracts Update.

European Maritime Safety Agency invitations to tender are often posted in The EMSA Newsletter. See POLLUTION RESPONSE SERVICES: PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN THE PIPELINE <http://www.emsa.europa.eu/newsroom/newsletters/item/4372-newsletter-april-2021.html>

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

Readers are welcome to post tender invitations in this section.

**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 given.

If you want to request the addition of an event please contact the Editor.

For more information click on Title of Event			
COUNTRY	2021	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
VIRTUAL EVENT	April 14	<a href="#">West MOPoCo Closure Event</a>	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	April 19-May 17	<a href="#">Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Weeks</a>	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	April 28	<a href="#">SCAA 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting</a>	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	May 1-2	<a href="#">Tri-State Bird Rescue &amp; Research Open House</a>	Online
USA	May 9	<a href="#">APICOM GM Meeting</a>	New Orleans LA
VIRTUAL EVENT	May 10-13	<a href="#">International Oil Spill Conference (IOSC 2021)</a>	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	May 11-12	<a href="#">ALGA New Zealand Land &amp; Groundwater Conference</a>	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	May 20-21	<a href="#">European Maritime Day</a>	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	May 25-27	<a href="#">Fourteenth Meeting of the Focal Points of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)</a>	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	June 8-9	<a href="#">Environment Analyst Global Business Summit 2021</a>	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	June 8-10	<a href="#">43rd AMOP Technical Seminar on Environmental Contamination and Response</a>	Online
USA	June 8-10	<a href="#">Elastec Spill Workshop 2021</a>	Carmi, IL
TUNISIA	June 15	Training on Readiness Evaluation Tool for Oil Spills	Hammamet
TUNISIA	June 16-17	Regional Workshop on Oil Spill Waste Management	Hammamet
USA	August 17-18	<a href="#">Clean Pacific Exhibition &amp; Conference</a>	Renton, WA
USA	September 7-10	<a href="#">Hazmat Emergency Response Workshop</a>	Sacramento, CA
NETHERLANDS	September 9-10	<a href="#">Envirotech for Shipping Forum</a>	Rotterdam
USA	Sept. 13-15	<a href="#">Clean Waterways Conference &amp; Exhibition</a>	Louisville, KY
CROATIA	October 26-28	Regional Workshop – Enhancing Preparedness and Response in the Adriatic & Mediterranean Regions	Opatija
CROATIA	October 29	MOIG General Assembly Meeting	Opatija
USA	Nov. 16-18	<a href="#">Clean Gulf Conference &amp; Exhibition</a>	San Antonio, TX
BAHREIN	Nov. 28-30	<a href="#">International Conference &amp; Exhibition on Spills, Clean Seas &amp; Environment</a>	Bahrein
CAMBODIA	December 1-4	<a href="#">East Asian Seas Congress</a>	Sihanoukville

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**MESSAGES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS**

**USA: INTERNATIONAL OIL SPILL CONFERENCE**

We recently released our [Full Program](#) on the IOSC website so you can explore the innovative research and expert speakers

you'll hear from this year. With more than 160 papers across nearly 50 **breakout sessions**, poster presentations, 10+ interactive **Short Courses**, our popular **Film Festival & Photo Contest**, and the **virtual exhibit hall**, IOSC continues to be the most comprehensive conference for the oil spill response community.

### USA: REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: 2021 CLEAN GULF CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

**Registration** has officially opened for the **2021 CLEAN GULF Conference & Exhibition**, taking place November 16-18 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, TX. If you are unable to travel or attend in-person, you can register for the virtual on-demand experience.

### USA: ELASTEC TRAINING WORKSHOP: REGISTER NOW TO LEARN ABOUT ASSESSING AN OIL RELEASE SITUATION

The trainee will be introduced to the unique mindset required to evaluate a spill. This is unique because every spill is different, based on the factors presented. [Click here for more details](#) about other workshop topics.

### NETHERLANDS: EUROPEAN MARITIME DAY

Den Helder, May 20-21. EMD 2021 in Den Helder will be a virtual conference. <https://european-maritime-day-2021.b2match.io/>

### USA: MEET THE 2021 CLEAN WATERWAYS PLANNING COMMITTEE

We have lined up a prestigious group of 35+ leaders made up of operators, state and federal regulators, consultants, service companies and OSROs to plan the conference sessions for **CLEAN WATERWAYS 2021**. Yesterday, the planning committee gathered virtually to plan the sessions for the 2021 conference. Ten sessions were planned, covering practical information on topics specific to fresh water spills and environmental considerations. Session details will be announced later this month!

