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The International Spill Control Organisation, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to raising worldwide preparedness & co-operation in response to oil and chemical spills, marine & freshwater pollution by plastics, promoting technical development and professional competency, & to providing a focus for making the knowledge and experience of spill control professionals available to Intergovernmental, Governmental, NGO's and interested groups and individuals. ISCO holds consultative status at the International Maritime Organisation & Observer Status at the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds

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## WORLD SHIPPING COUNCIL WELCOMES NEW IMO REGULATIONS FOR CONTAINERS LOST AT SEA

The World Shipping Council (WSC) applauds the recent adoption of amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) by the International Maritime Organisation's (IMO) Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 108). Starting January 1, 2026, these amendments will require mandatory reporting of all containers lost at sea, setting a new standard for maritime safety and environmental protection. [Mfame.guru](#) / [Read more](#)

## UNEP - SPECIAL EVENTS RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENT THIS MONTH, LEADING WITH THE GLOBAL OBSERVANCE OF THIS YEAR'S WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY.

This year's World Environment Day celebration on 5 June focuses on combating land degradation and restoring damaged landscapes. [Discover 7 ways to participate in ecosystem restoration](#) and [check out the practical guide](#) for ways to make a difference all year long. UNEP / [Read more](#)

## BREAK FREE FROM POLLUTION, CLIMATE CHAOS AND 'BIODIVERSITY DECIMATION', UN CHIEF URGES

In a message marking Wednesday's World Environment Day, António Guterres emphasized that countries "must deliver" on all their commitments to restore degraded ecosystems and land, and on Kunming-Montreal Biodiversity Framework, the global agreement to protect biodiversity. UN / [Read more](#)

## IPIECA – PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY

Ipieca-IOGP's Biodiversity and ecosystem services fundamentals: Guidance document for the oil and gas sector brings together information essential to informing BES strategy development and decision making at the corporate level and at the key stages of an asset life cycle for any type of operation or environmental context. The guide sets out a management framework comprised of six interrelated BES management practices. IPIECA / [Read more](#)

## SAFETY DANGERS FROM SANCTIONED TANKER FLEET GROWING

Safety dangers are growing from ageing and unregulated vessels, leading ship management firm V.Group told Reuters, adding it had stopped providing services to 30 tankers last year after they were sold to companies that did not pass compliance checks. [Read more](#)

## REGIONAL NEWS

### **MEDITERRANEAN STRATEGY FOR THE PREVENTION OF, PREPAREDNESS, AND RESPONSE TO MARINE POLLUTION FROM SHIPS (2022-2031)**

The Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (Barcelona Convention) and its Protocols at their 22nd Meeting - Decision IG.25/16

The objective of the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031), hereinafter referred to as the “Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031)” is to provide guidance to the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean, hereinafter referred to as “the Barcelona Convention”, in meeting their obligations under Articles 4 (1), 6 and 9 thereof; the Protocol concerning Cooperation in Preventing Pollution from Ships and, in Cases of Emergency, Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea, hereinafter referred to as “the 2002 Prevention and Emergency Protocol” and the Protocol Concerning Cooperation in Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency (1976), hereinafter referred to as “the 1976 Emergency Protocol” UNEP / [Read more](#)

See also News Release from REMPEC - <https://www.rempec.org/en/our-work/strategies-and-actions-plans/regional-strategy>

## ISCO NEWS

### **ISCO WILL BE ATTENDING CLEAN GULF CONFERENCE**

ISCO Director, Jane Delgado, is pleased to advise that ISCO will be attending the Clean Gulf Conference taking place November 18-20, 2024, in Houston TX USA.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

### **AUSTRALIA: MARINE POLLUTION REPORTING**

Reporting general marine pollution helps us to respond quickly to an incident to minimise damage to the environment. If you witness a vessel or seafarer polluting, or see pollution in the marine environment that you think might be from a vessel, you can make a general marine pollution report by one of the following actions: submitting an online marine pollution report or calling our incident response telephone number. AMSA / [Read more](#)

### **CANADA: BUILDING THE CANADIAN COAST GUARD FLEET OF THE FUTURE: MINISTER LEBOUTHILLIER HIGHLIGHTS AN INVESTMENT OF NEARLY \$400 MILLION IN BUDGET 2024**

