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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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## COP 26 – DAILY REPORTS FROM UNEP RIGHT UP TO SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Highlights from the United Nations System, from partners and from others helping to call attention to the fact that the future of humanity depends on action now.



<https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/news/spotlight-climate-action#update167537>

## COP26 - FINAL HOURS OF CLIMATE NEGOTIATIONS

November 13 - As delegates work overtime to reach a final deal at the U.N. climate conference in Glasgow, Reuters reporters are on the ground delivering the latest updates, scenes and insights. Yahoo News / [Read more](#)

*Editor: If released in time, a link for the text of the final agreement will be given on the last page of this issue of the ISCO Newsletter*

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## MORE INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL NEWS

# BREAKING NEWS - GLASGOW CLIMATE PACT: WORLD LEADERS AGREE FINAL CLIMATE DEAL AT COP26

November 13 - The gavel has finally come down and world leaders have this evening (13 November) agreed the new 'Glasgow Climate Pact', which calls on all nations to set new climate targets by the end of next year and phase-out unabated fossil fuel usage and inefficiency subsidies. EDIE News / [Read more](#)

November 13 - Global negotiators in Glasgow agreed to do more to fight climate change and aid vulnerable nations, but left crucial questions unresolved.

The new deal leaves unresolved the crucial question of how much and how quickly each nation should cut its emissions over the next decade. And it still leaves many developing countries far short of the funds they need to build cleaner energy and cope with increasingly extreme weather disasters. The New York Times / [Read more](#)

## INTERNATIONAL SPILL CONTROL ORGANIZATION NEWS

### ISCO AGM 2021 AGENDA & MEETING PAPERS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT

The Agenda, Meeting Papers and Voting Form were sent out by email to all Members on 9th November. Any Member who has not received these should advise ISCO at [info@spillcontrol.org](mailto:info@spillcontrol.org) as soon as possible.

We do our best to keep our mailing list up-to-date but names and addresses can change – If you were missed out, we apologise.

On receipt of advice we will update our mailing list and re-send the missing documents.

### THE NEXT ISCO MONTHLY ZOOM MEETING IS ON 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

You are invited to join our next Zoom meeting. This will take place on **Wednesday 24th November 2021 at 0900 Detroit time or 1400 GMT or equivalent in your own time zone.**

Please note that we have brought the usual meeting date forward by a day because in the USA Thanksgiving Day is on Thursday 25th November.

Meeting ID: 865 0107 2157

The link for joining the meeting is – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86501072157>

The Agenda is expected to include the new **Draft Constitution and Accompanying Schedules** (links were sent out on 9<sup>th</sup> November with the AGM papers).

Attendees are free to raise other topics for discussion.

### YOUR INVITATION TO VISIT ISCO ON BOOTH 114 AT CLEAN GULF 2021

This year the Clean Gulf Conference & Exhibition celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and once again it will be a real event where you will be able to meet people.

San Antonio in Texas is a great location. The event runs from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November.

This year Helena Rowland will be acting as an ISCO Ambassador and will be looking after the ISCO booth. She is looking forward to seeing you.

### MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP

Mike Watson has volunteered to lead this group and Marc Shaye has said he would like to help. We need others to join the team.

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### **GEF - DONORS PLEDGE \$413 MILLION TO HELP MOST VULNERABLE COPE WITH CLIMATE CRISIS**

November 9 - In a show of support for those most at risk from climate change, 12 donor governments have pledged \$413 million in new funding for the Least Developed Countries Fund during the COP26 climate summit.

The LDCF, hosted by the Global Environment Facility, is the only dedicated source of climate resilience funds for the 46 Least Developed Countries, which have contributed the least to carbon emissions and face some of the highest risks from the effects of climate change.

The pledges from Belgium, the Belgian region of Walloon, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States were announced in Glasgow, where signatories to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change are discussing ways to close the climate finance gap and meet the commitments made in the Paris Agreement in 2015. GEF / [Read more](#)

### **CEDRE - MEETINGS OF THE POLLUTION RESPONSE SERVICE-USER GROUP AND THE CONSULTATIVE TECHNICAL GROUP FOR MARINE POLLUTION PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE**

November 10 - On 13th October, Cedre, together with CoFGC and CEPOL, attended the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Pollution Response Service-User Group and, the following day, the 15th meeting of the Consultative Technical Group for Marine Pollution Preparedness and Response, both held online. This meeting provided the opportunity to review the X-Press Pearl incident in Sri Lanka, as well as to share the latest news of the MANIFESTS project and the Cedre-led working group aimed at defining the content of a European training course on HNS spill response. The first session of this workshop, dedicated to products transported in containers, was scheduled to be held at Cedre in 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been postponed until 2022. A review of MAR-ICE activities was also presented. CEDRE / [Read more in the October 2021 issue of the Cedre Newsletter](#)

### **CEDRE - THE CLEANATLANTIC PROJECT WINS AN AWARD**

November 10 - The CleanAtlantic project has won the Atlantic Project Award 2021 for the Healthy Ocean and Resilient Coasts category. This success rewards 4 years of work for this European project which tackles marine litter and involves 19 partners, including Cedre. CEDRE / [Read more in the October 2021 issue of the Cedre Newsletter](#)

### **EMSA ADDS RPAS CAPABILITY FOR MARITIME SURVEILLANCE OVER AN EXTENDED COASTAL RANGE**

November 12 - EMSA has signed a framework contract for RPAS maritime surveillance services covering an extended coastal range with a fixed wing aircraft for multipurpose use. While the maximum distance of the remotely piloted aircraft in Radio Line of Sight will be 140 km, ground relay stations will extend its coastal range up to 400km along the coast in both directions from the deployment site. Other characteristics of the fixed wing aircraft that will be used for this service include: maximum take-off weight of 40kg; low logistical footprint as the RPAS is launched from a catapult and recovered with a net; equipped with electro-optical and infrared cameras, radar and AIS receiver; and, an endurance of approximately 10 hours.

