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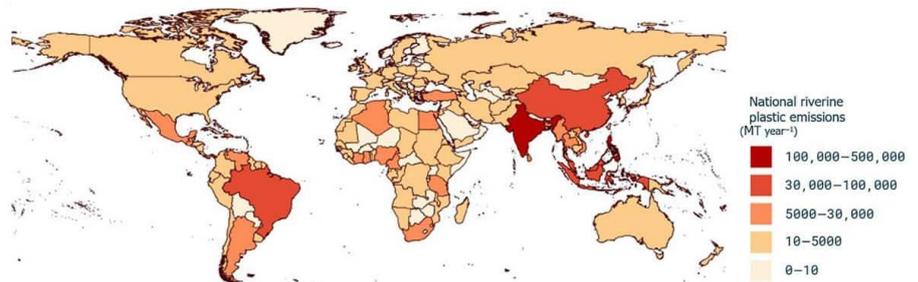


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PLASTIC GETS TO THE OCEANS THROUGH OVER 1,000 RIVERS



Map of total emitted plastic into the ocean ME (MT year⁻¹) per country.

Map: [Meijer et al., 2021.](#)

Rivers are the primary conduits for plastic waste to the seas. In 2017, two separate groups of scientists concluded that 90 percent of river-borne plastic waste that flushes into the oceans is conveyed by just a handful of large, continental rivers, including the Nile, Amazon, and Yangtze, the world's three longest rivers. Cleaning up those rivers—10 rivers were named in one study and 20 in the other—could go a long way toward solving the problem, experts agreed.

New research published today in Science Advances has turned that thinking on its head. Scientists found that 80 percent of plastic waste is distributed by more than 1,000 rivers, not simply 10 or 20. They also found that most of that waste is carried by small rivers that flow through densely populated urban areas, not the largest rivers.

Scientists used to think 20 rivers at most carried most plastic into the oceans, but now they know it's far more. National Geographic / [Read more](#)

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GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY HOLDS FIRST MEETING FOR ITS 8TH REPLENISHMENT

April 22 – Member governments and partners of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) met today – Earth Day – to formally start discussions about its eighth replenishment cycle, signaling ambitious plans and priorities at a critical time for the health of people and planet. The meetings brought together representatives of donor and recipient countries, civil society, and observers from the wider GEF community, including partner agencies, environmental conventions, the private sector, and international climate funds, for substantive conversations about how the GEF can scale up action on inter-related threats including climate change, biodiversity loss, chemical pollution, and pressure on forests, oceans, and landscapes. GEF / [Read more](#)

EU AND CHINA STEP UP COOPERATION ON BIODIVERSITY AHEAD OF COP 15

April 27 - At the 8th EU-China Ministerial Environment Policy Dialogue, held today, Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries Virginijus Sinkevičius and Mr Huang Runqiu, China's Minister for Ecology and Environment, acknowledged the scale of the biodiversity crisis and committed to stepping up action to protect, conserve and restore biodiversity and ecosystems. This meeting comes ahead of the Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the [Convention on Biological Diversity](#) (COP 15), which will be held in China in October this year. It was an opportunity for Commissioner Sinkevičius and Minister Huang Runqiu to exchange views on the preparations and desirable outcomes for a successful COP 15 and update each other on concrete actions at domestic level. Both sides discussed ways to enhance cooperation on environmental issues where closer coordination between the EU and China can lead to progress at national and multilateral levels. EC / [Read more](#)

THREE QUESTIONS TO... LARS SONESTEN ON THE SECOND WORLD OCEAN ASSESSMENT (WOA II)

April 30 - Lars Sonesten is the Head of Department of Aquatic Sciences and Assessment at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU). He is the Chair of the HELCOM Pressure Working Group as well as the Chair of the OSPAR INPUT Working Group. He was a member of the WOA II expert team. "I think that the main benefit of WOA II is that it takes the alarming status of and our concerns about the seas and coastal areas to the highest political level worldwide. Hopefully, this may inspire national and regional authorities and organisations to increase their efforts to counteract the deterioration of our common seas". HELCOM / [Continue reading](#)



ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE 'AT RISK FROM POOR MONITORING SELECTION'

May 1 - Selecting inappropriate oil-in-water monitoring technologies can jeopardise environmental compliance, according leading smart water quality monitoring specialist, Rivertrace. Its latest expert advice to ship owners confronted with a choice between several different sensor technologies suited to specific applications has now been published in a new white paper. Oil-in-water monitoring on ships is needed to comply with MARPOL measures for the prevention of oil pollution, as well as in several other areas. Stringent measures governing oil pollution require that if monitoring is not effective, discharges cannot be carried out – providing a significant operational incentive for ship owners to select the right technologies. IMarEST / [Read more](#)

EUROWA MEMBERS GATHER ONLINE FOR THEIR 2021 NETWORK MEETING

May 4 - During the last week of April, EUROWA member organisations and technical experts came together on Zoom for a network meeting, their first gathering under the EUROWA-2 project. The meeting, originally planned as a three day in-person event, had to be shifted to an online format due to the pandemic, but nonetheless produced some very rich discussions and reflections from the participants on a wide range of EUROWA activities. The meeting took place over three half days from 27-29 April, and was chaired and facilitated by Sea Alarm as EUROWA-2 project coordinators. Twenty-two people took part, including members of the EUROWA Governance Committee and the technical experts who form part of the EUROWA pool of wildlife response expertise. EUROWA / [Read more](#)

IMO MEETING TO FOCUS ON CONTAINERS LOST AT SEA

May 5 - Over the course of three months late last year and early this year, almost 3,500 containers were lost in a number of incidents in the Western Pacific. This has raised concern regarding the causes of these incidents. The International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Maritime Safety Committee meeting will convene online from 5 to 14 May 2021 and BIMCO will be attending. One of the subjects high on the agenda is related to containers lost at sea, owing to the potential danger, not only to ship safety when floating in the water, but also to the environment, particularly with regard to the plastics they contain. BIMCO / [Read more](#)

