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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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UKRAINE: STATEMENT FROM ISCO

ISCO deplores the current situation and loss of life in the Ukraine and hopes for a speedy resolution, reconstruction and a return to peace and prosperity in the region. It is possible that ISCO Members are being, or will be affected, by these events and consequences. If this is the case, we ask those Members to contact the Secretary General, other Secretariat Member or ISCO Council Country Representative to discuss and request assistance. Members with suggestions on how ISCO can assist all people affected by this crisis please pass these on to us. ISCO will make a donation in support of humanitarian relief operations for Ukrainian people.

PLASTIC TREATY: WORLD LEADERS AGREE TERMS OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT TO CURB POLLUTION AT UN SUMMIT

March 2 - The meeting, known as UNEA 5.2, is coming to a close today (2 March) in Nairobi after more than a week of negotiations between UN member states on topics including nature-based climate solutions, sustainable food systems, green jobs, poverty eradication and preventing pollution.

This latter topic has caught many of the headlines around the meeting, as attendees have been tasked with agreeing the broad terms of a new global treaty to slow – and ultimately end – plastic pollution globally. The treaty covers both terrestrial and marine habitats and applies to plastic pollution of all sizes and all sources, from microplastics from textiles and tyres, to nurdles, to abandoned fishing gear. EDIE / [Read more](#)

See also - **UN Environment Assembly concludes with 14 resolutions to curb pollution, protect and restore nature worldwide** UNEP / [Read the Report from UNEP](#)

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS (CONTINUED)

ISCO NEWS

JOIN ISCO ON LINKEDIN

In this world of fast changing communications ISCO recognises the need to provide its members with the opportunity to reach out and communicate in a limitless arena where voices can be heard, ideas exchanged, and new friends found, all with the common link of sharing their passion for advancing the future of their industry.

ISCO recognises the importance of modern media platforms to keep in contact with their worldwide membership, enabling everyone to be kept up to date with ongoing developments, and in doing so, encourage members to develop forums and [conversations](#) to discuss matters relating to their field of interest, and to exchange ideas with similar [minded](#) people.

Come and join ISCO on LINKEDIN and enjoy the benefits of being able to spread the word, share your views and ideas, and become part of a sharing and learning community known as ISCO, you can either [create your own post](#), or join one of ISCO's other [discussions](#). Visit <https://www.Linkedin.com/groups/4016064/> and get those [conversations](#) started. Neil Marson, ISCO Secretary-General.

STUDENT MEMBER PRESENTATIONS ON THE ISCO WEBSITE

ISCO is pleased to announce that the recent presentation by Larissa Montas – "Use of a 3-D Fate and Transport Model to estimate "Age-at-Sea" and PAH Depletion of Weathered Oil Slicks" – is now available for viewing at -

<https://spillcontrol.org/2022/02/28/student-presentation-use-of-a-3-d-fate-and-transport-model-to-estimate-age-at-sea-and-pah-depletion-of-weathered-oil-slicks/>

Depending on availability of recorded presentations we hope to make other student member presentations available on the ISCO website. Where recordings are not available we hope to publish texts of past student presentations.

ISCO WILL BE ATTENDING THE CLEAN WATERWAYS CONFERENCE

You are invited to visit ISCO at the Clean Waterways Exhibition being held on April 5-7 at Pittsburgh, PA, USA. VP Mary Ann Dagleish and Helena Rowland will be in attendance to welcome you and give you an update on our latest developments. Several ISCO members will be exhibiting or giving presentations during the conference – a great opportunity to catch up with people you know and make new friends.

ISCO supports this event and strongly recommends that you attend. A \$100 discount is available for ISCO members – Please quote VIP Code ISCO when making your booking".