The new framework contract also includes the possibility of 24/7 emergency activation during those periods of the year when short notice operations are more frequently required. The service will be particularly useful for operations of a regional nature, where deployment is of common operational interest for more than one member state and where the orography of the coast requires more than one antenna to maintain live data transmission to and from the aircraft.

EMSA / [Read more in the November 2021 issue of the EMSA Newsletter](#)

### **EMSA ANNUAL MEETINGS WITH THE POLLUTION RESPONSE COMMUNITY HELD ONLINE**

November 12 - The 11th Pollution Response Services User Group (PRS-UG) and 15th meeting of the Consultative Technical Group for Marine Pollution Preparedness and Response (CTG MPPR) were held virtually on 13-14 October. Fifty marine pollution experts from EU, EEA/EFTA, European enlargement countries and the European Commission (DG ECHO) joined EMSA online to participate in this unique platform provided at EU level, aiming to exchange information, share good practices and define relevant priority actions on topics of common interest across the EU. The two meetings addressed operational updates regarding EMSA's oil and HNS pollution response services, including a dedicated brainstorming session on HNS priorities, discussed progress made on the various projects conducted under the CTG MPPR work programme, such as the final drafts of the "Interdisciplinary practical guidelines on oil spill sampling in Europe" and the "Practical guidelines on health and safety of oil spill responders" and exchanged experiences gained from recent incidents. EMSA / [Read more in the November 2021 issue of the EMSA Newsletter](#)

## **ATRAC - WORKSHOP ON “RAISING AWARENESS ON POLLUTION IN ADRIATIC SEA”**



November 12 - On Thursday, November 11, 2021, ATRAC participated in a workshop on “Raising Awareness on pollution in Adriatic sea” organized by the Zadar County Operational Center (COC). The workshop presented the activities of COC in recent years and the role of the county in the system of preparedness and response to accidental pollution of the marine environment. ATRAC presented the Marine pollution risk Assessment in the Adriatic with special reference to Zadar County and presented a future initiative for the protection of the Adriatic Sea by connecting all coastal counties/regions of all Adriatic countries.

After the workshop, a part of the existing specialized equipment for responding to accidental sea pollution in Zadar County was presented on the Liburnian coast in cooperation with the specialized company Ciklon d.o.o. The demonstration of the equipment attracted the attention of visitors and numerous media.

<http://atrac.hr/en/1861/>

## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION - ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION: NEW STUDY FINDS THAT POLLUTERS DO NOT PAY FOR THE DAMAGE THEY CAUSE**

November 12 - To a very large extent, EU polluters do not pay for the environmental damage that they cause, imposing health and clean-up costs on the whole society instead. These were the findings of a new Commission study on [‘Green taxation and other economic instruments’](#). The study shows that the costs of pollution and environmental damage greatly exceed the revenues generated from taxes and other economic instruments to tackle polluting activities. This is the case across the board: for all pollutants, in all EU Member States and across all sectors of the economy. The study also calls for wider use of environmental taxation and other economic instruments to send a strong signal to polluters to reduce their emissions, and to avoid charges falling disproportionately on poorer households.

The Commission will support national rollouts of green taxes and economic instruments, in part [European Semester process](#) where it can recommend the identified good practices as part of its dialogue with Member States. Building on the results of the study, the Commission launched the [‘Greening taxes – applying polluter pays principle in practice’](#) flagship initiative as one of the support projects under the [Technical Support Instrument](#), the EU programme that provides tailor-made technical expertise to EU Member States to design and implement reforms. European Commission / [Read more](#)

## **NEWS REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

### **AUSTRALIA: AMSA RESPONSE CENTRE RECOGNISED AS EMERGENCY SERVICE FACILITY**

November 5 - The Australian Maritime Safety Authority’s Response Centre has been officially recognised as a Commonwealth Emergency Service Facility under the Telecommunications (Intercept and Access) Act 1979.

The formal accreditation recognises the processes and systems AMSA has embedded into the Response Centre – which operates a national search and rescue service for the Australian maritime and aviation sectors – in accordance with legislative requirements. This important certification, effective from 25 September 2021, also aligns AMSA with other Australian emergency services agencies such as police, fire and ambulance.

AMSA’s Executive Director Response Mark Morrow said AMSA applied in late 2020 to the Department of Home Affairs for formal



inclusion as an 'Emergency Service Facility' as defined in the Act. "We had a legal requirement to seek the accreditation due to the recording of voice in and out of the centre. Although compliant since establishment over 20 years ago, this inclusion ensures our ongoing compliance obligations have and are recognised," Mr Morrow said.

Also known as Rescue Coordination Centre Australia for international

operations, the Response Centre in Canberra runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week and leads and coordinates search and rescue, maritime casualty management and marine pollution response operations.

The Response Centre has been operating since 1997 when the Search and Rescue functions of Airservices Australia and AMSA merged into a single agency. The Centre responds to approximately 7000 incidents per year and more than 200 lives were saved as a direct result of their efforts in 2020-2021. "AMSA looks forward to continuing its vital role in providing emergency search and rescue, salvage and intervention, pollution response and ship and seafarer safety," Mr Morrow said. AMSA / [Source Document](#)

## CANADA: GOVERNMENT EXTENDS CONTRACT FOR MARINE EMERGENCY TOWING VESSELS ON THE WEST COAST

November 5 - The Government of Canada is committed to protecting mariners and the marine environment on the West Coast, including Indigenous coastal communities and surrounding waters.

To continue to meet this commitment, the Government of Canada is developing a long-term national approach for marine emergency towing known as the National Strategy on Emergency Towing, which will include recommendations on how to best meet emergency towing requirements on all coasts. The strategy will consider regional needs, the perspectives of Indigenous Peoples, partners and stakeholders, and lessons learned from the Atlantic Eagle and Atlantic Raven, which are the two emergency towing vessels leased by the government and currently stationed off the coast of British Columbia.

As part of the Oceans Protection Plan, the two vessels have been strategically located in the waters off British Columbia since late-2018, helping ensure the Canadian Coast Guard has the vessels it needs to respond to incidents involving large ships off the West Coast. The Atlantic Raven was on scene and continues to play an essential role in the ongoing incident involving the M/V Zim Kingston off Greater Victoria, Vancouver Island.