THE MARITIME RELATIONS OF INDIA, THE MALDIVES AND SRI LANKA

May 6 - The three countries must contend with a number of common threats in regard to their bilateral and trilateral relationships as well as finding ways to enhance those relationships. Sitting astride busy sea lines of communication, the Maldives and Sri Lanka are vulnerable to oil pollution. Through capacity building, India should equip them in managing such emergencies, while officers who have undergone military training in India and now hold senior positions in the Maldivian military and the Sri Lankan Government can further facilitate useful links with India. "If an oil tanker were involved in a grounding or collision off the Maldivian or Sri Lankan coasts, it would demand urgent and immediate assistance to prevent an oil spill or limit the damage due to an oil spill. The short response time required would not allow timely Indian assistance. Due to their capacity constraints, the Maldives and Sri Lanka cannot deal with such emergencies on their own. Therefore, the need for training facilities for capacity-building is acute for both the Maldives and Sri Lanka". Future Directions International / [Continue reading this article by Raj Mittal, an Indian Navy veteran and a master mariner.](#)

NEWS REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

CHILE: CAPTAINCY OF PUERTO DE HUASCO IMPLEMENTED THE COASTAL ENVIRONMENT OBSERVATION PROGRAMME



April 28 - In compliance with the annual planning of activities related to the area of Maritime Interests and Aquatic Environment programmed by the Maritime Authority, the Captaincy of Puerto de Huasco, supported the development of the Coastal Environment Observation Program (P.O.A.L.), a task that allows to obtain information on the environmental quality of aquatic areas and sediments of the seabed. The Captain of Puerto de Huasco Lieutenant 1 LT Gonzalo Barriá Sepúlveda mentioned that "the Captaincy of Puerto de Huasco, together with complying with the development of the programming of its annual activities, will have all the material and human resources available for the purpose of permanently providing the preservation and care of the aquatic environment, maintaining a permanent work of control in the control of current environmental regulations". Chile Directemar / [Read more](#)

LIBYA: REPORT FROM SALVAGE AND MARINE TOWING COMPANY

May 7 – We are working on the clean marine environment project, the rescue and marine towing company announced, aiming for zero marine pollution in Libya from oil spills at the oil ports where the company operates.

The company operates at all oil ports in Libya. The board chairman of the company, Captain Nasser Frontiers, confirmed the company's desire to develop itself in this area so that all kinds of oil pollution are eliminated in the ports. This is the first step of its kind for the merit of the company's board of directors and directs them towards a clean marine environment.

[Thanks to Mahmud Mak of Alkhabeer International Company, info@ultratechlibya.ly]



POLAND WORKING TO STRENGTHEN ITS OILED WILDLIFE RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

May 4 - On 14th April, the EUROWA Secretariat presented EUROWA at an online meeting of oiled wildlife response stakeholders who are part of the Polish oiled wildlife response working group.

The working group is looking into strengthening and further developing national arrangements for oiled animals during oil spills. The meeting was organised and chaired by Jadwiga Moczarska of WWF Poland, member of the EUROWA network since 2019. It was attended by 21 participants from the Ministry of Climate and Environment, the Ministry of Infrastructure, the General Directorate of Environmental Protection, Ostoja wildlife rehabilitation centre, Blue Patrol volunteer leaders, WWF Poland office and Sea Alarm staff. It was conducted in Polish via simultaneous interpretation. EUROWA / [Read more](#)

SAN MARINO TO BECOME THE 119TH MEMBER STATE OF THE 1992 FUND

May 5 - The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has informed the Director of the IOPC Funds that the Republic of San Marino deposited instruments of accession to the 1992 Civil Liability and Fund Conventions on 19 April 2021. Both Conventions will enter into force for San Marino on 19 April 2022, bringing the number of 1992 Fund Member States to 119 on that date.

IOPC Funds / [Read more](#)

UK: CARGO VESSEL BLOCKS SCOTTISH RIVER – COMMENT ON ARTICLE IN LAST WEEK’S ISCO NEWSLETTER

MV Trobo Article – Comment from Bob McWhinnie

“It was vital that action to remove the vessel that was blocking the River Tay near Perth Harbour was undertaken as a matter of urgency.

- a) The river is tidal and following the date of the grounding the height of the tide was set to start decreasing every day.
- b) The combined effect of an ebb tide with the natural flow of the river was exerting a very strong force on the vessel which was acting like a dam across the river. The force involved had potential to break the back of the vessel.
- c) If this had happened, the waterway would probably have remained blocked for weeks, preventing all vessel movements in or out of Perth Harbour.
- d) A break-up of the stranded vessel would have likely resulted in a serious oil spill in a river that is internationally famous for its salmon fishing and runs through a very beautiful countryside”.

[Thanks to Robert McWhinnie BEM. Bob was Technical Director of Alba International Ltd. before joining Briggs Environmental Services Ltd. as Oil Pollution Specialist. Although “retired” he continues to be “on call” for BESL].

UK: BRITAIN'S ‘BIGGEST EVER BEACH CLEAN UP’ TO TACKLE LOCKDOWN LITTER

April 12 - The “Million Mile Beach Clean” aims to inspire 100,000 volunteers to walk 10 miles while tidying up. The UN’s Global Goal 14 for life below water includes a commitment to reduce marine pollution. Plastic plays a big part in that, especially as new research has found that many people in the UK have seen a rise in pollution during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Join our movement and take action to protect the environment here.](#) Global Citizen / [Read more](#)

UK: SEPA'S BATTLE TO RESTORE OPERATIONS IN THE AFTERMATH OF A CRIPPLING CYBER-ATTACK

April 26 - It could take the Scottish Environment Protection Agency two years to fully recover from a cyber-attack that locked it out of most of its data and systems, according to the regulator. While a backlog of permit applications is building up, SEPA's boss says key activities are still being carried out. On 24 December, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) was the victim of a “sophisticated” cyber-attack. About 4,000 files were stolen and the organisation lost access to almost all of its data and systems – everything from historical water quality statistics to email. Ends Report / [Read more](#)

USA: LATEST NEWS REPORTS FROM NOAA OR&R

May 3 - Please click on the links below to read the latest News Reports from NOAA OR&R

[OR&R Addresses 2021 Spill Control Association of America \(SCAA\) Annual Meeting](#)

OR&R Director Scott Lundgren addressed the [Spill Control Association of America \(SCAA\)\(link is external\)](#) Annual Meeting on April 28, 2021 as part of a virtual government panel.

[Marine Debris Program Participates in EPA Watershed Academy Webinar](#)

On April 21, Nancy Wallace, director of the NOAA Marine Debris Program, participated in a webinar, “Addressing and Managing Plastic Pollution,” hosted by the [EPA Watershed Academy\(link is external\)](#).

