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SAFEGUARDING THE OCEANS FOR THE FUTURE

5th July – International Maritime Organization (IMO) representatives at the United Nations Ocean Conference in Lisbon, Portugal (27 June to 1 July 2022) have highlighted the Organization's ongoing commitment to preserving the world's ocean and combating climate change.

IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim emphasized shipping's truly international nature. "The ocean truly sustains us all, and the maritime sector connects us all. A greener, resilient maritime sector is essential for the needs of future generations – the maritime sector underpins all sustainable development", he said.

Speaking at the Interactive Dialogue on [addressing marine pollution](#), Mr. Lim said: "The regulatory framework must be fair, and must ensure no one is left behind as the industry moves towards even greener operations. Marine pollution is a transboundary problem. The threats from certain types of pollution, such as marine plastic pollution, are seen at global scales and the impacts from this pollution, coupled with climate change, create an increasing threat for marine biodiversity, ecosystems, and consequently human wellbeing."

"As we scale up our efforts, R&D collaboration, information sharing, and capacity-building will be key to ensure no one is left behind in the push for the greening of the shipping sector," Mr. Lim said.

The Ocean Conference saw the unanimous adoption by Heads of State and Government and high-level representatives of [the Lisbon Declaration](#), "Our ocean, our future, our responsibility", a suite of science-based and innovative actions, taking into account the capacity challenges facing developing countries, in particular, Small Island Developing States and Least Developing Countries, at the frontline of the devastating impacts of the ocean emergency. ([PDF](#))

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NEXT VOLUNTEERS & MEMBERS ZOOM MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday 21st July at 3 pm EST / 7 pm GMT / 8 PM BST or the equivalent time in your own time zone.

The proposed agenda, together with details of how to join the meeting will be published in the next newsletter.

RECENT INTERESTING PEER-REVIEWED OIL SPILL PUBLICATIONS

For convenient access by members the recently published series collated by ISCO Member of Council for Canada, Dr Merv Fingasw, is currently being made available within the Members' Area of the ISCO website within the Technical and Reference section.

INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL NEWS

MOL TEST MICROPLASTICS COLLECTION SYSTEM ON UNDERWAY CAR CARRIER



Above: MOL's car carrier *Emerald Ace* was the first to test the underway filer system for microplastics (MOL)

July 5 - Japan's Mitsui O.S.K. Lines recently completed testing on a new device developed with Miura Co. that can continuously collect microplastics from seawater while a vessel is underway.

With the aim of collecting microplastics, which are increasingly polluting the world's oceans, MOL and Miura have been working together to design devices that capture the small plastic particles contained in seawater.

The first system launched in November 2020 collects and traps the particles with a filter with a backwashing function, which is incorporated into the ballast water treatment system. Ballast water being treated for release passes through a fine filter that traps the plastics before the waters leave the vessel

According to the companies, the addition of a centrifuge allows the device to efficiently separate floating microplastics from concentrated seawater with a high density of floating debris, without closed plumbing. This enables further filtering of a seawater line, which continually draws in seawater, and treating the full amount of discharge water after passing through the filter with the backwashing function of the ballast water treatment system.

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RIVER TRASH TRAPS CHEW AT HUGE OCEAN PLASTICS PROBLEM

June 15 - Floating fences in India. Whimsical water- and solar-driven conveyor belts with googly eyes in Baltimore. Rechargeable aquatic drones and a bubble barrier in The Netherlands. These are some of the sophisticated and at times low-tech inventions being deployed to capture plastic trash in rivers and streams before it can pollute the world's oceans.

Trash-gobbling traps on rivers and other waterways won't eliminate ocean plastic but can help reduce it, say officials with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Marine Debris Program.

"It's just hard to get out to our big open oceans and collect the trash there," said Director Nancy Wallace. "We'd much rather collect that trash closer to shore, which is easier. It's less costly, and we can have that impact before it gets into the ocean."

Trash is blown, washed or thrown into waterways nearly everywhere. Storm drains funnel in litter tossed onto streets. In places without refuse collection, people use convenient waters to carry trash away.

D.C. Sekhar of Bengaluru, India, designed a low-tech trap for rivers in his country after he left a career in commercial shipping.