MORE INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL NEWS

IOPC FUNDS: CEFIC'S POSITION ON THE 2010 HNS CONVENTION

February 25 - Responsible Care® is our chemical industry's ethical commitment to improving safe and sustainable production, handling, and use of chemicals across the supply chains. Cefic supports the principles of the 'polluter pays' and effective compensation for damages to persons and properties in connection with carriage of HNS by sea. Therefore, Cefic calls upon all parties to collaborate for an effective and efficient ratification and implementation of the 2010 HNS Convention. IOPC Funds / [Read more](#)

FSO SAFER – CONTINGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOPS IN YEMEN

February 25 – From IMO - As part of United Nations-coordinated efforts to address the risk of an oil spill from the [FSO SAFER](#) moored off the coast of Yemen, the

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MORE INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL NEWS (CONTINUED)

International Maritime Organization and [United Nations Development Programme \(UNDP\) Yemen](#) are supporting contingency planning workshops to strengthen Yemen's oil spill response capability.

The first workshop took place in Sana'a, Yemen. A second workshop will be organized in Aden, Yemen, in mid-March.

The workshops aim to address current capacity to respond to a spill from FSO SAFER. They will assist in clarifying equipment and resource requirements; developing response strategies; and addressing the topic of waste management. The information gathered will serve to identify further training needs for the respective authorities and will allow for the updating of the country's national oil spill contingency plan.

The workshops are being coordinated by UNDP Yemen, under the umbrella of IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme and with technical support provided by IMO.

In September, the United Nations' senior management instructed the Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Yemen, David Gressly, to provide UN system-wide leadership on the FSO Safer and coordinate all efforts to mitigate the threat. A UN-

coordinated proposal to shift the oil onboard the FSO SAFER to another vessel is currently under discussion and has received widespread support. [Read more here.](#)

ITOPF RETURNS TO PETROL ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN'S ANNUAL WORKSHOP

March 2 - Petrol Association of Japan's (PAJ) 2022 annual workshop was held on 22 February, with ITOPF joining more than 150 attendees, tuning in from seven different nations.

The objective for this year's workshop was to address the challenges faced in oil spill response operations during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Held virtually, ITOPF returned to the workshop this year with Technical Director, Richard Johnson speaking on how ITOPF successfully responded to more than 80 cases remotely and in-person, where safe, throughout the pandemic. ITOPF / [Read more](#)

UNEA: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE PLASTIC POLLUTION RESOLUTION

March 2 – From UNEP - See the following links for more information:

- [Q&A with UNEP's Executive Director on the global plastics agreement](#)
- [Recording of the closing session](#)
- [Speech by UNEP Executive Director: A leap forward for environmental action](#)
- [Historic day in the campaign to beat plastic pollution: Nations commit to develop a legally binding agreement](#)

LOOKING BACK AT 50 YEARS OF UNEP

March 3 - On a chilly December day in 1972, the United Nations General Assembly passed what is formally known as UN-Resolution 2997.

It would be the last step in the establishment of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) – an organisation conceived to spearhead a global effort to minimize humanity's footprint on the planet.

During the next five decades, UNEP would take on some of the world's most pressing environmental problems, from climate change to species loss, to pollution.

With leaders gathering in Nairobi, Kenya this week to celebrate UNEP's 50th anniversary, here is a closer look at some of history's environmental milestones – all driven by science and multilateralism. UNEP / [Continue reading](#)

NEWS REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

BRAZIL: IBAMA PUBLISHES NATIONAL PLAN FOR ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (PNAPA) FOR THE YEAR 2022

February 25 - The Brazilian Institute of the Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (IBAMA) informs that the National Annual Plan for Environmental Protection (PNAPA) for the year 2022 was published in the Official Gazette of the Union (DOU) of 02/18/2022. [Access the 2022 And previous National Annual Environmental Protection Plans](#) IBAMA / [Read more](#)

IRELAND: EPA DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN 2022 TO 2026

The Environmental Protection Agency is in the process of developing a new Strategic Plan for the period 2022-2026. In developing the draft Strategic Plan we have reviewed our purpose, vision and values and identified the key strategic outcomes we want to achieve to ensure we deliver on our purpose and vision. While we will continue to deliver a wide range of functions across all aspects of environmental protection, we have identified a number of specific priorities which we aim to achieve by 2026.