[OR&R’s “You Don’t Know What You Don’t Know” Lecture Series: Storm Surge](#)

OR&R is pleased to introduce Jamie Rhome, the storm surge team lead at the National Hurricane Center. Please join us on Thursday, May 20 at 3pm EST to learn more about predicting and monitoring storm surge.

<https://noaaorr.adobeconnect.com/orrlectureseries/>

[Disaster Preparedness Program co-hosts SHORELINE21 Workshop](#)

On April 26-27, the NOAA Office of Response and Restoration’s [Disaster Preparedness Program](#) partnered with the [University of Florida Center for Coastal Solutions\(link is external\)](#), the [National Science Foundation\(link is external\)](#), and [Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute\(link is external\)](#) to host the Shared Operational Research Logistics in the Nearshore Environment ([SHORELINE 21\) workshop.](#)

[Marine Debris Program Participates in Roundtable Hosted by Senator Sullivan](#)

On April 14, Nancy Wallace, Director of the NOAA Marine Debris Program (MDP), and Peter Murphy, Alaska Regional Coordinator, participated in a [virtual roundtable event\(link is external\)](#) hosted by Senator Dan Sullivan (AK).

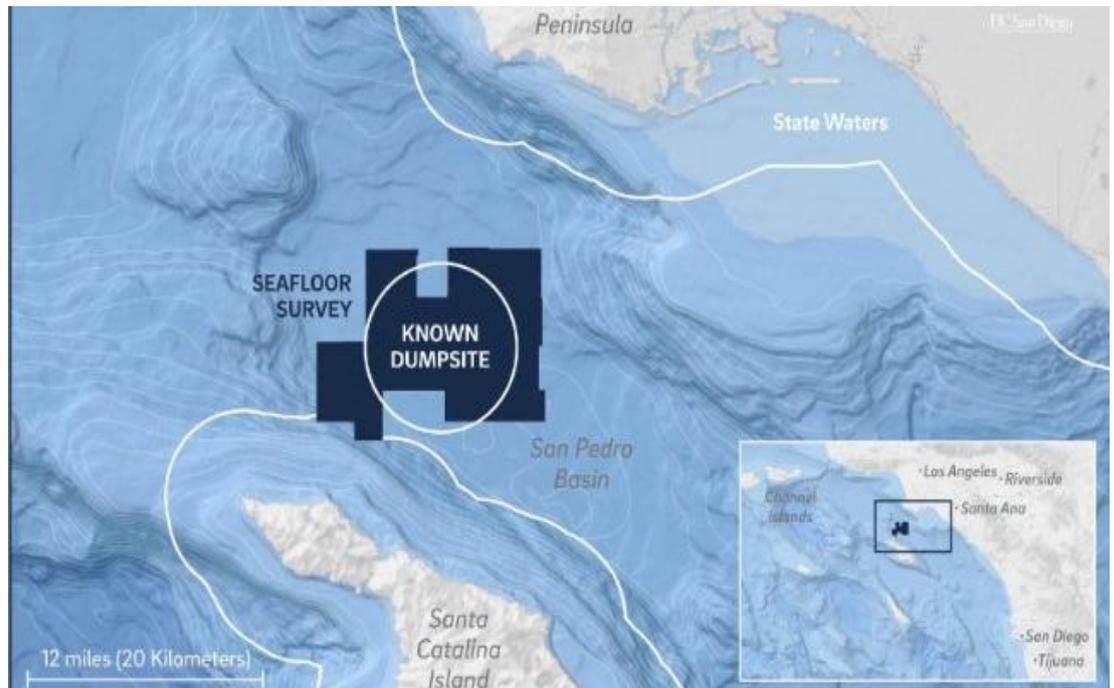
[Marine Debris Program Participates in Trash Monitoring Webinar Series](#)

On April 22, the Marine Debris Program's California Regional Coordinator Sherry Lippiatt and Monitoring Coordinator Hillary Burgess presented on NOAA's Marine Debris Monitoring and Assessment Project (MDMAP) as part of a California Trash Monitoring Webinar Series. The full webinar series including a recording of this talk can be [viewed here](#)

USA: RESEARCHERS FIND THOUSANDS OF BARRELS OF DDT-LACED WASTE JUST OFF LA

Map - Dump site location, just southwest of the Port of Los Angeles (Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego)

May 2 - A team of researchers from Scripps Oceanographic Institute has discovered an astonishing mess just off the coast of Los Angeles. A detailed sonar survey of the San Pedro Basin - the area between San Pedro Bay and Catalina Island - turned up evidence of an estimated 27,000-100,000 barrels of toxic waste, potentially including the toxic pesticide DDT.



Previous research teams have found barrels of waste and high levels of DDT in the sediment in the area, but the new study - which relied on AUVs to capture high-resolution sonar of the seabed - shows that the scale is far greater than believed.

The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

USA & CANADA: U.S. 'HIGHLY UNLIKELY' TO ORDER LINE 5 SHUT DOWN AS DEADLINE ON CRUCIAL PIPELINE NEARS, CHIEF NEGOTIATOR SAYS

May 4 - The United States is "highly unlikely" to order the shutdown of a critical cross-border oil pipeline ahead of a looming deadline next week, Canada's chief negotiator on the file says.

Last November, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer called for the shutdown of Line 5, a crucial conduit that cuts across the Great Lakes and supplies oil and other petroleum products to a major refinery in Ontario. Her directive, which cited concerns over potential oil spills, sought to block the pipeline by May 13.

Canadian officials have been pressing the U.S. on several fronts to ensure the pipeline remains in operation, arguing that a forced shutdown would deeply wound Canada-U.S. relations and crimp supplies of vital products like jet fuel and gasoline to Ontario and Quebec.

But Joe Comartin, Consul General of Canada in Detroit, said the valves are unlikely to be shut off next week as such a move would require a confirmatory order by a federal or state-level judge. The state of Michigan has, meanwhile, entered into official talks with the pipeline operator, Calgary-based Enbridge Inc., and may therefore be hesitant to interfere with the discussions by applying for a court-ordered shutdown. National Post / [Read more](#)

USA & CANADA: POSSIBLE SHUTDOWN OF LINE 5 NOT A THREAT TO CANADA'S ENERGY SECURITY: AMBASSADOR

May 6 - Canada's ambassador to the United States says that while the potential shutdown of Line 5 is a serious issue, it's not a threat to Canada's national energy security. "It is not a threat to Canada's national economic or energy security," Kristen Hillman told CBC News Network's Power & Politics on Thursday. "I think that it is an important dispute or disagreement that exists between Enbridge and the state of Michigan that needs to be taken very seriously. And we are taking it very seriously."