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Sekhar's AlphaMERS Ltd. has installed big floating barriers across rivers at eight southern cities from Hyderabad to Tuticorin. Each is angled to guide trash to a riverbank where excavators pile it into dump trucks. The Telegraph / [Read more](#)

SEA ALARM CONTRIBUTES TO THE POPCORN PROJECT

July 5 - Sea Alarm is an Associated partner in the Preventing Oil and Plastics Contamination of Ocean Regions of the North (POPCORN) Project.

This clustering project of the Northern Periphery and Arctic (NPA) programme brings together either ongoing or already completed NPA (APP4SEA, Circular Ocean & Blue Circular Economy) and Baltic Sea Region (OIL SPILL), projects which address maritime pollution issues. POPCORN takes outcomes and best practices of the individual projects and shares them with the new regions and organisations in the NPA region and beyond.

On the 18th of May Sea Alarm supported the project with delivery of two presentations during the Oil Spills and Wildlife Protection webinar. Daniela Barreras Biesot gave an overview of oiled wildlife response during the Bow Jubail incident in the Netherlands and Saskia Sessions-Puplett continued with a presentation on 'EUROWA: What it is and how it can help'.

On the 21st of June Sea Alarm and EUROWA, with the support of EUROWA chair Vanessa Ryan (WWF Finland), also took part in the #POPCORN2022 Twitter conference (Session 1. Cooperation in oil spill response), providing a series of Tweets about EUROWA: a mutual assistance system for oiled wildlife response in Europe with tweets covering what the Network is, including its training, standards and response capabilities. Sea Alarm / [Read more](#)

NEWS REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

AUSTRALIA: PLASTIC-FREE JULY

July 9- It's a crime to dump waste—including plastic waste and fishing gear—into the ocean. Operators can face significant fines for illegally dumping waste at sea. Help keep our seas clean by securing plastic objects on your vessels so they don't end up in the water, and dispose of all plastic waste properly when you leave your vessel. You can also make a difference by reporting illegal dumping. If you see someone dumping plastic waste or other garbage. The following information can help AMSA investigate the incident:

- vessel name
- time, date and location of the incident (distance from land, GPS coordinates)
- details of how much and what type of waste was dumped, and
- other witnesses or vessels in the vicinity.

Report illegal dumping of plastic waste or other substances to AMSA on 1800 641 792 (free call) or 02 6230 6811, or by visiting the AMSA website. AMSA / [Read more in AMSA Update](#)

CANADIAN DELEGATION ENCOURAGES GLOBAL ACTION IN PROTECTING THE OCEAN AT THE 2022 UNITED NATIONS OCEAN CONFERENCE IN LISBON

July 4 - From June 27 to July 1, 2022, the Honourable Joyce Murray, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, led Canada's delegation to the UN Ocean Conference (UNOC) in Lisbon, Portugal. The conference was an opportunity for Canada to meet bilaterally with likeminded countries on ocean issues and advance priorities like sustainable fisheries, protecting 25 per cent of marine space by 2025 while advocating for 30 per cent by 2030 and developing a blue economy. Canadian Govt. / [Read more](#)

CANADA: COAST GUARD CELEBRATES 59 YEARS OF RENOWNED VESSEL, THE CCGS HUDSON

July 7 - For 60 years, the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) has played an essential role in ensuring the protection of Canada's marine environment through supporting ocean sciences on its vessels. For 59 of those years one vessel was at the forefront of all of Canada's oceanographic science work: the CCGS Hudson.

Today, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, Mike Kelloway, on behalf of the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, the Honourable Joyce Murray, joined the Canadian Coast Guard as they came together with past and present crew members, scientists, and staff to celebrate the CCGS Hudson's 59 years of service following its recent decommissioning. Canadian Coastguard / [Read more](#)

FRANCE: CEDRE SUMMARY OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR JUNE 2022

June 8 - Cedre's duty team was contacted in relation to two diesel spills in rivers with a high dilution capacity, one in the Scheldt river and the other in the Kourou in French Guiana. We were informed by the Bouches-du-Rhône authorities ([DDTM](#)) of reports by fishermen of oil-like odours in fish in the Gulf of Fos. Investigations are in progress and samples have been sent to [Lasem](#) for analysis.

Reports were also received of the recurrent oiling of the equipment belonging to a surf school in Fréhel (Côtes-d'Armor). Analysis of a sample by Cedre did not reveal a link with any wrecks in the area and no pollutant has been observed on the shoreline.