Today, the Government of Canada announced a one-year contract extension for the lease of the two emergency towing vessels. The extension of this contract is an interim measure while the federal government determines how best to provide sustainable emergency towing capabilities. The extension is valued at \$20 million. Canadian Coast Guard / [Read more](#)

## CANADA: UN CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE ACTION: COP26 IN GLASGOW

Since the release of Canada's strengthened climate plan, A Healthy Environment and a Healthy Economy in December 2020, the Government of Canada has moved swiftly to implement key aspects of the plan in order to create jobs, grow the economy and protect the planet. Building on these efforts, Canada will participate in the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) and support successful and ambitious outcomes that are in line with the Paris Agreement temperature goal to limit the increase in global temperature to 1.5°C and tackle the climate emergency. The Conference of the Parties (COP) is an annual meeting of the 197 parties that are part of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

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The Government of Canada has been taking action, announcing a more ambitious emission reductions target and a doubling of its climate finance commitment to help developing countries fight climate change and biodiversity loss. Canada has also been taking important steps to address climate change at home; these climate actions are highlighted in the report entitled "Canada's Climate Actions for a Healthy Environment and a Healthy Economy". Government of Canada / [Read more](#)

## DENMARK: ALMOST DKK 40 MILLION FOR NEW NATURE INITIATIVES ON LAND AND SEA

November 2 - The Minister for the Environment, SF, Radical Liberals, Unity List and Alternative are now allocating funds for private untouched forests, marine environmental efforts, corona compensation to local outdoor associations and nature projects for the mentally vulnerable.

15 new national natural parks, 30 000 hectares of new untouched forest and stone reefs to help marine life. The work to give Danish nature a historic boost is in full swing. And now new steps are being taken again.

The government and the parties to the agreement behind the Nature and Biodiversity Package allocate a total of DKK 37.5 million to new initiatives to improve biodiversity and at the same time pave the way for even more Danes to enter our common nature. The money's coming b.l.a. from the dkk 888 million pot in the Nature and Biodiversity Package from the Finance Act 2021.

Ministry of Environment / [Read more](#)

## EGYPT: NEWS FROM EGYPTIAN ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AGENCY



November 9 - At the Margins of the Conference of the Parties to the COP26 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Glasgow, the Minister of Environment the Arab Republic of Egypt discusses with the President of the UNFCCC COP26, Egypt's preparations to host the presidency of the UNFCCC COP27

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Dr. Yasmine Fouad stressed that defining the topics will depend mainly on Glasgow results and the outstanding points that will follow. The two parties discussed as well some controversial points in the negotiations, as Egypt presented to the COP26 Presidency its vision to address these points, such as finance, transparency, Article VI concerned with carbon, adaptation, losses and damages. The meeting discussion included also initiatives launched at COP26, which will continue until the COP27. EEAA / [Read more](#)

## FINLAND JOINS SEVERAL TRANSPORT DECLARATIONS IN GLASGOW – COMMITMENTS SPUR COUNTRIES TOWARDS DECARBONISED ROAD TRANSPORT, SHIPPING AND AVIATION

November 10 - Finland participates in six transport initiatives adopted at the Glasgow Climate Change Conference. Countries make commitments to reduce emissions on the road, at sea and in the air.

The Glasgow commitments are well in line with Finland's ambitious climate goals. The declarations strengthen Finland's role as a high-technology country that develops climate-friendly solutions for transport", says Minister of Transport and Communications Timo Harakka.

" Finland considers it highly important that we will find the means to achieve decarbonised maritime transport as, in practice, we can say that Finland is an island", Minister of the Environment and Climate Change Krista Mikkonen says.

Finland also participates in a Declaration initiated by Denmark that aims at zero-emission shipping by 2050. The decision on introducing a similar, tighter target for the International Maritime Organization is to be negotiated at the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee session at the end of November. Ministry of the Environment / [Read more](#)

## **FRANCE: RECENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE SUMMARY**

November 10 - On 20th September, the bulk carrier Vera Su (under the Panama flag), carrying 3,300 m<sup>3</sup> of solid urea, ran aground on the coast of Bulgaria. As the vessel could not be refloated, the Bulgarian authorities activated the MAR-ICE network on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Cedre received an enquiry on the hazardous nature of the cargo and its potential impacts on the environment. Urea (used as fertiliser) is a substance that is completely soluble and has low toxicity, and would disperse quickly in the event of a spill. The authorities also requested support from EMSA, through the provision of inflatable barges to store the substance, given that the unloading of the cargo appeared to be the best possible option. Cedre held discussions with EMSA on the resistance of the coating of these barges to the substance, whether it remained solid or formed a solution in seawater. Support for this incident is still ongoing.

The duty team was also contacted following a 1,000-litre spill of diesel in Bloscon port, Roscoff (Finistère). Response and short-term monitoring recommendations were made. We were contacted by DDTM 22 on the measures to be taken following the grounding of a trawler in waters 5 m deep, some 2 nautical miles off Binic. The vessel had 600 litres of diesel onboard at the time of the incident and is not reported to have any breaches, however slight leaks from the vents were rapidly plugged by divers before the wreck was removed. Finally, several MRCCs contacted Cedre for advice following aerial and satellite observations of phenomena (oil or other) at sea. CEDRE / [Read more in the October 2021 issue of the Cedre Newsletter](#)

## **INDIA: UNEP, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SIGN HOST COUNTRY AGREEMENT, AIMING TO ENHANCE COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION**

November 10 - The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and India today signed a Host Country Agreement on the sidelines of the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow. India was represented by Shri Bhupender Yadav, Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, while Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director, UNEP, signed the Agreement on UNEP's behalf.