May 30 - Today, the Honourable Diane Lebovitch, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, was at the Canadian Coast Guard College in Sydney, Nova Scotia, to highlight funding from Budget 2024 allocated to the Canadian Coast Guard. The College equips personnel with the skills they need to serve Canadians on all coasts. This investment, totaling \$397 million over five years, will ensure the Canadian Coast Guard has the necessary training capacity, seagoing personnel, support staff and provisions to operate new vessels to be delivered for the fleet of the future. Canadian Coast Guard / [Read more](#)

### **CANADA: GOVERNMENT EXTENDS PILOT TO SUPPORT INNOVATIVE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION**

June 4 - Today, as we celebrate Canadian Environment Week, the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, announced that the Conservation Exchange Pilot is extended until March 31, 2026. The Conservation Exchange is applying and testing a science-based, standardized measure to determine the biodiversity benefits of conservation projects. Canada.ca / [Read more](#)

### **CHILE: PUERTO NATALES MARITIME AUTHORITY ACTIVATED FUEL SPILL PLAN IN PUERTO RIQUELME SECTOR**

June 3 - On May 31, the Port Captancy of Puerto Natales activated a pollution control operation after receiving information of a fuel spill from a motorboat in the Puerto Riquelme sector in the Almirante Montt Gulf.

In compliance with the established protocols, the Maritime Authority deployed the Arcángel Type Rescue Service Boat 4422 to the site along with absorbent material, verifying the contamination and arranging the departure of the General Service Boat "Puerto Natales" to deploy barriers in the bay. Directemar / [Read more](#)

## **DENMARK: MUNICIPALITIES CAN AGAIN APPLY FOR GRANTS FOR LAKE AND WATERCOURSE RESTORATION**

June 3 - From 14 June to 30 September, you can apply for a subsidy for watercourse restoration from the Danish Fisheries Agency and the Danish Environmental Protection Agency. Grants for initiatives in the small watercourses (type 1) can be applied for via the national scheme at the Danish Environmental Protection Agency, and grants for initiatives in the medium- and large-scale watercourses (types 2 and 3) can be applied for via the EU-co-financed scheme at the Danish Fisheries Agency. [Mst.dk / Read more](#)

## **FINLAND TO EXERT INFLUENCE FOR GREATER EU-FUNDED OIL SPILL RESPONSE CAPABILITY IN BALTIC SEA**

June 5 - Finland wants the EMSA to launch a procurement procedure to contract a stand-by oil spill response vessel that is capable of navigating in ice and suited to conditions in the northern parts of the Baltic Sea. The risk of oil spills in the Baltic Sea and especially in the Gulf of Finland has grown as international sanctions have forced Russia to transport its oil with older vessels and weaker insurance coverage. Winter conditions exacerbate the risks and the older vessels carrying Russian crude oil may be poorly equipped and not suited to ice conditions. Recovery of oil spilled in ice conditions is more demanding and expensive than in open-water spills. [Valtioneuvosto.fi / Read more](#)

## **MALAYSIA : ITOPF ATTENDS POLLUTION RESPONSE CLAIMS AND COMPENSATION WORKSHOP**



June 4 - ITOPF spent a week in Malaysia carrying out a pollution response claims and compensation workshop alongside the IOPC Funds, International Group of P&I Clubs for the Department of Environment (DOE), Malaysia Marine Department (MMD) and many other national agencies identified in the national contingency plan for a pollution incident in the country.

Tim Wadsworth, ITOPF's Technical Support Manager and David Campion, Senior Technical Adviser represented ITOPF and gave a practical outline on the reasonableness of claims and submissions for clean-up activities during an incident. The pair also provided an overview the role of experts during a response and how and

when to conduct environmental assessments, including the best practices ITOPF has observed and been involved in across its experience responding to marine pollution events. ITOPF / [Read more](#) (Photo courtesy of ITOPF)

## **MOROCCO: RUSSIAN OIL FINDS NEW SITE FOR SHIP-TO-SHIP TRANSFERS**

June 3 - Under pressure from Greece's navy, traders of Russian oil have found a new place to switch cargoes of crude in the Mediterranean sea, a sign of how hard it will be to clamp down on an activity that has alarmed regulators and European governments alike. Tankers hauling Russia's flagship grade Urals are in the midst of transferring it from smaller tankers onto a larger one near the city of Nador at the eastern end of Morocco's coast on the Mediterranean, ship-tracking data gathered by Bloomberg show. Since last month, Greece's navy has been holding naval exercises in a location where the trade had been taking place in an attempt to deter it. [gCaptain / Read more](#)