If you would like to comment on our draft EPA Strategy Plan 2022 - 2026 please do so through our [questionnaire](#). This consultation will close on Friday 11 March 2022. EPA / [Read more](#)

MAURITIUS: POST MV WAKASHIO OIL SPILL: HANDING OVER OF STARTER KITS AND CERTIFICATES IN MAHEBOURG

February 26 - Some 1,200 beneficiaries from the South East and Eastern regions of Mauritius, namely, Quatre Soeurs, Grand River South East, Grand Sable, Mahebourg, and Vieux Grand Port, received, this morning, starter kits under the Capacity Building and Start Up assistance under the Humanitarian Emergency Assistance Programme funded by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), at the Maison des Pêcheurs in Mahebourg.

The symbolic handing over ceremony, organised by the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security in collaboration with the Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI), also comprised the handing over of training certificates to the beneficiaries and the launching of two booklets on household farming, composting, and egg production.

African Business / [Read more](#)

USA: EPA TO EYE HAWAII FUEL TANK OPERATIONS AFTER WATER TAINTED

February 25 - The top official at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday an upcoming inspection of a Navy fuel tank facility that leaked petroleum into Pearl Harbor's tap water will look at whether the tank farm was properly operated.

"We're going to ... really look very closely at whether or not the facility has operated within the guidelines of the law. And if it hasn't, then we will have to make some corrections there," Michael S. Regan, the EPA's administrator, told reporters at a news conference.

Regan was in Hawaii for a two-day visit to see the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility and meet officials about the water contamination crisis. The EPA's inspection of the Red Hill tank facility is scheduled to begin next week. AP News / [Read more](#)

USA: EPA ANNOUNCES NEW SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD PROCESS TO STRENGTHEN SCIENCE SUPPORTING EPA DECISIONS

February 28 - Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the implementation of a new process by which the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will assess the science that informs decisions regarding Agency proposed rules. The new process will restore opportunities for peer review and strengthen the independence of the board. The improved process builds on the principle that early engagement with the Science Advisory Board is a priority and will best enable EPA to benefit from the expert advice received from the board.

"Everything we do as an agency must adhere to the highest standards of scientific integrity, and today's action is a major step towards stronger, independently reviewed science," said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. "This new process, Science Supporting EPA Decisions, will allow EPA to effectively engage the Science Advisory Board while ensuring the important independent advisory status of the Board is maintained." EPA / [Read more](#)

USA: LATEST NEWS REPORTS FROM NOAA OR&R



March 3 – Please click on the links below to download and read the latest news reports from NOAA OR&R

Image - Channel Islands Marine Debris. Image Credit: NOAA.

[Marine Debris Program Coordinates California Ocean Litter Strategy Workgroups](#)

On February 28th, the NOAA Marine Debris Program (MDP) wrapped up a month of partner-led virtual workgroup meetings to discuss the California Ocean Litter Strategy (OLS).

The meetings brought together over 100 partners across the state and from a diverse set of sectors, including state agencies, nonprofits, private sector, and academia.

NEWS REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD (CONTINUED)

[Marine Debris Program Participates in College of Charleston Sustainability Careers Networking Session](#)

On February 15, 2022, the College of Charleston Center for Sustainable Development (CSD) and Environmental Science Masters Program (EVSS Program) coordinated a networking event for undergraduate and graduate students to meet with and learn from professionals working in environmental fields.

[Oil Spill Response Projects to Benefit from Lagniappe Awards](#)

Each year, NOAA's Disaster Preparedness Program selects projects submitted by National Ocean Service (NOS) programs, as part of its [Lagniappe Awards](#). (Lagniappe, a term often used in Louisiana, means "a little something extra.")

[NOAA Marine Debris Program hosts Workshop for Gulf of Maine Marine Debris Action Plan Partners](#)

On Feb. 22 and 23, the NOAA Marine Debris Program hosted a virtual workshop to update the [Gulf of Maine Marine Debris Action Plan](#). The five-year plan, meant to reduce the impacts of marine debris by increasing understanding of the problem, taking preventative actions, and collaborating with diverse partners on solutions, is currently at the mid-way point. Over 30 stakeholders, representing nonprofit organizations, state agencies, academic institutions, and more, worked to review all actions, update any that may be out of date, and invite new partners to the table.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

INTERTANKO STAFF NEWS

February 25 - Michele White, INTERTANKO's General Counsel and Company Secretary, will be leaving the Association after 14 years' service to take a career break.