The Host Country Agreement comes as Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced his commitment to climate change by presenting his 5 key agendas at the COP26 key climate summit on 1 November 2021. UNEP / [Read more](#)

## **ITALY: ISPRA ACTIVITIES AT THE COP26**

November 12 - Italy is among the signatory countries of the [Global Methane Pledge](#) whose goal is to reduce methane emissions by 30% by 2030, compared to 2020 levels, and to improve methodological approaches for estimating the main emission categories in greenhouse gas inventories. [Interview of the general director of ISPRA, Alessandro Bratti, to SkyTG24](#)  
[ISPRA support activities for developing countries as part of the ICAT project](#) ISPRA / [Read more](#)

## **NIGERIA: UNEP NEWSLETTER REPORT ON PROJECT SUPPORT FOR HYREP**

November 10 – UNEP sent a copy to ISCO but unfortunately no URL was provided for us to share a link for downloading the October edition of the newsletter about the UNEP Support Project to HYPREP. This newsletter contains articles, photos, news and reports that will bring you up-to-speed on the progress of the Hyrep Project in Ogoniland. You can subscribe or request a copy by email to [ogoniland@un.org](mailto:ogoniland@un.org)

## **UK: ENVIRONMENT BILL FINALLY PASSES INTO LAW AFTER TWO YEARS**

November 10 - More than two years after it was first introduced, the UK Government's Environment Bill has received Royal Assent, with green groups calling the moment a "milestone" but continuing to press for stronger provisions. Royal Assent was granted late on Tuesday (9 November) to the Bill, which was introduced in a bid to support the Government's overarching vision for leaving nature in a better state for the next generation, and to confirm the UK's approach to environmental governance post-Brexit.

Key provisions in the Bill include the creation of the new post-Brexit watchdog, the Office for Environmental Protection; a new "comply or explain" mandate on deforestation for UK businesses importing forest-risk commodities and forthcoming bans on selected single-use plastic items including cutlery and polystyrene cups.

However, what is not included is, in many cases, as interesting and important as what is detailed. MPs voted last month to block a number of amendments voted for by the House of Lords, including greater provisions for ancient woodland protection in planning frameworks; restrictions on ministerial powers to weaken habitat-related regulations; a legal duty on water companies to reduce raw sewage discharges into rivers and moves to strengthen the independence of the new watchdog, the Office for Environmental Protection (OEP). EDIE / [Read more](#)

See also – Press release from Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, Forestry Commission, Environment Agency, Natural England, and The Rt Hon George Eustice MP. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/world-leading-environment-act-becomes-law>

## USA: CALIFORNIA - OIL SPILL CLEANUP IMPROVES, FISHERIES TO STAY CLOSED LONGER

November 5 - Five weeks after a ruptured underwater pipeline spilled crude in the waters off Southern California, cleanup crews have cleared about a third of the shoreline and the amount of oily waste collected is tapering, an official said Friday. Fisheries remain closed and aren't likely to reopen before the final week of the month, said Lt. Christian Corbo of the state Department of Fish and Wildlife. NewsTimes / [Read more](#)

## USA: CONTAINING THE TAYLOR ENERGY OIL SPILL

November 5 - Oil had been leaking into the Gulf of Mexico for 14 years when Coast Guard Captain Kristi Luttrell was put in charge of monitoring the longest-running oil spill in U.S. history. She says in late summer 2018 she concluded the company which leased the oil rights -- also the responsible party under federal law -- was not responding in a timely way. So the veteran captain took action to save the Gulf waters she swore to protect. Jon Wertheim reports how Luttrell contracted with a local engineering firm to contain the persistent spill, despite legal pushbacks from the oil rigs' owner. The story will be broadcast on 60 Minutes, Sunday, November 7 at 7 p.m. ET/PT on CBS.

"This is the biggest pollution response case I'll see in my 28-year career," the captain says.

Hurricane Ivan had toppled an oil platform in 2004, damaging the connections to as many as 28 undersea wells. The resulting oil slick spread for miles. The responsible party, Taylor Energy, owned by a highly-respected Louisiana family, says that by 2011 they had spent hundreds of millions of dollars to plug nine of the most active wells at the site. Then, in 2014, Taylor Energy, working with government agencies including the U.S. Coast Guard, reported the leak to be down to three gallons a day and that the best solution was to leave the underwater site alone. The report warned more action could harm the environment. But in 2018, under Captain Luttrell's leadership, the Coast Guard had access to improved sonar technology and determined that significantly more oil was escaping and that something could be done to contain it.

Luttrell decided to take action and partially federalize the case, taking over the containment project. CBS News / [Read more](#)

[This interesting article was sent in by Marc K. Shaye, Hon.FISCO. Sorry not received in time for you to watch the TV programme but the article is well worth reading]

## USA: NSWC IHD AND CBIRF HOST TECHNOLOGY EXPERIMENTATION AND CHARACTERIZATION FIELD TRIALS



November 7 - Chemical Biological Incident Response Force (CBIRF) Marines look for radiation hazards in an abandoned car using developmental equipment and compare the readings against their own equipment during the Technology Experimentation and Characterization Field Trials at the CBIRF Downey Responder Training Facility, July 26-30. The trials were cohosted by Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Division Chemical, Biological and Radiological Defense Division and CBIRF. (U.S. Navy photo by Matthew Poynor)

"The TECFT is a test series managed by Deputy Undersecretary of the Army for

Test and Evaluation in support of the Chemical and Biological Defense Program. The goal of the test series is to satisfy the data needs of multiple programs during one event to reduce cost and increase collaboration/interoperability," said Bryan Tienes, TECFT program manager and R2 Laboratory Sciences Branch head. "R2 has worked closely with CBIRF for years and supported their test needs in the past." The Bayonet / [Read more](#)



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

November 7 – Please click on the links below to download and read the latest news from NOAA OR&R

### [Some Good News from an Incident at Sitkalidak Island, near Kodiak, Alaska](#)

On November 1, 2021, the 84-foot fishing vessel Laura ran aground and capsized at Sitkalidak Island, near Kodiak, Alaska. The four-person crew abandoned ship and made it safely ashore and were rescued by a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter. But one member of the crew, Grace, the vessel's puppy, was washed overboard and presumed lost.