## **NIGERIA: HYPREP CALLS FOR VIGILANCE AGAINST OIL THEFT, PIPELINE VANDALISM**

June 5 - Nenibarini Zabbey, the project coordinator, Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) has called for intensified campaign against pipeline vandalism oil theft in the country. He said that all hands should be on deck to tackle the challenge of oil pollution occasioned by oil theft, pipeline vandalism, and artisanal refining. [Gazettengr.com / Read more](#)

## **SINGAPORE: CTI-MARITEC OUTLINES KEY CHANGES OF NEWLY RELEASED ISO 8217:2024**

June 2 - Scope of specification for marine fuel has been expanded to include bio bunker fuel, specifically in relation to Fatty Acid Methyl Esters, in the latest version of ISO 8217. [Manifold Times / Read more](#)

## SINGAPORE: MPA REVISES CHARGES FOR OIL AND CHEMICAL SPILL RESPONSE SERVICES

June 3 - The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) on Saturday (1 June) issued Port Marine Circular No. 5 of 2024 regarding revision made to the charges for the use of oil and chemical spill response and anti-pollution services provided by MPA: This circular supersedes Port Marine Circular No. 40 of 2020.

This circular brings to the attention of the shipping community of the revision made to the charges applicable for the use of oil and chemical spill response and anti-pollution services provided by MPA and its supporting oil and chemical spill resource agencies in Singapore. Manifold Times / [Read more](#)

## SOUTH AFRICA: AS WE STRIVE TO CREATE A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE, WE SHOULD NOT FORGET HISTORY'S LESSONS

May 30 - Last month, the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) made history by passing South Africa's inaugural legislation that specifically addresses the impacts of climate change. Mondaq / [Read more](#)

## USA: CONGRESS FOLLOWING STATES' LEAD TO PHASE OUT PFAS

May 28 - On April 18, 2024, Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN) and Senator Dick Durbin (IL) introduced the Forever Chemical Regulation and Accountability Act of 2024. Mondaq / [Read more](#)

## USA: CALIFORNIA – NURDLES: SAN DIEGO ENVIRONMENTALISTS SEND RAILROAD CARGO COMPANY NOTICE OF PENDING POLLUTION LAWSUIT

June 3 - Volunteers have found “at least thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of the plastic particles alongside the tracks and in and around” North County lagoons and waterways, according to an official “notice of intent to sue” sent to the BNSF Railway Co. by the nonprofits San Diego Coastkeeper and the Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation. BNSF freight trains carry nurdles in hopper cars on the coastal railroad between the Port of San Diego and Los Angeles or other destinations throughout the western United States. Delmar Times / [Read more](#)

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

June 3 – Please click on the link below to read the latest news

### [Pollution Settlement Finalized to Benefit Fish and Wildlife on the Lower Duwamish River](#)

On May 13, 2024, the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington [finalized a settlement](#) with Crowley Marine Services, Inc. (Crowley), 8th Avenue Terminals, Inc. and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). The settlement is on behalf of the Elliott Bay Trustee Council, which includes NOAA, the U.S.

## USA: NEW YORK CONSIDERS BILL TO SLASH PLASTIC WASTE AND PROTECT HEALTH

June 4 - The Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act seeks to cut New York's packaging by 50% over 12 years, reducing exposure to microplastics and toxic chemicals. The bill would make companies responsible for cleaning up packaging waste, eliminating 19 harmful chemicals, and preventing environmental and health damage. Despite opposition from the plastics industry, the bill could set a national precedent for reducing plastic pollution. EHN.org / [Read more](#)

## NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS



**AQUA GUARD**

Aqua Guard – New inshore RBS Triton Skimmers a great success at IOSC - [Read more](#)



Facility Response Plans aren't just for SPCC-regulated facilities anymore. New EPA regulations now require facilities with large quantities of certain hazardous substances to be prepared for worst-case scenario chemical discharges. Join us on June 26, 2024, at 10 AM as we delve into the new regulations and discuss how they may affect your compliance. [More info](#)

If you are interested in new technology you will find it useful to visit *Technology Innovation News Survey* at <https://clu-in.org/products/tins/> and *Tech Direct* at <https://clu-in.org/techdirect/archive/>

### TESTING NEW WAYS OF REDUCING SMOKE EMISSIONS FROM CONTROLLED BURNS

Researchers have been gathering this week at a remote site south of the town of Vermilion to test new technology that could reduce smoke emissions during controlled burns, especially during the cleanup of oil spills. Firefighters lit diesel fires, then used a special cannon from Quebec company Drago-ISI to spray them with water that contained an alkaline additive.