Finally, a spill of ammonium sulphate in the Armançon river (Côte-d'Or) caused fish mortality (drop in pH and anoxia) along an 8- to 10-km stretch of river. The duty team also received several requests from MRCCs for drift predictions based on satellite observations (CleanSeaNet) and for an expert opinion on photos in which the origin of the phenomena observed was uncertain (oil or biological phenomenon, frequent at this time of year). In one of the cases, off Ile de Ré, the [Ifremer's Phenomer](#) laboratory was contacted and identified fish spawn. CEDRE / [Read more in the Cedre Newsletter for June 2022](#)

INDIA: ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY PROPOSES AMENDMENTS TO ENVIRONMENT, WATER, AIR ACTS

July 1 - In an important development, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on Friday put out proposed amendments to decriminalise the existing provisions of three important legislations - the Environment, Water and Air Acts - and sought public inputs and experts' comments on it.

Apart from the decriminalisation, the proposed amendments to the three basic building laws also proposes creation of an earmarked fund that can be utilised for paying compensation to the affected parties, for restoration of environment or for reparation. The three funds are to be named as 'Environmental Protection Fund', the 'Water Pollution Remediation Fund' and the 'Air Pollution Remediation Fund'. DaijiWorld / [Read more](#)

MALAYSIA: ONLINE BRIEFING SESSION ON THE 2010 HNS CONVENTION

July 6 - On 6 July 2022, the Head of External Relations and Conference, Thomas Liebert, and Claims Manager, Mark Homan, delivered an online briefing session on the 2010 HNS Convention for the Chemical Industries Council of Malaysia (CICM).

Organised by the Malaysian Marine Department (MARDEP) and the CICM, the session provided a general overview of the Convention and then looked at the specific obligations that would fall to the chemical industry in respect of reporting and contributions. IOPC Funds / [Read more](#)

UK: COST OF LIVING: CLEETHORPES WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTRE CLOSES ITS DOORS

June 30 - A wildlife rescue charity has said soaring prices have left it with no option but to close to new cases. Cleethorpes Wildlife Rescue said it had been hit hard by the rising cost of feed, petrol and energy, coupled with a fall in donations.

"We do hope this isn't forever, but we can't carry on until we have a secure base of funds," a spokesperson said. "Until we're in a better place... we simply cannot afford to take in any further admissions," they added. BBC News / [Read more](#)

USA: NAVY - COMPLACENCY, LACK OF CRITICAL THINKING LED TO RED HILL SPILL

July 3 - Fuel was sitting in a PVC drain line for six months before the fateful spill



Photo: A tour of the lower access tunnel at Red Hill. The white large-diameter PVC line at top center-left is the AFFF retention line (USN)

A command investigation released by the U.S. Navy on Friday - just ahead of a long holiday weekend - details a series of substantial errors in the months leading up to the disastrous fuel spill at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility in Honolulu, which ultimately led to the site's closure.

The Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility is a unique asset.

Between 1940-43, the Department of War carved 20 giant tanks out of a solid basalt ridge outside Honolulu, then connected them by pipeline to the piers at Pearl Harbor. It is among the largest bunker facilities of its kind, containing 250 million gallons of fuel for power projection across the vast Pacific Ocean.

Red Hill has received considerable attention over the years because of its advancing age and concerns about the possibility of a leak from one of its tanks. However, the spill that doomed the storage site had little to do with its material condition, and everything to do with the management of its pipeline operations.

On May 6, 2021, the operations team at Red Hill made a mistake while transferring fuel and ruptured two pipe joints, releasing JP-5 fuel into the facility's lower access tunnel. The net volume in Tank 12 dropped by nearly 20,000 gallons within 50 seconds.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

UK: SEPA'S NEXT CHIEF EXECUTIVE IS ANNOUNCED



July 7 - The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) has today announced the appointment of Nicole Paterson as its next Chief Executive.

Nicole, who joins the agency in October, is an award-winning local government Chief Officer, with nearly three decades of experience across five local authorities, consultancy, and environmental non-executive roles; leading operational, regulatory and strategic environmental services.

With more than three decades of experience in local government specifically, Ms. Paterson joins from North Lanarkshire Council, Scotland's fourth largest local authority, where her role as Head of Environmental Assets saw her drive a strategic vision of community focused, inclusive growth and prosperity. She led systemic change on climate change adaptation, biodiversity, flood risk management, transport policy, planning and green spaces. SEPA / [Read more](#)

LATVIA STARTS ITS TWO-YEAR CHAIRMANSHIP OF HELCOM TODAY

July 1 - As of 1 July 2022, Latvia will be the Chair of HELCOM until 30 June 2024. The chairmanship rotates between Contracting Parties every two years, in alphabetical order.