#### Meet the planning committee:

- **State Host:** Robert Francis, Manager, Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection
- Ronne Adkins, Regional Director of External Affairs, Tennessee Dept. of Environment & Conservation
- Troy Bernal, Senior Consultant, Antea Group
- Jodi Billman-Kotsko, Manager, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
- Cory Davis, CEO, CTEH, LLC
- Sam Dinkins, Technical Program Manager, Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO)
- Bob Dundas, Environmental Coordinator, Belle Fourche Pipeline Company
- Jim Elliott, Past President, American Salvage Association
- Bobby Elzie, Manager Emergency Response, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
- TJ Engstrom, Director Emergency Services, Clean Harbors
- Cody Fisher, Chief Emergency Services Division, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
- CWO Dana Fleming, U.S. Coast Guard Office of Specialized Capabilities
- Rebecca Garcia-Malone, Assistant Director, Vessel Services, T&T Salvage, LLC
- Jordan Garrard, Federal On-Scene Coordinator, U.S. EPA, Region 4
- John Gerken, Vice President, Pace Analytical
- Aaron Green, IDEM Emergency Response Section Chief, Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management
- Dyron Hamlin, GHD Principal, GHD, Inc.
- Maria Hartley, Technical Lead, Enterprise Emergency Management, Chevron
- Tony Houdyshell, Hazmat & Emergency Response Officer, Canadian Pacific Railway
- Clint Linder, Emergency Response Coordinator, Shell Pipeline Company LP
- Stephen Lloyd, Manager, Emergency Response, Enbridge Pipelines Inc.
- John Maddox, Emergency Response Manager, Georgia Environmental Protection Division
- Angie Martin, Vice President, Heritage Environmental Services
- Joseph McCann, Manager, Hazardous Materials, CSX Transportation, Inc.
- Scott Metzger, COO, HEPACO, LLC
- Adrian Michielsen, Regional EP&R Advisor, Imperial
- CWO Joshua Miller, All-Hazards Response Specialist, U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Ohio Valley
- Carla Mings, HES Professional, Marathon Petroleum Corporation, LP
- Brian Moore, Director Emergency Response, Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Protection
- Eddie Murphy, Emergency Management Specialist, U.S. DOT PHMSA
- Kevin Palm, Sr. Business Development Mgr., National Response Corporation (NRC)
- Stephen Pepper, Director, Crisis Management, Phillips 66

## MESSAGES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS (CONTINUED)

- James Shuler, Emergency Response Manager, Energy Transfer Partners
- Grady Springer, Office of Emergency Response, Coordinator, Alabama Department of Environmental Management
- Shasta Steinweden, Complaint Coordinator, Montana Department of Environmental Quality
- John Swift, Vice President, Marine Spill Response Corporation
- Chad Tاملing, Executive Vice President, SET Environmental, Inc.
- Jon Wickersham, Emergency Response Program Specialist, Colonial Pipeline Company

September 14-15, Louisville KY - Early bird registration discounts run through June 25th! Register early to save \$200 off the in-person experience and \$50 off the virtual experience. [Register for the in-person event](#) [Register to attend virtually](#)

## LINKS FOR DOWNLOADING AND READING OTHER PUBLICATIONS

<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	October 2020
<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	March 2021
<a href="#">Newsletter from George Holliday</a>	News and commentary on HSE issues from George Holliday	Free on request
<a href="#">Cedre Newsletter</a>	News from Cedre in Brittany, France	January 2021
<a href="#">EMSA Newsletters</a>	News from the European Maritime Safety Agency	Current issue
<a href="#">Environmental Expert</a>	Environmental News from Environmental Expert	Current issue
<a href="#">GDACS Newsletter</a>	Daily alerts for natural disasters – earthquakes, floods, typhoons, etc.	Free on request
<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	Q3 2020
<a href="#">IMO News Magazine</a>	News from the International Maritime Organization	Autumn/Winter 2020
<a href="#">IMO Publishing Newsletter</a>	New and forthcoming IMO publications	September 2020
<a href="#">ITOPF Ocean Orbit</a>	News magazine from ITOPF with interesting spill response articles	February 2021
<a href="#">JOIFF Catalyst Newsletter</a>	Int'l Organisation for Industrial Hazard Management	Q1 2021 issue
<a href="#">Maritime Executive Magazine</a>	Often contains articles of interest to the spill response community	Current issue
<a href="#">MOIG Newsletter</a>	News from the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group	February 2021
<a href="#">NCEC Newsletter</a>	News from the National Chemical Emergency Centre	December 2020
<a href="#">Navigate Response</a>	Global crisis communications network for shipping & marine	Current issue
<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	Current issue
<a href="#">OHMSETT Gazette</a>	Oil Spill Response Research & Renewable Energy Test Facility Quarterly	Autumn 2020
<a href="#">Oiled Wildlife Log</a>	Bi-annual Newsletter from Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research	January 2021
<a href="#">OSPAR Newsletter</a>	Protecting & Conserving the N.E. Atlantic and its resources	End of year 2019
<a href="#">PEMSEA Newsletter</a>	Healthy oceans, people and economies in the East Asian Seas	Current issue
<a href="#">Pollution Online Newsletter</a>	News for pollution prevention & control professionals	Current 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="#">Society of Maritime Industries</a>	News from the UK's maritime engineering and business services sector.	Current issue
<a href="#">Spill Alert</a>	Quarterly Newsletter from UK & Ireland Spill Association	April 1, 2021
<a href="#">Technology Innovation News Survey</a>	News from US EPA – Contaminated Site Decontamination	December 2020
<a href="#">The Maritime Advocate</a>	Maritime News from Sandra Speares	Feb. 16-28, 2021
<a href="#">UNEP News</a>	Latest News from United Nations Environmental Programme	Current issue
<a href="#">USA EPA Tech Direct</a>	Remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater	Latest News
<a href="#">USA Federal Contract Opportunities</a>	The authoritative source for federal contract opportunities	April 1, 2021
<a href="#">Water Pollution &amp; Flood News</a>	Monthly round-ups of UK & Worldwide Spill and Flood News	Mar.29-Apr.4, 2021
<a href="#">WestMOPoCo</a>	Western Mediterranean Region Marine Oil & HNS Pollution Co-operation	Free on request November 2020