"The idea here is that you want to burn up the soot within the flames so that it doesn't escape and form a smoke plume," said Brian Mitchell of Merl Consulting. He said the additive neutralizes the charged soot particles, so instead of growing and getting bigger, they stay small and burn off. [MSN.com / Read more](#)

### THE CRITICAL ROLE OF BLOWOUT PREVENTERS IN OFFSHORE OPERATIONS

April 20 marks the anniversary of the Deepwater Horizon explosion and spill, a disaster that claimed 11 lives and caused the worst accidental oil spill in history. Caused by numerous oversights and decisions on the part of BP, Transocean, and Halliburton, the incident serves as a reminder of the critical importance of safety mechanisms in the high-risk offshore drilling industry—particularly the blowout preventer.

A “blowout” is an uncontrolled release of crude oil or natural gas from a well. Contained in natural reservoirs beneath the earth’s surface, oil and gas are under significant pressure. When we drill into these pressurized zones, oil and gas will naturally escape upward through the wellbore. Drilling operations use various methods to counter blowouts, such as pumping drilling mud into the well bore. However, if these pressure control systems fail, the well’s natural pressure will overwhelm them, and a blowout will occur. A blowout preventer, or BOP, is meant to prevent such incidents. [gCaptain / Read more](#)

### WHAT ARE LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS AND HOW ARE THEY BEING CLEANED UP?

The EPA requires owners and operators of underground storage tanks to install approved leak detection equipment and to regularly test these systems. But they aren’t foolproof. There are different types of systems, and any one type can miss a leak or its magnitude. Trade associations suggest building a system that uses more than one leak detection method, but that doesn’t always happen, and sometimes the one chosen may not be the best one for a particular tank. And owners may not maintain them properly.

Cleaning up groundwater pollution is costly, said Anne Rabe, environmental policy director at the New York Public Interest Research Group, a non-profit that works on environmental issues, including leaking underground storage tanks. “You really have to do extensive testing to determine when these underground storage tanks are leaking and take immediate action or every week it spreads and spreads, and that increases the cost of remediation,” Rabe said.

[More than 516,000 leaks have been cleaned up](#) since Congress directed EPA to begin regulating underground tanks in 1984, bFor more than a decade, some residents of the tiny Richmond, Rhode Island, neighborhood of Canob Park drank and bathed using tap water that had been tainted by gasoline that leaked from storage tanks buried under service stations a few hundred yards from their homes. They spent years battling oil companies, dealing with the daily misery of boiling most of their water and wondering about lasting damage to themselves and their children.

The Canob Park disaster sparked a national outcry in the 1980s to clean up and regulate the thousands of underground tanks storing petroleum, heating oil and other hazardous chemicals across the United States. It’s a program that continues today, where the tanks are a leading cause of groundwater pollution even after more than a half-million sites have been cleaned up [more than 57,000 known sites](#) still await a full cleanup, the EPA said.

The owners of tanks are supposed to carry insurance and pay for cleanup, but that doesn’t always happen. A trust fund that gets money from a gas tax helps — it currently holds about \$1.5 billion — but the program costs states and the federal government about \$1 billion a year beyond the fund. [AP News / Read more](#)

### LEAKING UNDERGROUND TANKS TRUST FUND

In 1986, Congress created the Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Trust Fund to address petroleum releases from federally regulated underground storage tanks (USTs) by amending Subtitle I of the Solid Waste Disposal Act. In 2005, the Energy Policy Act expanded eligible uses of the Trust Fund to include certain leak prevention activities. The LUST Trust Fund provides money to ... [Epa.gov / Continue reading](#)

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### A COLUMN CREATED BY DR. MERV FINGAS, Hon.FISCO, MEMBER OF ISCO COUNCIL



*This is a weekly column which provides the references and abstracts of new peer-reviewed scientific publications on oil spills.*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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#### JUNE 2024 Onwards