Since joining the Association in 2008, Michele has been a valued advisor and member of the INTERTANKO team. She has shown professionalism and commitment to the continued success of the Association, in particular in documentary and chartering issues. She has also played an integral role in reforming INTERTANKO's governance, bringing greater clarity and structure to the operation of the Association. We thank Michele for her dedicated work for INTERTANKO and its Members and wish her every success with the next chapter of her career. <https://www.intertanko.com/news-desk/newsdeskarticle/intertanko-staff-news>

NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS

OSRL ACQUIRES SHETLAND BASE



February 25 - Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL) has taken over the management of a response base on the west coast of Shetland.

The facility, based at Scalloway, houses equipment that can be rapidly deployed in the event of an incident, either offshore or nearshore.

Response equipment can be transported to the ports of Scalloway or Lerwick for deployment onto suitable vessels.

Shoreline equipment is stored in trailers ready to deploy at short notice to any areas that could potentially be impacted.

The base supports several west of Shetland operators and was established by bp. OSRL and bp completed a thorough handover to ensure continuity of service under OSRL's operatorship.

Robert Limb, OSRL Chief Executive, said: "We are pleased to announce the introduction of an OSRL base in Shetland.

"While we never want to face a situation requiring deployment, this important service provides an extra layer of protection when responding to incidents. Its favourable location on the west coast of Shetland allows us to act quickly and efficiently.

"The base will be run on a daily basis by our trained contractors on Shetland and managed remotely from the OSRL Aberdeen office. Training courses will also be offered at the base for our contractors and other interested stakeholders on the island."

OSRL / [Source document](#)

NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

MILESTONE REACHED IN THE HISTORY OF WILDLIFE RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS: GLOBAL OILED WILDLIFE RESPONSE SERVICE BECOMES PART OF OSRL'S SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

February 25 - OSRL is pleased to announce that in 2022, the Global Oiled Wildlife Response Service (GOWRS) will become part of OSRL's Service Level Agreement (SLA).

GOWRS is a ready-to-deploy Assessment Team of four wildlife response experts, drawn from 10 leading international wildlife response organisations, which will be available 24/7/365 to deploy for a four-day in-country incident assessment. OSRL / [Read more](#)

CORRESPONDENCE

A REQUEST FOR HELP

"I am working on the development of an innovative project for Oil Spill professionals, companies and organizations: a drone designed for sea operations.

I am looking for financial data on the Oil Spill market worldwide: budgets according to the type of materials and according to the regions, the future perspectives of this business will be very interesting for my study.

These data must be easily accessible free of charge or via an official organization (ISCO for example)

Is it possible, even if I'm not yet an ISCO member, to maybe find these data with your help? Or give me links to find these?

Many thanks for your help, Regards, Nicolas Thioux" nicolas.thioux@gabriel-airservices.com

Editor: Any member or reader who may be able to help should contact Nicolas directly.

See also URL: http://www.gabriel-airservices.com/usav_for_oil_spill/

TRAINING COURSES

USEFUL LINKS

- AUSTRALIA – AMOSC - <https://amosc.com.au/training/>
- AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND – ALGA - <https://landandgroundwater.com>
- EUROPE – [EMSA Academy 2022. Courses Catalogue](#)
- FRANCE - CEDRE - Click on these links [training catalogue](#) and [2022 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>
- USA – ALLIANCE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROFESSIONALS - https://www.ahmpnet.org/events/event_list.asp

If you would like to be listed here, please contact your editor – john.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Several new NOAA OR&R events have been listed at <https://spillcontrol.org/upcoming-events/>

UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

Other newly added events include OSRL's Seminar "Surveillance, Modelling and Visualisation on March 24, MOIG's Regional Workshop on the role of volunteers in pollution response along the coast and in the shoreline; and SPILLTECH 2022 to be held on 21 to 23 September 2022 at Holiday Inn Goa, India.