Ms Evija Šmite, Deputy Director General and the Director of Fisheries Control Department, State Environmental Service of Latvia starts as the new Chair of HELCOM. She has worked on matters regarding marine environment protection and fisheries control in the public administration of Latvia since 1997.

Ms. **Ilona Mendzina** has been selected as the Vice-Chair. She is the Deputy Director of the Nature Protection Department, and the Head of Species and Habitats Protection Division of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development.

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OSRL AND CEDRE COMMIT TO RENEW LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING



June 22 - Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL) and France’s Centre for Documentation, Research and Experimentation on Accidental Water Pollution (CEDRE) have today committed to renewing their ‘Letter of Understanding’ (LOU) to strengthen bilateral collaboration at Interspill 2022. Future collaboration will include increasing knowledge sharing across a broad range of areas related to spill preparedness and response. A formal meeting to discuss the collaboration will take place at OSRL’s Southampton base in September.

The announcement represents a formalisation and reaffirmation of both organisations’ commitment to maintaining high levels of cooperation across all areas of preparedness and response.

OSRL CEO, Robert Limb, and CEDRE Director, Christophe Logette, met this week at Interspill 2022 in Amsterdam.

Limb comments: “The renewal of this agreement reaffirms the foundation of cooperation that exists between the two organisations. It is a relationship that has existed for many years and the resigning provides the catalyst for us to come together and renew our intent, depth, and scope of activities. OSRL / [Read more](#)

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- UK – NCEC HAZMAT ACADEMY – [More info](#)
- USA – TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – NATIONAL SPILL CONTROL SCHOOL <https://www.tamucc.edu/research/nscs/>

TRAINING COURSES (CONTINUED)

- USA – MPC, DETROIT - <https://marinepollutioncontrol.com/services/training-and-compliance>
- USA – ALLIANCE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROFESSIONALS - https://www.ahmpnet.org/events/event_list.asp

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From Lloyds Maritime Academy - over 12 weeks (Part-time), Starting 23 August 2022. [More info](#)

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From Lloyds Maritime Academy - Course commences 28th September 2022. [More info](#)

USA: OHMSETT - OIL SPILL RESPONSE STRATEGIES & TACTICS TRAINING

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Newly added to the Upcoming Events Page – Introduction to the Transport of Hazardous Goods by Road, Online, 26-27 July 2022; Italy – ECOMONDO Green Technology Expo. November 8-11, 2022, Rimini, Italy.

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MESSAGES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS

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USA: CLEAN PACIFIC – AUGUST 23-24

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CANADA: INTERNATIONAL OIL SPILL SCIENCE CONFERENCE 2022 – OCTOBER 4-7

[Preliminary Conference Programme](#) [Registration](#)

USA: CLEAN GULF CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION – NOVEMBER 8-10, 2022 PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE AGENDA

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The green shift challenges: New oils and new energy carriers. Marine littering. Biological threats [Registration](#)

AUSTRALIA: SPILLCON 2023: 11-15 SEPTEMBER 2023

We are delighted to announce that Spillcon 2023 has been confirmed for 11–15 September 2023 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Queensland, Australia.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS

JUNE 2022 ISSUE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN OIL INDUSTRY GROUP NEWSLETTER

MOIG Newsletter Issue 052 includes the following articles : [Download the latest MOIG Newsletter](#)

- Interspill 2022 Conference & Exhibition – RAI Amsterdam
- Update of MOIG Brochure
- Regional Workshop on Enhancing Oil Spill Preparedness and Response in the Adriatic and Mediterranean Regions

JUNE 2022 ISSUE OF THE MONTHLY CEDRE NEWSLETTER

Contents include –

- Emergency Response

NEW PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

- Cedre’s Strategy Committee meeting
 - Interspill
 - Training course in Reunion alongside ISMI
 - CleanAtlantic project coordination meeting
 - Annual events: “Polymères et Océans” and “Plastiques, changement de Cap !”
 - Sure as the wind blows
 - Training course for OSRL
 - DG-ECHO IMAROS - LSFO study
 - Meeting of the Technical Group on Marine Litter
- [Download the June 2022 Cedre Newsletter](#)

INCIDENT REPORTS

USA: NOAA OR&R ROUND-UP OF JUNE 2022 INCIDENT RESPONSES

Every month OR&R’s Emergency Response Division provides scientific expertise and services to the U.S. Coast Guard on everything from running oil spill trajectories to model where the spill may spread, to identifying possible effects on wildlife and fisheries and estimates on how long the oil may stay in the environment. We also get requests to track and model other floating objects.