- UK – UK & Ireland Spill Association – Marine Spill & Plastic Conference, 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Southampton
- WEBINAR - From IOPC Funds – “Successful Recovery of Costs associated with Oil Spill Clean-up”, 12 June 2024
- WEBINAR – From OSRL – “Immediate Response Activities for Oil Spill Incidents” 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 9am CST/2pm BST
- UK – SOCOTEC Summer Environmental Conference hosted in partnership with the UK & Ireland Spill Association, Burton on Trent, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- WEBINAR – From Halen Hardy – “Clean Water Act Facility Response Plan”, June 26
- USA – AHMP – EHS HAZMAT SUMMIT, 14-17 July, 2024, Kansas City, Missouri
- CANADA – International Conference on Environmental Pollution & Remediation, Montreal, 5-6 August 2024
- GERMANY – “14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Environmental Pollution & Remediation”, Berlin, August 25-27, 2024
- SPAIN & ONLINE – “14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Environmental Pollution & Remediation, Barcelona, August 25-27, 2024
- CHINA / ONLINE – WSH Asia Awards 2024, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- UAE - SPE International Health, Safety, Environment, and Sustainability Conference and Exhibition 10–12 September 2024, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- USA – Elastec River Spill Workshop, Carmi, Indiana, 8-10 October 2024
- UK – Water, Waste & Environmental Monitoring – 9-10 October 2024, NEC, Birmingham, UK
- CHINA – 8<sup>th</sup> East Asian Seas Congress, Xiamen, 6-8 November 2024
- UK – Seatrade Maritime Salvage & Wreck Conference, London, 11-12 December 2024

#### SOME OTHER INFORMATION

- IOPC Funds has released a calendar of its upcoming events – to view, click on <https://iopcfunds.org/news-events/events/>
- Econext has released a programme of upcoming courses and webinars. This can be viewed at [https://econext.myvirtualcampus.co/product-category/webinars/?orderby=date&mc\\_cid=9c2c758fcd&mc\\_eid=6a430f153](https://econext.myvirtualcampus.co/product-category/webinars/?orderby=date&mc_cid=9c2c758fcd&mc_eid=6a430f153)
- Recordings of past ExxonMobil OSR Knowledge Transfer Webinar Recordings – [Access and Download](#)
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- IG P&I Podcast - Exploring some of the topics discussed at the Seatrade Maritime Salvage & Wreck Conference - [Listen](#)

## REMINDER: MARINE SPILL & PLASTIC POLLUTION CONFERENCE

Marine Spill and Plastic Pollution Conference 11 and 12 June 2024, National Oceanography Centre, Southampton, UK [More info](#)

## UPDATES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS

### USA: CLEAN GULF CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION 2024

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### INDIA: OIL SPILL INDIA CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION, NEW DELHI, 11-12 SEPTEMBER 2024

In the backdrop of the recent oil spill incident, caused during cyclone Michaung in Chennai's Ennore Creek, it is with a sense of urgency and shared responsibility that we announce that the 7th edition of Oil Spill India (OSI 2024), the region's flagship conference & exhibition on the Oil Spill Prevention, Planning, Preparedness, Response & Restoration industry, will be organised during 11th & 12th September 2024 at Hotel JW Marriott, Aerocity, New Delhi, India. [View the OSI 2024 website](#)

### EUROPE – INTERSPILL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION – 8-10 APRIL 2025 – ExCeL, LONDON

This internationally respected triennial event (which connects global stakeholders involved in marine oil spill research, prevention, preparedness, response and restoration) will return on 8-10 April 2025 at ExCeL London. <https://www.interspill.org/2025>

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The Interspill conference is recognised for its excellence, focus on emerging research and depth of scientific content. It is organised by the Conference Committee that has new chairs Rob Holland and Richard Johnson, who were appointed at the Conference Committee Meeting held in London on 20 February 2024.

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Contract Opportunities are posted at <https://clu-in.org/Federal-Contract-Opportunities> European Maritime Safety Agency invitations to tender are often posted in The EMSA Newsletter at - <https://www.emsa.europa.eu/newsroom/newsletters.html>

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### LINKS FOR JOBS WITH ITOPF AND NOAA

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES (CONTINUED)

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### WORLD OCEAN DAY – REPORT FROM PEMSEA

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## INCIDENTS

### NORTH KOREA: REPORT: NORTH KOREAN VESSEL SANK, KILLING 90

June 4 - South Korean intelligence agencies believe that a North Korean transport sank last month, killing 90 out of 130 personnel on board.