Line 5, which runs through Michigan from the Wisconsin city of Superior to Sarnia, Ont., crosses the Great Lakes beneath the environmentally sensitive Straits of Mackinac, which link Lake Michigan to Lake Huron. CBC News / [Read more and watch video](#)

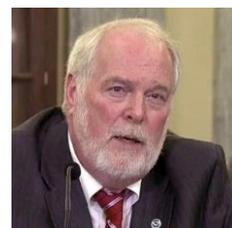
MRS OLGA STAVROPOULOU, NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HELMEPA



HELMEPA is pleased to announce the arrival of Mrs Olga Stavropoulou, who is now taking over the duties of Director General of the Union. With a 25-year successful career path, collaborations with leading organizations and companies in Greece and abroad, a deep understanding of international policies and management experience from the position of founder & managing partner, she has distinguished herself for the conception, production and coordination of innovative and complex projects, with more than 100+ European projects in the fields of education, environment, blue economy, culture, entrepreneurship, and a plethora of awareness-raising actions mobilising thousands of citizens. With creativity and professionalism, Ms. Stavropoulou is called upon to ensure that the vision of the Founders of the Union "Saving the Seas" guides helmepe's work, demonstrating modern reflexes of participation and response to environmental, scientific and technological developments. HELMEPA / [Read more](#)

DAVID KENNEDY IS THE NEW CHAIR OF THE US ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION

On March 3, 2021, President Joe Biden designated David Kennedy as Chair of the United States Arctic Research Commission (USARC), an independent federal agency that advises the President and Congress on Arctic Research. Kennedy succeeds former Chairman Jon Harrison, who continues to serve as a commissioner on the USARC. Kennedy has over 50 years of experience and leadership in science, research, environmental management, and development of legislation and national initiatives. A native of Oskaloosa, Iowa, he received a bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of Northern Colorado, and then spent six years as a U.S. Air Force pilot based in Alaska. He subsequently worked at the University of Alaska's Geophysical Institute in Fairbanks as the Research Facilities Director, and later the Director of the Spilled Oil Research Team focusing on Arctic pollution issues. Marine Technology News / [Read more](#)



ISCO NEWS

MYSTERY OF ISCO NEWSLETTER "UNSUBSCRIBES"

ISCO's newsletter distribution contractor recently reported a number of unexpected "unsubscribes". It turned out that 99% of these did NOT result because readers had clicked on the "unsubscribe" button. The cause remains a mystery but it may be that domains used by some organisations made changes to their email security settings. Your editor wrote to readers who appeared to have unsubscribed and was pleased to receive responses confirming that they had no intention to unsubscribe and requesting that their subscriptions be reinstated. Only one person said that they had indeed clicked on "unsubscribe" – this because a career change meant that he was no longer interested in spill response. Your editor thanks everyone who responded and would like to assure them that, in accordance with their requests, they have been put back on our mailing list.

REQUEST FROM ISCO'S AMBASSADOR FOR IBEROAMERICAN REGION

Carlos Sagera (ISCO Representative for the Iberoamerican Region) is identifying ISCO readers in the region in order to send them information of interest in Spanish in relation to ISCO and its activities. Please contact Carlos at: carlos.sagera@mtconsult.org

Carlos Sagera (Representante de ISCO para la Región Iberoamericana) se encuentra identificando lectores de la ISCO Newsletter en la región con la finalidad de remitir información en idioma Español sobre ISCO y sus actividades. Aquellos interesados favor conectarse con: carlos.sagera@mtconsult.org

YOUR INVITATION TO VISIT ISCO'S VIRTUAL BOOTH AT IOSC 2021

The International Oil Spill Conference kicks off today Monday 10th May and runs through to Friday 14th May. You can register to attend at <https://iosc2021.org/>

ISCO VP (Membership) Mary Ann Dagleish and Committee Member Marc Shaye will be hosting our virtual booth and you will be able to speak to them and learn about ISCO's latest developments as well as viewing the booth display with up-to-date info about the organization's activities and services for the spill response community.

Explore the Exhibit Hall where you'll find the latest products and solutions from the industry's most forward-thinking leaders! Stay updated on the most innovative technological trends and regulatory issues that will drive the future of oil spill response. Network alongside international attendees, representing the private sector, government and non-government organizations for the premier event of the oil spill response community, all from the comfort of your own home.

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Your attendance at this year's IOSC Conference is recommended

- **Some Program Highlights**

Monday, May 10, 2021

- Opening Plenary Session *Mike Rowe*

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Industry's Commitment to Continual Improvement

- Mike Sommers, President & CEO, API

Domestic Panel: Building on Progress Toward Preventing and Responding to Oil Spills

- Moderated by: Carmine Dulisse, MSRC
- Dana Tulis, Director, Emergency Management, USCG
- Charlie Williams, Executive Director (retired), COS
- Suzanne Lemieux, Manager, Operations Security and Emergency Response Policy, API
- Ann Hayward Walker, President and Founder (retired), SEA Consulting Group
- Scott Lundgren, Director, Office of Response Restoration, National Ocean Service, NOAA



Wednesday, May 12, 2021

- **Plenary Session** *Admiral Thad William Allen (retired)*

Thursday, May 13, 2021

International Panel: Building on Progress toward Preventing and Responding to Oil Spills

- Moderated by: Robert Limb
- Patricia Charlebois, Deputy Director, Subdivision for Implementation, IMO
- Karen Purnell, Managing Director, ITOPF
- Olav Skar, Safety Director, IOGP
- Brian Sullivan, Executive Director, IPIECA
- Daniel Tarr, Director for Marine Environmental Protection, Liberian Maritime Authority
- Rhys Jones, Spill Risk Manager, NOPSEMA

Friday, May 14, 2021

Plenary Session

- *Dave Westerholm, of Response and Restoration, NOAA (retired)*

NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS

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USA: KODIAK IS NOW HOME TO THE PACIFIC RIM RESPONSE CENTER (PRRC)

The Pacific Rim Response Center (PRRC), offering the collaborative services of three long-standing Alaska businesses, is based in Kodiak to provide maritime resources and spill response to the underserved region of Western Alaska.