So far this year, OR&R has provided support to 87 incidents. In June, OR&R provided response support to 30 incidents, including 22 new incidents in seven states and two foreign countries (Canada and Aruba). The new incidents included 19 actual or potential oil spills, one mystery spill, one grounded deep-sea semi-submersible oil rig with contaminated ballast water, and one whale carcass. Staff prepared 182 new incident reports and documents, including 13 fate and trajectory analyses.

On June 3, the U.S. Coast Guard notified NOAA that a tanker sank 130 nautical miles northwest of Aruba on May 27, 2022. The Caribbean Dutch Coast Guard reported an oil slick that was approximately 6 by 8 nautical miles.

The tanker M/V Cetus was carrying approximately 457,000 gallons of heavy fuel oil and 87,000 gallons of diesel at the time of the incident. Jamaica requested the U.S. National Response Team activation and NOAA imagery. OR&R provided trajectory analysis for the sheen and further potential spilled product. NOAA’s National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service reported no oil observations from the available satellite imagery at the time.

Here is the complete list of June’s incidents, click on the links to find out more:

- [Two Discharges in Cameron Meadows Marsh Oil Field, Hackberry](#)
- [Tanker Vessel Sunk Northwest of Aruba](#)
- [Cedar Bayou Abandoned Tugs; Baytown, TX, USA](#)
- [Passenger Ferry Burning, Towed to Norfolk Naval Station, Hampton Roads](#)
- [Release of Gear Oil, St. Marys River, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada](#)
- [Fishing Vessel Aground, Lois Island, Columbia River](#)
- [E-Crane Barge Sunk While in Tow, Louisiana Coast, Gulf of Mexico](#)
- [Fire on 30' Vessel off Decatur Island, WA](#)
- [Oil Discharge in Marsh from Unmanned Station, Port Neches, TX](#)
- [M/V LA7240FW Sinking; Buras, LA, USA](#)
- [Vessel on Fire and Adrift off Kodiak, AK](#)
- [42' Fishing Vessel on Fire off Coast of Manzanita Beach, OR](#)
- [Fishing Vessel Aground, West End of Unimak Island, AK](#)
- [Potential Diesel Spill from Tank Barge under Tow offshore Eureka, CA](#)
- [Diesel Leak from Commercial Fishing Vessel, Grays Harbor, WA](#)
- [Mystery Sheen in 40 Arpent Canal, Chalmette, LA](#)
- [Crude Oil Discharge from Platform, Breton Sound, LA](#)
- [M/V TOO ELUSIVE Fire and Salvage; Portsmouth, NH](#)
- [White Mystery Substance on Saint George Island, Pribilof Islands, AK](#)
- [Dead Entangled Orca offshore of Newport, OR](#)
- [WWII Submarine Chaser Sunk at Pier, Longview, WA](#)
- [Request for Ballast Water Discharge from Deep-Sea Semi-Submersible Rig, Ingleside, TX](#)

INDIAN COAST GUARD RESCUES CREW FROM TANKER SINKING IN ARABIAN SEA



Indian Coast Guard rescues crew from sinking tankerPicture from Indian reconnaissance airplane of the sinking Global King 1 (ICG)

July 6 - The Indian Coast Guard rescued 22 crewmembers from a product tanker in the Arabian Sea. They were all safely transferred to Porbandar in northwest India in what the Coast Guard is calling a “swift rescue operation.”

The product tanker Global King 1 (6,694 dwt) departed the UAE in late June transporting 6,000 tons of bitumen, a by-product of oil production. The tanker, which was built in 2007, was due to arrive in the Indian port of Karwar on July 7. Registered in Panama, the tanker was 386 feet long, with a crew consisting of 20 Indians and one each from Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

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UKRAINE SAYS RUSSIAN MISSILE HIT ABANDONED TANKER IN BLACK SEA



Tanker, the Millennium Spirit destroyed at anchor south of Odesa (General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Ukraine)

INCIDENT REPORTS (CONTINUED)

July 7 - For the second time since the attack began on Ukraine, a Moldova-flagged tanker has come under fire according to reports from a Ukrainian spokesperson. It is unclear why the vessel, which had been heavily damaged and abandoned after the first attack, would have been targeted for a second time, but Ukrainian officials are using it to call attention to potential environmental issues in the Black Sea.