News outlet TV Chosun reports that a "very large ship" ferrying troops went down on a river. The personnel were bound for work on a fortification project along the border with Gangwon Province, on the eastern side of the country. The vessel was overloaded, intelligence sources told Chosun; its name was not identified. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)



## INCIDENTS (CONTINUED)

### USA: MINNESOTA - 1 INJURED, 100S OF GALLONS OF CHEMICAL SPILLED IN BLUE EARTH COUNTY CRASH

June 6 - A tanker crash Tuesday afternoon sent hundreds of gallons of diluted calcium chloride onto County Road 12 and the surrounding area. A Knife River Corporation semi tanker had rolled onto its side and was leaking the [calcium chloride, a road treatment](#) commonly used to reduce dust on gravel and help with reconstruction projects. Kstp.com / [Read more](#)

### BELGIUM: CLEANUP UNDERWAY AFTER OIL SPILL IMPACTS ANTWERP'S CONTAINER TERMINAL

**June 7** - Port officials declined to name the source of the spill or speculate on the amount of oil that entered the water. A picture released by the port shows MSC vessels alongside, as well as one from Evergreen, and at least one bunker barge.

After reports of the spill, the port suspended operations in the area and launched a survey and recovery effort. They have drones deployed to get a picture of the extent of the spill while cleanup boats are already operational. They said absorbent booms and oil screens were being deployed.

The survey showed that some of the vessels were "stained" and port officials said they would not be permitted to leave until they have been cleaned. Oil has been found in the shipping channel and on the quay walls. However, they said they had not seen any oil in the Scheldt River. Remediation boats are "sweeping" the oil from the waterway. The quay walls are also being cleaned. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

**June 7** - Authorities at the port of Antwerp have closed a dock and are using drones to monitor the fallout from an oil spill that occurred while a ship was bunkering at one of its docks, a port spokesperson said on Friday. "We are doing everything we can to make sure the oil stays locally," the spokesperson said.

Belgium's biggest port closed its Deurganck Dock as well as the Kieldrecht lock, the largest lock in the world when considering water volume, to prevent the spill's spread. The port spokesperson said 20 ships needed to be cleaned from the oil before they could leave the dock, as well as the dock's walls and water. She could not say how much oil spilled into the water during the incident or specify the type of ship that lost it. gCaptain / [Read more](#) (Thanks to ISCO Council Member, Dan Sheehan for sending in this report)

## CONTRIBUTED TECHNICAL ARTICLES PUBLISHED ON THE ISCO WEBSITE

ISCO Policy in recent times has required a reduction in the size of the weekly ISCO Newsletter with a target of about 8 to 10 pages.

Readers will have noted an absence of Contributed Articles and requests for submission of good technical articles for reproduction in the newsletter.

However, the organisation is not abandoning its educational role and continues to seek high quality articles as a means of building an important resource for its membership.

Going forwards, we will be aiming to add to the Technical Articles resource available to all our members in the Members' Area of the ISCO website. Members are asked to submit good quality Technical Articles that will be of positive value in reinforcing the educational resource as an important membership benefit.

Our aim will be to resume the rebuilding of this resource – not by publishing technical articles in the newsletter, but by increasing the availability of new Technical Articles. These will be highlighted in the newsletter with a link provided for members to access and read useful articles.

Currently there are about 35 Technical Articles available on the website. Authors include Dr Mervyn Fingas, Mark Francis, Carlos Sagrera, Mark Hodinott, Dr Jacqueline Michel, Simon Valentine, Brian O'Connor, Andreas Tsaviliris, Capt. D.C. Sekhar, Dr Ed Owens Alun Lewis, Steve Candito, John Brinkman, Marieke Zeinstra, Dr Wierd Koops, Rob Cox, Peter Taylor, and George Ross.

As an example, here is a link for a good article contributed by the late Mark Francis – originally serialised in the ISCO Newsletter and full of useful guidance for response to inland spills.

[https://spillcontrol.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Response to inland oil spills.pdf](https://spillcontrol.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Response%20to%20inland%20oil%20spills.pdf)

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