Message from OSRL – In February, we introduced a new seminar series, Tiered Preparedness and Response (TPR) Wheel, in which each month we host 30 minute seminars covering the 15 wedges of the wheel. [Register for this Seminar Series](#)
Seminar Recording: TPR Wheel Introduction, Presented by Andy Nicoll. If you missed the introductory session of a 16 part TPR Seminar Series it's available by clicking [HERE](#) The seminars will be presented by experts from OSRL and the next one covers Surveillance, Modelling and Visualisation and will be on **24th March 2022 at 1400 GMT** For more details look in <https://spillcontrol.org/upcoming-events/>

Previous Seminar recording – "ATSEA-2 Causes, Fates and Impacts of Marine Oil Spills", Presented by Norman Ramos, Shahreena Shahnavas and Tow Lih Hern ATSEA-2 Regional Project Management Unit (RPMU) and OSRL collaborated this year to deliver quarterly technical webinars. This was the first of the four technical webinars titled "Causes, Fates and Impacts of Marine Oil Spills". [View Recording](#)

UPCOMING WEBINARS & PODCASTS

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Recently added webinars include ExxonMobil Oil Spill Response Knowledge Transfer Webinars 7-8

Webinar 7: April 5th, 10-11:15 am Houston time

Dr. Dagmar Etkin (Environmental Research Consulting (ERC)) will be talking about her experiences with interpreting and modeling the patterns in oil spills, including 50 years of spill statistics, analyses of spill response, and spill costs.

Webinar 8: May 3rd, 10-11:15 am Houston time

Dr. Michael Ziccardi (University California, Davis), Paul Kelway (Oil Spill Response Ltd) and Rich Davi (ExxonMobil Biomedical Sciences Inc.) will provide an overview of scientific and technical developments in oiled wildlife response and rehabilitation and explore how these have shaped global good practice, tiered preparedness, and international response systems.

Also a new webinar from Canada's Ship Source Oil Pollution Fund

Message from MOIG - We would like to inform you that for those who were unable to attend the webinar on "Points to consider in the selection of oil spill booms" held on 09 February 2022, that we posted the recording on MOIG website in Latest News. <http://medoilgroup.org/index.php/news-events>

MESSAGES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS

USA: SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT FOR CLEAN GULF 2022 CONFERENCE

The 31st annual CLEAN GULF Conference is extending an industry-wide call for participation. Prospective speakers are invited to submit a 200-300 word abstract(s) [online](#) for consideration by the program committee **by Friday, April 1st**. All abstracts are reviewed for content and relevance by the planning committee and are selected by consensus.

[More info, guidance and help](#)

USA: THE CLEAN WATERWAYS CONFERENCE

The 2022 CLEAN WATERWAYS Conference is taking place in just 5 weeks at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA. CLEAN WATERWAYS brings together all entities involved in a response in the inland environment and gives attendees the opportunity to network and discuss best practices moving forward. Attendees will walk away with new connections and ideas that can be applied directly to their work and the environment their company operates in. This year's conference offers 10 sessions that will focus on topics such as swift water response, PFAS, contractor management, unmanned aerial systems, including Indigenous/Tribal communities in response planning, response case studies and much more!

[Register for Clean Waterways](#) [View full Conference Agenda](#)

MESSAGES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS (CONTINUED)

EUROPE: INTERSPILL FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER WITH UPDATED INFORMATION

The Interspill Committee have been working hard to prepare for Interspill 2022 to be held at RAI Amsterdam between 21 – 23 June 2022.

Interspill 2022 conference will have three streams throughout which is possible as we received so many high quality abstracts. The scope of the conference is intentionally broad and reflects the principal issues facing our sector over the next decade. There are many themes within the 21 sessions but some highlights are emergent fuel technologies, increase in shipping risks, management of aged oil and gas infrastructure, protecting our oceans from further harm and lessons learned working during a pandemic.