### [New Story Map, Refugio Beach Oil Spill: Mapping NOAA's Work from Response to Restoration](#)

Our new interactive Story Map([link is external](#)) puts real data from the Refugio Beach oil spill at your fingertips. On May 19, 2015 a pipeline ruptured near Refugio State Beach near Santa Barbara, California. Over 100,000 gallons of crude oil were spilled, much of which ran down a storm drain and into the ocean.

### [Marine Debris Expert Works with Youth on Community Outreach Campaign](#)

On November 2, Marine Debris Program (MDP) team member Shanelle Naone provided information on marine debris messaging and communications to students participating in an MDP-funded grant program.

### [OR&R Staff Participate in Environmental Justice Workshop](#)

On Nov. 2, the Office of Science and Technology Policy's Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology hosted a panel discussion on Environmental Justice (EJ). The discussion provided an excellent introduction to the topic of environmental justice and OR&R staff who joined improved their understanding of the importance of the role our own work can play in perpetuating environmental injustices.

## USA: THE NEW INFRASTRUCTURE BILL WILL FUND POLLUTION CLEANUP. BUT WILL IT HOLD POLLUTERS ACCOUNTABLE?

November 9 - The bill will inject billions of dollars into the federal government's Superfund program, which cleans up the most polluted areas in the country. Superfund sites include former aluminum smelters that left the ground contaminated with arsenic, military bases that spilled jet fuel, benzene, and mustard gas into the soil, and even a plume of chlorine chemicals under Brooklyn. By the end of 2020, the Environmental Protection Agency had cleaned just over 1,500 sites.

In theory, the company that created the pollution is supposed to pay for the cleanup of a Superfund site. But in about one in three cases, those parties have gone bankrupt or otherwise disappeared by the time remediation begins, and the EPA foots the bill.

To pay for those instances, the new infrastructure bill revives a tax on imported toxic chemicals and metals, like benzene, chlorine, and cobalt. That tax expired in the 1990s, but bringing it back is projected to raise \$14 billion over the course of a decade, E&E News reports. Popular Science / [Read more](#)

## USA: NOAA PROPOSES NEW MARINE SANCTUARY OFF CENTRAL COAST OF CALIFORNIA



*Photo: A view of Morro Bay, California from Montana de Oro State Park, Los Osos, California. Photo: Mike Schuler*

November 9 - The Biden Administration is seeking public comment on a plan to designate a new national marine sanctuary off of California's central coast, next to an area planned for offshore wind development.

The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has kicked off the process of designating the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary by opening a public comment period, open now until January 10, 2022. The area was

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nominated in 2015 by the Northern Chumash Tribal Council (NCTC) as a way to preserve and recognize tribal history, safeguard marine resources and ecosystems, and open new doors for research and economic growth.

The Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary would encompass 7,000 square miles adjacent to San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties, north of the Channel Islands. Part of the northern boundary would share a border with the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, which includes the waters off of Big Sur. The proposed area advances NCTC's nomination with the exception of an area overlapping with the proposed Morro Bay 399 Area, spanning 399 square miles that have been identified for future offshore wind energy development. gCaptain / [Read more](#)

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE SCOTTISH ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY



November 5 - The Minister for Environment and Land Reform, Màiri McAllan MSP, today announced the appointment of Nicky Chambers and Dr Vinay Mulgundmath as Members of the Board of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

Nicky Chambers obtained an MSc in Environmental Technology from Imperial College and has worked in many areas of sustainability, from policy roles at the CBI and the World Travel and Tourism Council, through technical roles and management consultancy.

Dr Vinay Mulgundmath qualified in chemical engineering from the University of Ottawa, Canada and has provided consulting services in power generation, oil and gas, and wider energy sectors. He is currently the Chief Technologist at The Net Zero Technology Centre in Aberdeen. SEPA / [Read more](#)

## ISCO STUDENTS, TRAINEES & APPRENTICES CORRESPONDENCE PAGE

### ISCO OFFERS A FREE TRIAL MEMBERSHIP FOR STUDENTS, TRAINEES AND APPRENTICES

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- **A NEW WHATSAPP GROUP HAS BEEN CREATED FOR STUDENT MEMBERS**

Kayode Peter Balogun advises "A student WhatsApp group has been created. Here is the link to add other students: Follow this link to join my WhatsApp group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KMxdW7IEal79namyNlbVqg>"

- **CLARIFICATION ON DURATION OF FREE PERIOD OF MEMBERSHIP FOR STUDENTS, TRAINEES AND APPRENTICES**

Until recently there has been some confusion over the length of the free trial membership provided by ISCO for student members. The ISCO Secretariat is now pleased to confirm that it is no longer restricted to only one year. **ISCO provides Student Membership free of charge during the period of the student's studies.** More detailed information about Student Membership will soon be available as an outcome of work currently being done on the revision of ISCO's rules and regulations.

Members who are students, trainees or apprentices are invited to send in their profiles, a photo and share news of their activities for sharing information and possibilities for ideas-exchange and co-operation.

Please note that Kayode Peter Balogun has been named head of the student group. He can be reached at [balogunkayodepeter@yahoo.com](mailto:balogunkayodepeter@yahoo.com), Mary Ann Dalgleish (VP Membership) can be reached at [mrydetroit@aol.com](mailto:mrydetroit@aol.com).

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ISCO Members and other readers of the ISCO Newsletter who feel they can assist our Student Members or accept offers of help should contact Kayode Peter Balogun at [balogunkayodepeter@yahoo.com](mailto:balogunkayodepeter@yahoo.com) or get in touch directly with our Student members.

We will do our best to alert you about things that may be of interest to you and ask that you reciprocate by sending me info on events, opportunities, etc. that may be of interest to others and can be shared on this page. [John.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org](mailto:John.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org)

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## INTRODUCING THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY NATIONAL SPILL CONTROL SCHOOL

The 2<sup>nd</sup> part of an article by Dr Tim Gunter, Director, National Spill Control School, Advisor to the US National Response Team and Member of ISCO Council for the USA.