Kodiak is now home to the Pacific Rim Response Center (PRRC), a facility that serves as a hub for a comprehensive suite of maritime resources providing vessel support, marine casualty response, and oil and hazardous spill response. The PRRC was established as a collaboration between Paradigm Marine and strategic partners Alaska Chaduġ Network (Chaduġ) and Global Diving & Salvage (Global), providing one consolidated location for a range of resources to serve the Western Alaska maritime industry.

NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

With personnel and assets staged in Kodiak, the region is better served with Paradigm's expansive marine construction and vessel fleet along with Chadu's vast inventory of oil spill response resources, and Global's extensive commercial diving, marine casualty response and construction capabilities. Located near the only year-round all-weather airport in the Gulf of Alaska that can handle both commercial and cargo aircraft, the PRRC features 600' of deep-water dock space, office facilities and a large, secure equipment staging and storage yard. SCAA Spill Briefs / [Read more](#)

SEA ALARM TEAMS UP WITH IFAW TO DELIVER ONLINE OILED WILDLIFE RESPONSE TRAINING EVENTS

Sea Alarm and EUROWA experts team up with the International Fund for Animal Welfare to deliver a series of introductory online training events for countries in the Red Sea region. These events took place in the framework of an initiative between IFAW-MENA and Sea Alarm to develop a road map for developing capacity for oiled wildlife preparedness for countries neighbouring the Red Sea. Three online training events were delivered in March and April to authority representatives, scientists and veterinarians from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Yemen (the legitimate government), Jordan, Sudan and Egypt. Sea Alarm / [Read more](#)

LAMOR WINS MAJOR WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT IN SOUTH AMERICA

Lamor has signed a major agreement to provide integrated hazardous waste management services in Guyana with Esso Exploration and Production Guyana Limited (EEPGL). The ten-year deal was awarded to a consortium including Lamor, GAICO Construction and GYSBI Shorebase to build, own and operate a state-of-the-art waste management facility. LAMOR / [Read more](#)

DESMI STRENGTHENS PRESENCE IN ITALY

The new office, which is legally a representative office of DESMI Pumping Technology A/S, will be headed by our new colleague, Simone Carluccio, as of 1st June 2021. Simone Carluccio has previous experience from the marine business and comes from a position at DESMI's Italian agent, FGS (Fluid Global Solutions). This means Simone Carluccio is already familiar with DESMI's products in the marine segment, such as DESMI ballast water management systems, engine room pumps, scrubber pumps, automation solutions, and much more, which makes him a perfect match for DESMI on the Italian market. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

RESEARCH TO UPDATE DISPERSANT EFFECTIVENESS TESTING PROTOCOL

May 6 - News from OHMSETT - Last week our staff assisted SL Ross Environmental Research, Ltd. of Ottawa, Canada with the [Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement](#) (BSEE) funded research to update the Dispersant Effectiveness Testing Protocol. During this third phase of the project, researchers finalized the evaluation of the dispersant application method and made adjustments to the oil slick containment and recovery system. Dispersant was applied to an oil slick using a pressurized nozzle system. The dispersant treated slick was then subjected to waves programmed to break in a predetermined area in the Ohmsett test tank. [#oilspill #oilspillresponse #research https://ohmsett.bsee.gov](#)

RECENTLY ANNOUNCED NEW PRODUCTS & SERVICES

RAPIDAM FLEXI - MOBILE FLOOD BARRIERS



Rapidam Flexi as a portable flood barrier is the ultimate emergency product where time is of the essence and limited manpower is a challenge. Its single-component, flexible membrane construction uses the flood water itself to provide friction and seal pressure with the ground. It is the ideal solution for the protection of critical infrastructure such as railways and highways. Classified as a free-standing barrier with flexible membrane according to DEFRA classification of temporary flood barriers.

Rapidam Flexi is stored on a mobile, demountable unit and can be deployed and assembled within 40 minutes using just four operatives; it is virtually impossible to assemble incorrectly. The flood defence can be disassembled just as quickly and is conveniently easy to clean and ready to use again.

The modular design allows an unlimited number of lengths to be joined together to form one large barrier in any configuration, up to many kilometres.

The system's flexible construction allows it to be used on any surface including watercourses, reservoir banks, property enclosures and access locations. Environmental Expert / [Read more](#)

EMERGENCY RESPONSE DISCUSSION AND NEXT GENERATION RESPONSE PREPARATION SEMINAR TO BE PLANNED

AN ARTICLE CONTRIBUTED BY TUCKER MENDOZA

Tucker Mendoza has been working in the Spill Response Industry since 1989.

In 2021, Mendoza and his partner, Ms. Kimberli Bruce, pledged with their Elite Next Generation Spill Response team to lead the Spill Response Industry towards updating response planning, training, technological awareness, and green solution mandates. Mendoza and his team plan to accomplish their mission by teaching Next Generation responders through discussion seminars, training courses, practical hands-on demonstrations, and drills that provide the fastest and safest responses and clean-up in any and all areas.

Mendoza says we only have one earth; we should reduce waste and be safe doing it - Director: Spill Response Association



Emergency Response discussions and Seminar in planning - Next Generation Emergency Response Preparation

Spill Response Association; an emergency response group that has over 700 national and international colleagues, associates, and other like-minded emergency response professionals such as corporate owners, company executives, consultants, and industry leaders, along with responsible parties, response companies, past and present emergency response entrepreneurs, including response management of every level, former and present field personnel, local, state, and federal officials. Spill Response Association is a networking group of emergency resources and a wealth of knowledge and information.

If you have an emergency response need, it's in the group. Just ask for it.

Spill Response Association's mission is to add spokes to what is already in place and to share our lifetime of emergency response knowledge and experience from what we have learned with our hands-on experiences. We want to teach next-generation emergency responders how to adjust and reprogram responses while helping lead the future of emergency response training. Together members will combine and leverage our experiences in the hopes to mandate the necessary changes needed within the emergency response plans, training manuals, and new technologies awareness and bringing concerns with solutions to the table.

Spill Response Association goal is to make new emergency response safety standards for 2022.

Tucker Mendoza the Creator and Director of Spill Response Association has constantly voiced the need to make improvements to the oil and gas emergency response planning and training. while expressing concerns and giving solutions for future response training programs, having the sole purpose being, the protection of the emergency responders and the environment while working alongside the responsible parties, local, state, and federal agencies, and most importantly is the local communities and small businesses to provide a faster, more effective and more efficient response.