[Download the February newsletter with updated information](#)

INDIA: OIL SPILL INDIA – 6th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

4-5 August 2022 at Taj Palace, New Delhi. Theme: Commitment, Synergy, Excellence.

Based on its theme the 2022 Preliminary Conference Programme will focus on the stimulating landscapes of Oil Spill Prevention, Preparedness, Response & Restoration activities. Highlighting case studies on some of the world's worst spills in the backdrop of the global oil industry moving into more challenging environments and the increasing public sensitivities to oil spill disasters.

More info - <http://www.oilspillindia.org/>

USA: CLEAN PACIFIC CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION: AUGUST 23-24

Registration has officially opened for the [2022 CLEAN PACIFIC Conference](#), taking place at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington, August 23-24. Registration rates are currently at a discount of \$350! After March 25th, rates increase by \$150.

Last Thursday the CLEAN PACIFIC planning committee gathered to create the conference sessions for this year's event. The committee planned two full days of programming, with sessions focused on issues such as marine debris removal, wildlife concerns, natural disasters, preparedness and response capabilities, technologies, capacity building in tribal and First Nations communities, and much more. Conference sessions will be announced later this month.

CANADA: NEW DATES ANNOUNCED FOR IOSSC 2022: OCTOBER 4-7, 2022

IOSSC 2022 will still be a hybrid event, comprising both in-person and virtual sessions. The abstract submission remains open. Abstracts can be [submitted online](#) before June 17, 2022. We continue to welcome your submissions.

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/td012022.htm> 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)

LINKS FOR DOWNLOADING AND READING OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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As a service to its Members ISCO provides a listing of publications that may be of interest to our community. This page provides details and links for downloading more than 40 publications most of which can be accessed at no cost.

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Publishers are kindly requested to advise the editor john.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org if any links are not up-to-date. Readers wishing to recommend the addition of additional publications should contact the editor.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

MARCH 2022 ISSUE OF MEDITERRANEAN OIL INDUSTRY NEWSLETTER



The latest issue contains details of the upcoming Regional Workshop - The Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG) and the Center of Documentation, Research and Experimentation on Accidental Water Pollution (Cedre) are very pleased to announce that the Regional Workshop on the role of volunteers in pollution response along the coast and in the shoreline; will be held on 10-11 May 2022; at The Russelior Hotel in South Hammamet-Tunisia. More info and registration instructions can also be found at <https://spillcontrol.org/upcoming-events/>

Lots more news about MOIG's recent activities and meetings. You can download and read the March 2022 MOIG Newsletter by clicking on http://medoilgroup.org/newsletters/Newsletter_Issue_46.pdf

INCIDENT REPORTS

UKRAINE: TANKER HIT BY FIRE FROM RUSSIAN NAVY SHIP

February 25 - Bunker tanker MILLENNIAL SPIRIT was fired upon by Russian Navy ship 12 nm south of Yuzhnyi port, Ukraine, Black sea, in the afternoon Feb 25. Tanker was damaged, communication lost, last AIS dated 0930 UTC Feb 25, she was already adrift, disabled. Maritime Bulletin / [Read more](#)

ATLANTIC: FELICITY ACE SINKS IN ATLANTIC OCEAN

March 1 - The ship's manager, MOL Ship Management (Singapore), confirmed that the vessel sank around 9 a.m. local time on Tuesday approximately 220 nautical miles off the Azores Islands, citing initial reports from the on-site salvage team.

Salvage vessels will remain in the area to monitor the situation. The sinking of the Felicity Ace comes nearly two weeks after a fire broke out in the ship's cargo area.

Reporting has indicated Felicity Ace was carrying around 4,000 vehicles, including some luxury brands like Porsches, Bentleys, and Lamborghinis, along with VW and Audis. The value of the cargo has been estimated to be over \$400 million. gCaptain / [Read more](#)

FRANCE: REUNION - TRESTA STAR: CHAMPLAIN TRIES TO LIMIT MARINE POLLUTION

March 1 - The military boat The Champlain has been deployed in Saint-Philippe since Monday to try to limit the maritime pollution related to the Tresta Star.