Tim Gunter joined Texas A&M Corpus Christi as the 5th Director of the National Spill Control School in 2021. Prior to joining Texas A&M University Corpus Christi, Tim spent 4 years working at an oil and gas pipeline company and mobilized to incidents in North Dakota, South Dakota, Missouri, Michigan, and West Virginia. Previously to working in the industry, Tim spent most of his 20-year Coast Guard career focused on spill preparedness and response. He has an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering, Master's in Environmental Management, MBA, and a doctorate in Educational Leadership. Tim recently received an appointment as the United States National Council Member of the International Spill Control Organization, which is dedicated to raising worldwide preparedness and co-operation in response to oil and chemical spills, promoting technical development and professional competency. In this role, Dr. Gunter will serve as an advisor to the International Spill Control Organization Executive Committee, which has consultative status at the International Maritime Organization.

The National Spill Control School (NSCS) at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has a proud history of supporting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) U.S.-Mexico Border Program. The Border 2025 Program is the latest environmental program implemented under the 1983 La Paz Agreement. It builds on the Border 2012 and Border 2020 Environmental Programs, emphasizing regional, bottom-up approaches for decision making, priority setting, and project implementation to address the environmental and public health problems in the border region. As in the previous two border programs, the new program encourages meaningful participation from communities and local stakeholders. The NSCS provided numerous 40-hour HAZWOPER (Hazardous Waste Operations & Emergency Response) courses in 2012 at border cities. The NSCS has partnered with ALMA Response, LLC, to deliver courses in Spanish at the spill school, at offsite locations, and in South and Central America. ALMA Response, LLC, promotes the highest standard of oil spill and emergency response all hazards training and has been a phenomenal partner for the National Spill Control School for over a decade.



*2011 EPA US-Mexico Border Course, Ian Moscoso, Instructor*



*2021, Ian Moscoso, NSCS Senior Instructor, Senior, Karla Hernandez*



*Erin Mueller, Graduate Student, NSCS Boat Captain, and Director*

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency selected the NSCS again in 2021 to support the U.S.-Mexico Border Program. Three virtual 24-hour HAZWOPER courses were held in September and October. In spring 2022, several 16-hour HAZWOPER hands-on equipment training sessions are planned to be held at border cities. Undergraduate and graduate student interns are a critical mission area for the NSCS to give students real-world experiences that will prepare them for challenging future environmental preparedness and response careers. In 2021, Karla Hernandez played a pivotal role as the school's student intern coordinator in assisting in the development of EPA Border Zone 24-hour HAZWOPER.

Internships with the NSCS offer students the ability to qualify as Spill Response Boat Captains for spill response on the water training labs. Undergraduate student interns can transition into Graduate programs and serve as qualified Spill Response Boat Captain. Interns also are given the opportunity to collaborate on scientific papers submitted for various conferences in the U.S.; for example,

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the CLEAN GULF, CLEAN WATERWAYS, the International Oil Spill Conference (IOSC), and the Interspill Conference that is held in Europe every three years. Additionally, interns can assist the NSCS director or senior instructors at industry training sessions, both in-person and virtually. Students also conduct research at the National Spill Control School. Research will be presented at the Clean Gulf Conference, on 16 November 2021, regarding The Evaluation of Surface Washing Agents for Applications Potentially Affecting Texas Environments.

*Dr. Tim Gunter, Director, National Spill Control School, Advisor to the US National Response Team*

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### SOME USEFUL LINKS

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- AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND – ALGA - <https://landandgroundwater.com>
- FRANCE - CEDRE - Click on these links [training catalogue](#) and [2021 calendar](#).
- UK & WORLDWIDE – OIL SPILL RESPONSE LTD. - <https://www.oilspillresponse.com/training/courses/>
- UK & WORLDWIDE – BRIGGS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES LTD. - <https://www.briggsmarine.com/services/training/>
- UK – NCEC HAZMAT ACADEMY – [More info](#)
- USA – TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – NATIONAL SPILL CONTROL SCHOOL - <http://nscs.tamucc.edu/schedule-2020-2021.html>
- USA – MPC, DETROIT - <https://marinepollutioncontrol.com/services/training-and-compliance>

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## TUNISIA: IMO OPRC LEVEL 2 TRAINING COURSE

**THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED – PLEASE NOTE UPDATED INFORMATION BELOW –**

Please be informed that following the new sanitary measures COVID 19 and particularly the new entry conditions to Tunisia; published on 24 October 2021 and which will enter into force on 27 October 2021, the Training Course on IMO OPRC Level 2 initially scheduled to be held from 09 to 11 November 2021 at Averroes Iberostar hotel; has been postponed a week, from 16 to 18 November 2021 at the Russelior Hotel in South Hammamet-Tunisia.

To view the latest information please visit <https://spillcontrol.org/upcoming-events/>

## PEMSEA – UPCOMING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### 16 November 2021

#### [Online Dialogue: Circular Economy Solutions to Reduce Plastic Waste and Marine Litter](#)

The forum will bring together experiences and perspectives from Europe and East and Southeast Asia in terms of strategies, tools, mechanisms, and success stories in sustainable plastic production and consumption. The forum will be organized under the GIZ-EU project entitled “Rethinking Plastics – Circular Economy Solutions to Marine Litter,” which supports the transition of select countries in East and Southeast Asia to a circular plastic industry with the end goal of improving resource efficiency and reduced marine litter.

### 26 November 2021

#### [Training Session On Pollution Assessment And Management \(PAM\)](#)

The training will cover the concept, principles, and best practices in environmental risk assessment and management of chemical contaminants in water bodies from the standpoint of prospective, retrospective, and tiered approaches. The training will also

## TRAINING COURSES (CONTINUED)

provide an overview of frontier technologies in monitoring and assessment of marine pollution. Special focus will be placed on emerging chemicals of concern and their risk posed to the marine ecosystem and human health. Interested individuals should register [here](#) to join the event.