Plans include man-down, man overboard search and rescue, resources available, resources needed, personnel involve both trained and untrained. It is time to come together, bring your strong love, emergency response knowledge, experience, your passion, resources available, and let's talk about ways to become better prepared next time.

We need to have a plan before we need it.

Topics will be on revising emergency response plans in areas to fit all worker safety and on the much-needed updated training for next generation responders and local civilians. When it comes to preparing emergency response plans and the safety of the workers. We must sometimes think outside of the box on what may Not happen; Examples are Exxon Valdez, Bp, The New Orleans Hard rock cafe, and the recent and still ongoing Louisiana lift boat incident with 7 still missing.

We need to work fast on what could have been different and what should be happening at this time to prepare us for the next time. As perversely discussed Spill Response Association will now begin planning an Emergency Response seminar on the needs of better preparing Emergency response planning.

Newer technologies have become available, yet no change has been made to improve on the in-classroom or practical in-field training.

Our goal is to teach next-generation responders through training courses, using a practical hands-on demonstration that provides the fastest and safest emergency responses in any and all gulf coast areas by using a force multiplier of community personnel and assets and becoming the model of emergency response methods used across the globe.

A recent Catastrophic event showed we were complacent -

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/19/us/louisiana-boat-capsize.html>

<https://www.klfy.com/local/latest-on-seacor-search/> [Note re the appeal - If looking to donate in any way, please inquire as donation routes have changed and will be directed to Mr Scott ONLY].

Spill Response Association (LRPP)

Forward Movement: Local Response Personnel Plan (LRPP) will help provide local citizens, recreational or commercial fishermen with the fastest response and advanced training and certifications while providing prepositioned personnel and equipment on the waterways. Funds will be gathered by Spill Response Association memberships, through sponsorships, educational courses and training programs, green and new technology grants along with equipment and product sales, donations will be accepted both material and monetary to help gain retainerships for emergency response and services.



The fear is, not knowing how to respond to an unexpected event, the greater fear is not learning from it, and needing the experience when it happens again. If you or your company would like to be part of this please reach out - we have many other professionals, some sponsors, some participants, some speakers and I am sure if you are in the oil and gas industry, emergency response industry, spill response industry, search and rescue, have incident command management knowledge, state, local and federal agencies retired or active or you may have new technology for these.

All emergency responders fit. We just need to know where you fit. Mendoza believes revolving doors are a major concern and creates the lack of career-building abilities for proper training and brings about one of the main issues when responders are called upon each time an emergency occurs which is sometimes

responders are not trained to do the job effectively nor efficiently and truthfully when viewed by lifelong professionals it becomes heartbreaking to sit and watch all the issues that arise without the proper training being given. Workers become complacent with safety and the job itself ends up not being done efficiently nor effectively.

Those who have been in the business understand the importance of immediate response and proper clean-up techniques and how they can make a big impact on the people and the environment; when the clean-ups are not done properly, it takes a toll on the environment and safety of. The amount of money oil companies pay to cover fines could be minimized if they just spent a small portion of that money to apply towards the Spill Response Association (LRPP) Local Response Personnel Plan.

This would not just save responsible parties money but help with the building of community growth within the concerned areas while giving emergency response knowledge and education to locals by teaching them to help each other during events while working together...

That little amount of money would save more than just money - it could save lives.

Spill Response Association (LRPP) Local Response Personnel Plan Provides:

- Local responders with advice about environmentally sensitive areas.
- Employment preference to the locals within the affected zone.
- Latest emergency response knowledge and techniques to the local citizens.
- Opportunities to be trained and put out on the LRP call-out list for future paid responses
- Gives the locals a voice and a stake in the response operations.
- Local knowledge can speed the response, restore the environment, and save lives.
- A cost-effective response, with fully trained & certified local response personnel
- Highly-motivates and coaches personnel who truly care and are dedicated to becoming emergency responders
- A way to encourage the locals to utilize and test their new equipment sitting in backyards for years
- Reduces: Safety Hazards, Reduces language barriers.
- Ensures: The absolute fastest and safest response; always first on the scene and always ready.

Mendoza says we are in the process of planning a seminar, before the end of the year. Reach out to Mendoza on <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/7058594/> if interested in participation or sponsorships....

UPCOMING WEBINARS

FREE WEBINARS FROM UK AND IRELAND SPILL ASSOCIATION

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.](#)

PROGRAMS IN EMERGENCY & DISASTER MANAGEMENT WEBINAR

16 JUNE 12-1PM ET

We invite you to learn more about the Master's in Emergency & Disaster Management at the Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies. Gain the strategic skills required to head emergency management response efforts, improve public policy and, most importantly, save lives. Georgetown offers two distinct degree formats that are designed to shape the next generation of emergency management practitioners and leaders: master's and executive master's. The first 30 minutes will focus on the master's degree and the second 30 minutes will focus on the executive master's degree. Join us for a live webinar to learn more about the program formats, requirements, and application process. [More info](#)

ONLINE AND OTHER TRAINING COURSES

NCEC VIRTUAL HAZMAT 2021

18 May (14:30 – 16:30 BST) and 19 May (08:00 – 10:00 BST)

NCEC's Virtual Hazmat 2021, which is supported by JOIFF, is a free virtual event for anyone who has to deal with incidents involving hazardous materials. It will comprise two different 2-hour sessions on consecutive days (18 and 19 May). The event will draw on the knowledge and experience of NCEC's hazmat experts – with a focus on providing informative, practical and actionable advice about hazmat incidents.

You are welcome to attend one or both days. Both days will include:

- Discussion involving a practical hazmat-related scenario that will focus on a chemical spill at a commercial site. The scenario will explore incident scene management and how to implement a proportionate response to an incident involving hazardous materials.
- An interactive quiz during which delegates will be given the opportunity to test and challenge their knowledge on hazmat-related subjects such as hazmat history and incident scene management. The winning participant/team on each day will win a free, virtual, hazmat training session with NCEC's Hazmat Academy team. [More info](#)

CEDRE: E-LEARNING MODULE: SURVEYING SITES POLLUTED BY OIL

In every major spill, the oiled site survey phase is of primary importance. It enables decision-makers to assess the scale of the pollution, estimate its impact on the shoreline, determine response priorities, select the most appropriate response techniques and allocate adequate personnel and equipment. During 2020, Cedre added a new two-hour module on this theme to its online learning centre. The aim is to train any person liable to conduct a shoreline survey. This module aims more specifically to teach trainees the necessary skills to: conduct a field survey; segment a shoreline and describe the pollution; identify the relevant key information to be collected and passed on for clean-up operations and fill in a standard survey form. The English language version of this module is now available on our e-learning platform. <https://wwz.cedre.fr/en>

CEDRE: 2021 TRAINING PROGRAMME

Click on these links [training catalogue](#) and [2021 calendar](#). We also invite you to visit our new online training space and the training courses offered: <https://elearning.cedre.fr/>

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](#)

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](#)

IOPC FUNDS' ONLINE SHORT COURSE: 2021 DATES

The Director is pleased to announce that the 2021 IOPC Funds Short Course will be held online for the first time and take place over two weeks between 14 and 25 June 2021, running three hours per day.