Nothing is set at the level of the Tresta Star. Since Monday, February 28, the military boat Le Champlain has been on its way to Saint-Philippe to try to prevent and contain new oil leaks.

After the grounding of the Mauritian ship Tresta Star during Cyclone Batsirai, a pollution situation broke out with a flow of heavy fuel oil to the waters and coast of Saint-Philippe. The breach in the hull, already present, of the Tresta Star was enlarged during the passage of Emnati. Le Quotidien / [Read more](#)

MAURITIUS: UPDATE - BAILOUT ON FEBRUARY 28: 6450 LITERS OF FUEL OIL EXTRACTED, A FIRST ATTEMPT TO TOW ON MARCH 1

March 1 - Tuesday's bailout operation was successful, a total of 6450 liters of fuel oil was pumped from the two trawlers and transported in cubitainers (Intermediate Bulk Containers -IBC) by the Police Helicopter Squadron. About 15 tons of damaged fish were also transported ashore for destruction. A first attempt to tow to the port will be made on Wednesday, with all precautions. 13,550 liters of fuel oil remain to be extracted

The two Taiwanese fishing boats Maan Yu Feng 168 and Maan Yu Weng 01 will soon be cleared from Pointe Tortue, between Grande Rivière Nord-Ouest and Bain des Dames. The Salvage Team and the Greek company, Poly Green is trying everything so that this operation is without blunder, or in this case without oil leakage, especially after a resounding success with the salvage and towing at the port of the Wen Hung Dar 168 stuck in Pointe-aux-Sables since Wednesday, February 23 which contained in its tank, 80 tons of fuel oil. In addition, the cleaning teams of Poly Green, which is supported by the Mauritian police, have also begun to remove damaged fish from the holds of the two trawlers. Le Matinal / [Read more](#)

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USA: GEORGIA - PIPELINE SPILL IN LAWRENCEVILLE — NOW BEING CLEANED UP — FIRST WENT UNDETECTED

March 1 - Cleanup is ongoing at the site of an oil pipeline spill in Lawrenceville that went undetected for weeks before being found.

According to company Kinder Morgan, its pipeline was shut down as of last week, but it is now repaired and back in service. The company estimates 420 gallons spilled near the Grayland Hills subdivision, though experts caution that number could change. WABE / [Read more](#)

USA: MICHIGAN – UPDATE - FLAT ROCK’S SECOND CHEMICAL SPILL POINTS TO HAZARDS OF UNDERGROUND TANKS

March 2 - More than a week since anglers in the Huron River discovered Flat Rock’s second major chemical leak in less than a year, investigators believe they may have found a culprit: A nearly century-old underground storage tank located about 50 feet from the water.

Excavation crews uncovered the tank earlier this week, after a vent pipe and valves in the basement of a metal factory adjacent to the river tipped off EPA investigators to the presence of a long-forgotten fuel tank at the site. Bridge Michigan / [Read more](#)

March 3 - A massive, possibly century-old underground fuel oil tank was found near a southeastern Michigan river’s tributary that had a chemical-type sheen on its surface.

A company that owns the property southwest of Detroit in Flat Rock found the tank, WXYZ-TV reported Thursday. US News / [Read more](#)

NEWS REPORTS FROM YOUR COUNTRY

Every week your editor scans websites of many national environmental agencies and other entities for the latest news about activities and new developments. The template used for gathering national news is at <https://spillcontrol.org/national-organizations/>. If your organisation is not listed here please send details for adding to the list.

As part of the work involved in preparing the newsletter your editor also uses a list of nearly 200 countries, each with a space for entering a news story link. Sadly, this week he was only able to add news items from 4 countries.

Part of the problem is that many national websites are not well maintained and, in some cases, URL sites are completely devoid of any new news content. Some countries have decided to save time and effort by opting for static websites that do not change from week to week. In the worst cases, a few sites show “latest news” that is at least 2 years out of date – a cause for national embarrassment ???

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