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## NEW PUBLICATIONS

### EMSA: ANNUAL REPORT OF DRILLS AND EXERCISES AVAILABLE ONLINE

[http://emsa.europa.eu/index.php?option=com\\_flexicontent&view=item&cid=2&id=4372:newsletter-april-2021&Itemid=2&idU=1](http://emsa.europa.eu/index.php?option=com_flexicontent&view=item&cid=2&id=4372:newsletter-april-2021&Itemid=2&idU=1)

### UK & IRELAND SPILL ASSOCIATION: 2021 SPILL ALERT MAGAZINE

<https://www.ukspill.org/home/2021/04/08/introducing-the-march-2021-edition-of-spill-alert-magazine/>

## INCIDENT REPORTS

### USA: FLORIDA - 'IMMINENT' COLLAPSE OF WASTEWATER RESERVOIR IN FLORIDA FORCES EVACUATIONS

**April 3** - A reservoir in Florida that holds nearly 400 million gallons of wastewater from a former phosphate mine was leaking on Saturday, prompting hundreds of evacuations, the authorities said. Crews were "doing their best to control the outflow" of contaminated water into a creek at Piney Point in Florida, the site of a former phosphate mine that is south of Tampa, said Vanessa Baugh, the chairwoman of the Manatee County Commission. *New York Times* / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Ed Levine, FISCO]

**April 4 - Millions of Gallons of Mining Wastewater Released Into Tampa Bay** - The governor of Florida has declared a state of emergency in Manatee County due to the risk of catastrophic flooding from a failing containment pond at a phosphate mining site. To reduce the risk, the state's emergency management team is helping the site's operator to pump millions of gallons of wastewater into the bay near Port Manatee. The storage pond several hundred millions of gallons of fertilizer-rich water, and it has begun leaking, likely through a tear in its plastic liner. State officials fear that it could worsen into a catastrophic collapse of the reservoir's containment system. In the worst-case scenario, the 70-foot "stack" of phosphogypsum waste - which happens to be the highest point of elevation in the county - could fail, sending a 20-foot wall of water flooding downhill. *The Maritime Executive* / [Read more](#)

**April 8 - Wastewater Pumped into Tampa Bay Could Harm Marine Environment** - Millions of gallons of water laced with fertilizer ingredients are being pumped into Florida's Tampa Bay from a leaking reservoir at an abandoned phosphate plant at Piney Point. As the water spreads into the bay, it carries phosphorus and nitrogen – nutrients that under the right conditions can fuel dangerous algae blooms that can suffocate sea grass beds and kill fish, dolphins and manatees. *The Maritime Newsletter* / [Read more](#)

### NORWAY: RESCUE UNDERWAY FOR ABANDONED YACHT TRANSPORT SHIP

April 6 - Emergency response teams scrambled on Tuesday to prevent a Dutch cargo ship adrift in the North Sea from sinking and causing an oil spill off Norway's coast after the crew had to be evacuated in stormy weather. *gCaptain* / [Read more](#)

**April 7 - Emergency Action Secures Heavy-Lift Vessel as it Nears Norwegian Coast**



*Photo: Emergency actions secured the tow line to the Emslift Hendrika (Kystvakta KV Bergen)*

Norwegian authorities late today declared a state of emergency fearing that a Dutch heavy-lift vessel that has been adrift off the coast was in immediate danger of grounding and causing an environmental incident. After having calling off efforts earlier in the day to board the drifting vessel due to weather, they staged a nighttime effort airlifting a salvage crew aboard to attach a towline while also mobilizing their oil spill response resources. The tow is now underway to Breisundet outside Alesund for further inspection. *Maritime Executive* / [Read more](#)

## HISTORY

### 20 YEARS AGO - CARGO SHIP TERN COLLIDED WITH THE BALTIC CARRIER TANKER AT THE EDGE OF GERMAN AND DANISH WATERS – 27,000 TONS HFO SPILLED

Read more at <http://wwz.cedre.fr/Menu-secondaire/News/C-etait-il-y-a-20-ans>

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