ONLINE AND OTHER TRAINING COURSES (CONTINUED)

The online course programme will cover all aspects of the work of the IOPC Funds and the international liability and compensation regime in general and will include interactive exercises which allow participants to study a theoretical incident and the subsequent claims submission process. The course is supported by IMO, ICS, the International Group of P&I Associations and ITOPF. [More info](#)

ON-DEMAND CONFERENCE - PFAS UPDATES 2021

23rd June 2021 - Following a successful inaugural edition in 2020, this virtual conference will bring together experts and stakeholders for a comprehensive discussion on the latest regulatory developments around the use of PFASs. Chemical Watch / [More info](#)

USA: TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – NATIONAL SPILL CONTROL SCHOOL

Calendar of upcoming training courses and webinars <http://nscs.tamucc.edu/schedule-2020-2021.html>

USA: MASTER'S IN EMERGENCY & DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Georgetown's Master of Professional Studies in Emergency & Disaster Management prepares you to excel in an evolving field. You'll gain a comprehensive understanding of today's emergency management landscape while mastering the contemporary communication, critical thinking, and technical skills that position you for success. Unlike many response-focused emergency management programs, our degree takes a sophisticated and holistic approach to the field. You'll examine the full disaster lifecycle—with a particular focus on preparedness and recovery—within a U.S. context. [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 "Links for other publications" for links to download current issues of these publications.

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.

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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 19-May 17	Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Weeks	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	May 10-13	International Oil Spill Conference (IOSC 2021)	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	May 11-12	ALGA New Zealand Land & Groundwater Conference	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	May 20-21	European Maritime Day	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	May 25-27	Fourteenth Meeting of the Focal Points of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	June 8-9	Environment Analyst Global Business Summit 2021	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	June 8-10	43rd AMOP Technical Seminar on Environmental Contamination and Response	Online
USA	June 8-10	Elastec Spill Workshop 2021	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	Clean Pacific Exhibition & Conference	Renton, WA
USA	September 7-10	Hazmat Emergency Response Workshop	Sacramento, CA
NETHERLANDS	September 9-10	Envirotech for Shipping Forum	Rotterdam

USA	Sept. 13-15	Clean Waterways Conference & Exhibition	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	Clean Gulf Conference & Exhibition	San Antonio, TX
BAHREIN	Nov. 28-30	International Conference & Exhibition on Spills, Clean Seas & Environment	Bahrein
CAMBODIA	December 1-4	East Asian Seas Congress	Sihanoukville

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MESSAGES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS

NEW ZEALAND LAND & GROUNDWATER CONFERENCE

ALGA's virtual New Zealand Land & Groundwater Conference is being hosted virtually 11 - 12 May 2021. We are very proud to announce the event will be opened live by Dean Kimpton, a panel member on the independent Resource Management Review Panel, responsible for the most significant and broad ranging review of the Resource Management Act, since it came into force in 1991. [Download the programme](#) [Registration](#)

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: CLEAN PACIFIC CONFERENCE AGENDA NOW AVAILABLE

The 2021 CLEAN PACIFIC [conference agenda](#) is now available! These sessions will take place at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington, August 17-18, and all will be live-streamed in our virtual platform for those who can't attend in-person. Early bird registration discounts expire on May 27th! [Register early](#) to save \$250 on the in-person event and \$100 off the virtual experience.

USA: CLEAN WATERWAYS PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE AGENDA

The [2021 CLEAN WATERWAYS preliminary conference agenda](#) is here! These sessions will take place at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, KY, September 14-15, with a selection of sessions being live-streamed in our virtual platform for those who can't attend in-person. Session details and descriptions will be announced next month. If you register for CLEAN WATERWAYS by June 25th, you will receive our early bird registration discounts, which offer savings for both in-person and virtual registrations.

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/>

TUNISIA: REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON OIL SPILL WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG), the Center of Documentation, Research and Experimentation on Accidental Water Pollution (Cedre) and the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) are very pleased to announce that the Regional Workshop on "Oil Spill Waste Management"; will be held on 16-17 June 2021; at Iberostar Averroes Hotel in South Hammamet-Tunisia. The event will be open on Wednesday, 16 June 2021 at 08:30 am and expected to close on Thursday, 17 June 2021 at 17:00 pm. [More info in the May 2021 issue of the MOIG Newsletter](#)

TUNISIA: ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TRAINING ON RETOS

The Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG) and the National Agency of Environment Protection (ANPE) are very pleased to announce that the training on "Readiness Evaluation Tool for Oil Spills (RETOS)"; will be held on 15 June 2021; at Iberostar Averroes Hotel in South Hammamet-Tunisia. [More info in the May 2021 issue of the MOIG Newsletter](#)

LINKS FOR DOWNLOADING AND READING OTHER PUBLICATIONS

[AMSA Update](#)

[ATRAC Newsletter](#)

[AUSMEPA Bulletin](#)

[BIMCO Bulletin](#)

[Newsletter from George Holliday](#)

[Cedre Newsletter](#)

[EMSA Newsletters](#)

[Environmental Expert](#)