The Millennium Spirit has been abandoned for the past four months since the vessel came under attack at the end of February. At the time, reports said it was anchored south of Odesa loaded with 600 tons of diesel fuel.

Ukraine has sought to increase the attention on the environmental impact of the now five months of fighting. Ukraine recently said it would use the international courts to seek compensation for the “huge environmental damage,” caused by intense fighting including along the coast in port cities from Mariupol to Odesa. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

USA: MICHIGAN - LATEST UPDATE: MAIN BREACH IDENTIFIED IN FLINT RIVER SPILL

July 7 - The Lockhart Chemical Company facility identified the main breach in a storm sewer that resulted in the discharge, according to Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) spokesperson Jill Greenberg.

The company’s operations have been halted until a plan can be sent to EGLE that will ensure when production resumes, the company will not release material in the groundwater or to the Flint River, Greenberg said. WDEM / [Read more](#)

GREECE: MALAYSIAN AND TURKISH TANKERS COLLISION, AEGEAN SEA

July 7 - Tankers AMELIA and TANAB collided at around 0000 UTC Jul 7 off Karystos port, Euboea island, Greece, east of Piraeus. Looks like both ships were under way at the time of collision, both proceeding to Kalystos. TANAB is in ballast, AMELIA has some 30,000 tons of gas oil on board, no reports on leaks, both ships remained seaworthy, both were anchored off Kalystos and as of 1620 UTC Jul 7, remain anchored. Maritime Bulletin / [Read more](#)

SOUTH AFRICA: UPL AND DURBAN RESIDENTS MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME, 11 MONTHS AFTER CORNUBIA CHEMICAL FIRE

July 3 - Nigh on a year after the Cornubia toxic chemical blaze, the UPL agrochemicals group has held its first face-to-face meeting with local community and business groups in Durban 'to explore how both parties can work together' to address the aftermath of the chemical spill on the human and natural environment. All Africa / [Read more](#)

USA: TENNESSEE - 201K GALLONS OF OIL SPILL FROM PIPELINE

July 8 - It was the second-largest recorded crude oil spill in the state of Tennessee, advocacy group Pipeline Safety Trust said in a statement.

Officials are cleaning up a massive oil spill from a multistate pipeline that ruptured in rural Tennessee. According to the state Department of Environment and Conservation, approximately 201,600 gallons of crude oil spilled from the pipeline on June 29 and entered Horse Creek in Henderson, some 88 miles northeast of Memphis.

The spill occurred when a mowing contractor struck the Mid-Valley Pipeline Company’s pipeline, officials said. The cleanup response is being led by the pipeline’s parent company, Energy Transfer, with help from the Environmental Protection Agency and state agencies. The line was repaired and safely returned to service, Energy Transfer said in a statement. Specialized crews remained at the scene Wednesday as the company concludes the recovery process, the statement said. WYMT / [Read more](#)

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SPACE FOR INTERESTING ARTICLES IN THE ISCO NEWSLETTER

For a while the ISCO Newsletter was often reaching about 18 pages per issue – far too long for a quick read.

Thanks to recent changes that involved moving some features – such as upcoming events, webinars, other publications – to linked pages on our website, there’s more room now for printing interesting articles.

This is something your editor would very much like to do and will be welcomed by many readers.

Ideally quite short articles are good – one or two pages – but longer articles can also be accepted and published in two or more episodes.

Good articles help the ISCO Newsletter to fulfil its educational role.

Particularly welcome are articles that pass on practical knowledge and experience. Recent articles included one by George Ross on the use of a groundline anchoring system to prevent vulnerable holiday beaches from being fouled by unpleasant algae. Another, by Steve Guy, discussed spill response challenges posed by recently developed alternative fuel oils – we still need to learn more about these. Another subject of interest would be responder experience in dealing with nurdles.

If you find the ISCO Newsletter interesting and useful, submitting an article gives you a good way to make a “pay-back” by contributing something of value to our community.

Please think about this and get in touch if you would like to help. John.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org

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