**27 November 2021**

### [A Symposium on Recent Advances in Marine Environmental Research](#)

With the goal of paving the way for capacity-building and research collaboration in Asia-Pacific, this symposium will feature a series of talks on recent advances in pollution monitoring and control technologies, environmental risk assessment of emerging chemicals of concern, and ecological restoration through the eyes of leading experts from Hong Kong. Particular attention will be placed on toxins or man-made substances that pollute the ocean or affect its living biodiversity. Interested individuals should register [here](#) to join the event.

## CERTIFICATE IN MARITIME ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

From Lloyds Maritime Academy - Starts 27 January 2022 | 12 weeks | 100% online | Tutor-led

This all-encompassing 12-week course will cover all impacts of the maritime sector on environmental management, providing the essential tools you need to minimise your environmental footprint and maximise commercial effectiveness. [More info](#)

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**Newly added events include – Ocean ICT Expo and REMPEC Online Workshop**

## MESSAGES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS

### USA: THE CLEAN GULF CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION – NOV. 16-18, 2021

**Still need to register for CLEAN GULF?** If you have yet to register to attend the [CLEAN GULF Conference & Exhibition](#), now is the time! [Register](#) before you arrive at the Convention Center to save money and time. Rates for a conference pass increase by \$100 after 11/12/2021. For those already registered to attend, we look forward to seeing you at CLEAN GULF!

### ITALY: BLUE ECONOMY CONFERENCE AT SEALOGY

European Commission is pleased to invite you to the **Blue Economy Conference at Sealogy® - ‘A new approach for a sustainable Blue Economy’** to be held on **18 November 2021**. The conference will take place at the “Ferrara Fiere Congressi”, Via della Fiera 11, Ferrara, Italy. To attend the conference you have to register by filling in the [registration form](#). [See the draft agenda and the speakers](#). The event will comply with the [COVID rules](#) that are in place in Italy at the time of the event. Further information can be found here: [Safety Protocol - Gruppo BolognaFiere](#)

### 2021 EAST ASIAN SEAS CONGRESS UNVEILS LINE-UP OF ACTIVITIES FOR MAIN CONFERENCE

Preparations for the 2021 East Asian Seas (EAS) Congress are now in full swing as Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA), the Royal Government of Cambodia and the Ministry of Environment, Province of Preah Sihanouk, have unveiled the line-up of activities for this year’s highly anticipated event. The 2021 EAS Congress, the seventh in a series of triennial ocean conferences, will be held on December 1-2 virtually, and onsite in Sihanoukville, Cambodia. [Read more](#)

## MESSAGES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS (CONTINUED)

### 2022 INTERNATIONAL OIL SPILL SCIENCE CONFERENCE, HALIFAX, CANADA

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we warmly welcome you to the International Oil Spill Science Conference 2022 (IOSSC) on March 21-25, 2022 in Halifax, Canada. The conference aims to provide a platform for professionals, scholars and students from the oil spill response community, government, industry, and academia to work together to deal with the challenges in the field of oil spill response. The conference will bring experts from around the world to present their latest research in the field of oil spill science including spill prevention, contingency planning, and environmental rehabilitation.

Presenters/authors are invited to submit abstracts containing no more than 300 words through the conference website. The deadline to submit an abstract is January 7, 2022.

For more details, please visit our IOSSC 2022 conference website at <https://sites.events.concordia.ca/sites/mpri/en/international-oil-spill-science-conference-2022/>. The schedule and other event information will be updated on the website. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [IOSSC2022@gmail.com](mailto:IOSSC2022@gmail.com).

### CANADA – AMOP SEMINAR 2022 CALL FOR PAPERS

The Call for Papers has been issued for the 44th AMOP Technical Seminar on Environmental Contamination and Response to be held from June 7 to 9, 2022 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. The seminar is an international forum on preventing, assessing, containing and cleaning up spills of hazardous materials in every type of environment. It also deals with solutions for remediating and rehabilitating contaminated sites. AMOP is organized and sponsored by Environment and Climate Change Canada.

The deadline for abstract submissions - Dec 31, 2021. Contact for more info: [natalie.jones@ec.gc.ca](mailto:natalie.jones@ec.gc.ca)

## 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 <https://clu-in.org/products/tins/> US EPA Tech Direct <https://clu-in.org/techdirect/> and USA Federal Contracts Update <https://clu-in.org/Federal-Contract-Opportunities> European Maritime Safety Agency invitations to tender are often posted in The EMSA Newsletter. (Look in “Links for other publications” for the current issue of this publication)

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## NEW PUBLICATIONS

### CANADA: MULTI-PARTNER RESEARCH INITIATIVE (MPRI) NEWSLETTER

Back in Spring 2021 MPRI's Senior Science Advisor, Dr Kenneth Lee, wrote “I am very excited to present our first MPRI Newsletter. This periodic newsletter will provide highlights on MPRI projects, researchers and outcomes, and other matters related to oil spill science in Canada. The first issue provides an overview of the MPRI and its program (focus) areas”.

The First Issue can be downloaded at [https://asp-net.org/sites/default/files/website\\_files/MPRI-Newsletter-English-Final-Web.pdf](https://asp-net.org/sites/default/files/website_files/MPRI-Newsletter-English-Final-Web.pdf)

This week Lisa Isaacman, Science Advisor, Multi-Partner Research Initiative has written to announce the publication of the second issue of the MPRI newsletter. The content of the PDF file is every bit as full of interest as the first issue but unfortunately your editor has not yet found a URL link to allow him to give you to access the new issue.

Lisa has also written to advise about a forthcoming special issue which will be dedicated to emerging marine oil spill response technologies, including treatment techniques and management tools to support decision-making on their use. It aims to provide a

## NEW PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

summary of current and emerging spill response methods with information on their mode of action, application methods, performance and environmental risks associated with their use. The special issue calls for original research, reviews, and perspectives in the field of the current standing of marine oil spill response technologies.

A call for papers has been issued - The special issue calls for original research, reviews, and perspectives in the field of the current standing of marine oil spill response technologies.

Once again, no link seems to be available for downloading the PDF file about the call for papers.