Latest News from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority

News from the Adriatic Training and Research Centre

News from the Australian Marine Environment Protection Assoc'n

Marine and shipping-related news from BIMCO

News and commentary on HSE issues from George Holliday

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GEF Newsletter	Monthly Newsletter from the Global Environment Facility	Subscription
GESAMP	Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection	Latest news
GISEA Quarterly Newsletter	News from Global Initiative for South-East Asia	Q3 2020
IMO News Magazine	News from the International Maritime Organization	Autumn/Winter 2020
IMO Publishing Newsletter	New and forthcoming IMO publications	September 2020
ITOPF Ocean Orbit	News magazine from ITOPF with interesting spill response articles	February 2021
JOIFF Catalyst Newsletter	Int'l Organisation for Industrial Hazard Management	Q1 2021 issue
Maritime Executive Magazine	Often contains articles of interest to the spill response community	Current issue
MED News	UNEP / MAP Barcelona Convention News	April 2021
MOIG Newsletter	News from the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group	May 2021
NCEC Newsletter	News from the National Chemical Emergency Centre	December 2020
Navigate Response	Global crisis communications network for shipping & marine	Current issue
NOAA OR&R	Weekly round-up of news from NOAA's Office of Response & Restoration	Latest issue
Oceanbuzz	Newsletter giving news on the Ocean Technology Industry	Current issue
OCIMF Newsletter	News from the Oil Companies International Marine Forum	Current issue
OHMSETT Gazette	Oil Spill Response Research & Renewable Energy Test Facility Quarterly	Autumn 2020
Oiled Wildlife Log	Bi-annual Newsletter from Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research	January 2021
OSPAR Newsletter	Protecting & Conserving the N.E. Atlantic and its resources	End of year 2019
PEMSEA Newsletter	Healthy oceans, people and economies in the East Asian Seas	Current issue
Pollution Online Newsletter	News for pollution prevention & control professionals	Current issue
Salvage World	Quarterly Newsletter of the International Salvage Union	Current issue
Sea Alarm Foundation Newsletter	Oiled wildlife Preparedness and Response news from Sea Alarm	Current issue
Society of Maritime Industries	News from the UK's maritime engineering and business services sector.	April 1, 2021
Spill Alert	Quarterly Newsletter from UK & Ireland Spill Association	December 2020
Technology Innovation News Survey	News from US EPA – Contaminated Site Decontamination	March 16-31, 2021
The Maritime Advocate	Maritime News from Sandra Speares	Current issue
UNEP News	Latest News from United Nations Environmental Programme	Latest News
USA EPA Tech Direct	Remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater	May 1, 2021
USA Federal Contract Opportunities	The authoritative source for federal contract opportunities	April 25–May 2, 2021
Water Pollution & Flood News	Monthly round-ups of UK & Worldwide Spill and Flood News	Free on request

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NEW PUBLICATIONS

CONCAWE: PERFORMANCE OF EUROPEAN CROSS-COUNTRY OIL PIPELINES

Statistical summary of reported spillages in 2019 and since 1971 [Download](#)

MEDITERRANEAN OIL INDUSTRY GROUP (MOIG) – MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

<http://medoilgroup.org/index.php/publications>

INCIDENT REPORTS

SAUDI ARABIA: SAUDI FORCES THWART BOMB BOAT ATTACK AT PORT OF YANBU

April 27 - On Tuesday, Saudi forces reported that a bomb boat had been intercepted and destroyed near the port of Yanbu. Brig. Gen. Turki Al-Maliki, the spokesman for the Saudi Ministry of Defense, told The Gate that Saudi marine units had destroyed a "remotely piloted and booby-trapped boat" in the Red Sea near Yanbu. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

NORWAY: REGULATOR TO INVESTIGATE EQUINOR OIL SPILL

May 3 - Norway's petroleum safety watchdog said on Monday there had been an oil spill from Equinor's (EQNR.OL) Gullfaks C platform in the North Sea on April 26, and that the incident will be investigated. "This discharge is understood to have occurred in connection with starting up production from the Tordis field, which is tied back to Gullfaks C," the Petroleum Safety Authority (PSA) said in a statement. Reuters / [Read more](#)

MALAYSIA: CONOCOPHILLIPS-CHARTERED JACK-UP DRILLING RIGS SINKS

May 4 - A jack-up drilling rig has sunk after one or more of its legs penetrated the seabed off the coast of Sarawak, Malaysia on Monday, Malaysia-based drilling contractor Velesto Energy has confirmed. All 101 personnel on board the Velesto Naga 7 were transferred to rescue vessels immediately after the incident and no injuries are reported.



The Velesto Naga 7 was operating at the Salam-3 well for customer ConocoPhillips at the time of the accident. Velesto said the incident occurred due to rapid soil penetration, which caused the rig to list and subsequently sink. The company said the rig is now fully submerged at the location.

Drilling activities had not yet commenced and no well had been drilled at the time of the accident, Velesto said. gCaptain / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Capt. Bill Boyle, MNI, Hon.FISCO]

USA: SALVAGE BEGINS ON CAPSIZED SEACOR POWER OFF LOUISIANA

Photo: Salvage operations are beginning with the fuel aboard Seacor Power (U.S. Coast Guard photos by Petty Officer 2nd Class Brendan Freeman)

May 5 - Salvage operations commenced on the capsized Seacor Power, which remains partially submerged approximately seven miles off Port Fourchon, Louisiana. Salvage crews under the supervision of the Unified Command established by the U.S. Coast Guard and the vessel's owner Seacor Marine, set up operations beginning May 1 as the private volunteer search effort came to an end.

The liftboat partially sunk on April 13 shortly after departing port. It encountered heavy seas during a sudden and intense storm. Seven crewmembers remain unaccounted for while six were rescued in the hours after the accident and six bodies were recovered from the water and aboard the vessel.



In the first phase of the salvage operation, crews are attaching hoses to begin to pump fuel that remains aboard the vessel. According to the Coast Guard, a method called hot tapping is being used to remove the fuel aboard the wreck. Divers using air hoses below the water and suspended in cabs transferring to the wreck are drilling into the fuel tanks. They will be attaching hoses without ruining the integrity of the tanks or causing pollution. They are working from a second Seacor vessel, Seacor Eagle, that has been positioned alongside as a platform for the salvage operations. The Maritime Executive / [Read more and see more photos](#)

CANADA: OIL TANKER SPOTTED IN RISKY ACTIVE PASS ALARMS ACTIVISTS



Photo: Narrow, twisting and busy Active Pass is no place for oil tankers, say advocates. But a loaded tanker travelled through the busy pass last month. Photo by Ruth Hartnup, Creative Commons licensed.

May 7 - On a calm Friday afternoon in late April, avid naturalist Barry Swanson was watching Active Pass from his home on Galiano Island, keeping an eye out for the pod of southern resident killer whales that swim by every couple of days. Instead of orcas, he was shocked to see an oil tanker traversing the narrow channel. The MV Kassos was sitting low in the water, its hull heavy with petroleum products bound for Los Angeles. The Tyee / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Gerald Graham]

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