If you would like to access the latest issue of the MPRI newsletter and find more about the call for papers for the next issue you can get in touch with Lisa at [Lisa.Isaacman@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Isaacman@dfo-mpo.gc.ca)

## IPIECA-IOGP LAUNCH NEW PUBLICATION 'OIL SPILL SURVEILLANCE PLANNING GUIDANCE'



November 11 - This new technical support document in the joint IPIECA-IOGP oil spill preparedness and response series has been developed to help operators navigate the steps involved in implementing and maintaining a surveillance programme during a response to an oil spill.

Intended to form the basis of a scalable surveillance strategy for use in a response situation, the guidance describes how a surveillance plan can be developed to support the management of a comprehensive surveillance programme through the collection of accurate and targeted information in a timely manner.

The guidance introduces six activity steps which are fundamental in developing and maintaining a surveillance plan that is aligned to the response objectives and priorities, anticipates the changing needs for response over time, and ensures that response activities are adapted appropriately to serve a variety of purposes, regardless of the size of the incident. The six steps guide the reader through how to:

- gather information requirements;
- identify and manage appropriate resources;
- develop tasking;
- handle the data inputs; and
- communicate the gathered information appropriately.

The guidance also includes a series of templates which are intended to form the basis of a surveillance plan; these can be completed at the time of an incident and can be modified and adapted depending on incident needs.

You can download the new publication at <https://www.ipieca.org/resources/good-practice/oil-spill-surveillance-planning-guidance/>

## INCIDENT REPORTS

### CHINA: COASTAL CONTAINER SHIP SANK OFF HONG KONG, 70 CONTAINERS AFLOAT

Nov 8 - Cargo ship SUIFUHANG 628 reportedly sank early in the morning Nov 8 in Shenzhen waters, while en route from Hong Kong to Foshan Guangdong, after her engine room was flooded. 7 crew rescued, some 70 containers fell overboard, endangering navigation in the area. Containers recovery operation underway. Maritime Bulletin / [Read more](#)

### RED SEA: CONTAINER SHIP LOST AT LEAST 45 CONTAINERS IN SEA

November 8 - Understood cargo ship with container capacity ELREEDY STAR lost at least 45 containers in the morning Nov 8 in Red sea off Jeddah, shortly after leaving Jeddah, en route to Sudan. As of 1404 UTC Nov 8, the ship was either drifting or anchored west of loss site. Maritime Bulletin / [Read more](#)

### SOUTH AFRICA: BULK CARRIER WITH CARGO EMITTING TOXIC FUMES

November 10 - Chinese bulk carrier with cargo emitting toxic fumes relocated, South Africa

Chinese bulk carrier NS QINGDAO had to be relocated from Durban South Africa, after her bulk cargo of chemicals started to emit toxic fumes. According to South African Maritime Safety Authority SAMSA, cargo became unstable after it became wet during discharge operation in rainy weather. The ship sailed from Durban, Indian ocean, to St Helena Bay anchorage, Atlantic ocean coast of South Africa north of Cape Town. The cargo is to be offloaded into lighters, neutralized and after that, stored on shore. The ship

## INCIDENT REPORTS (CONTINUED)

arrived at Durban from Gwangyang Korea on Oct 14, left Durban on Oct 27 and arrived at St Helena Bay, Namaqua, on Nov 8, where she remains anchored, with offshore tug on a standby. A team of salvors, chemicals and hazmat experts is deployed.

Maritime Bulletin / [Read more](#)

### NIGERIA: AITEO REPORTS 'EXTREMELY HIGH ORDER' OIL SPILL FROM WELL

November 10 - Nigeria's Aiteo Eastern E&P has reported an "extremely high order" oil spill from a jointly-owned well in the Niger Delta and has had to abort immediate efforts to control the leak due to the pressure emanating from the well head.

"The magnitude of this incident is of an extremely high order. Immediate efforts to control the leak were aborted due to the high

#### November 11 - Crude Oil Fire Raises Tension In Bayelsa Community

Fresh massive crude oil fire caused by a massive crude oil spill from the wellhead of Aiteo Eastern Exploration and Production Company in its Santa Barbara South Field is currently ravaging Opu-Nembe community in Bayelsa State. The fire, which is still raging from the wellhead, according to community sources, has left many of the people in fear as many had fled their community.

A community source, who spoke in confidence, said the wellhead from Well One of the oil exploration company has been discharging serious hydrocarbon into the environment before it caught fire yesterday night. He said, "The people of Opu-Nembe need serious environmental and medical attention. You can see there is a boom line but the boom line set up by Aiteo cannot put off the fire, it has gone to the highest level of hazard."

Confirming the fire and spill incident, Aiteo, operator of the NNPC/Aiteo Joint Venture on OML 29 on Friday, reported that an oil spill from a non-producing well head in its Santa Barbara South field, has caught fire. The Street Journal / [Read more](#)

### INCIDENT REPORTS - NOTE FOR READERS

In the Maritime Bulletin, Mikhail Voytenko regularly advises on vessel abandonments, groundings and sinkings – several every week – but, unless there is an immediate and significant release of oil or chemicals, spillages are not reported. However many of Mikhail's reports cover incidents that may have potential to cause pollution. To view all of his reports, visit <https://www.maritimebulletin.net/>

## STOP PRESS – BREAKING NEWS

[Report in the Guardian Newspaper, updated on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021](#)

### COP26 PRESIDENT DECLARES 'FRAGILE WIN' FOR CLIMATE DESPITE WATERED-DOWN COAL PLEDGES – AS IT HAPPENED

OTHER COUNTRIES SAY THAT ALTHOUGH THEY DISAGREE WITH ELEMENTS OF THE TEXT, THEY ARE RELUCTANTLY WILLING TO SUPPORT IT

[Cop26 ends in climate agreement despite India watering down coal resolution](#)

[Third draft of Cop26 text retains key goal of limiting global heating to 1.5C](#)

[Australia accused of 'hiding' while opposing deal needed to limit catastrophic climate breakdown](#)

[What is Cop26 and why does it matter? The complete guide](#)

[Download the Guardian Report to watch video of Cop26 President Alok Sharma delivering his stocktaking report](#)

*You will need to wait for a few minutes for his presentation to start*

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