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## IMO CONDEMNS “ILLEGAL, UNJUSTIFIABLE” ATTACKS ON SHIPS IN RED SEA

Member States of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) - the UN agency that regulates global shipping - have called for an immediate end to ongoing attacks on ships and seafarers transiting through the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden. IMO / [Read more](#)

## ITOPF HOLDS WORKSHOP AT WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY



ITOPF visited the World Maritime University (WMU) in Malmo, Sweden, to deliver a series of presentations and workshop on pollution incident response to Masters students.

Technical Advisers Conor Bolas and Marta Panero represented ITOPF and spoke on the role of ITOPF, aerial surveillance of pollutants, behaviour of oil when spilled, varying techniques and efficacies of shoreline clean-up, and claims and compensation following an incident. ITOPF / [Read more](#)

## IOPC FUNDS SUCCESSFULLY DELIVERS THE 7TH EVENT IN ITS WEBINAR SERIES

The IOPC Funds delivered the seventh event in its webinar series, entitled “Successful Recovery of Costs for Clean-up and Property Damage”, under the Module on “Claims for Compensation”, on 12 June 2024. Senior Claims Manager, Chiara DellaMea, led a 15-minute presentation that covered the key principles regarding the submission of claims following an oil pollution incident. She detailed the claims-handling process and the types of claims that can be submitted in relation to recovering costs for clean-up and property damage arising out of an incident. IOPC Funds / [Read more](#)

## REGIONAL NEWS

### ADRIATIC: ECO ACTION “CLEAN SEA AND COAST 2024”

On the occasion of World Environment Day, ATRAC participated in the eco-action “Clean Sea and Coast 2024”, organized annually by the County Operational Center of the Primorje-Gorski Kotar County. The action was held on June 7, 2024, in the Omišalj municipality, and attended by students of Maritime School of Bakar and Elementary School of Kraljevica, company Dezinsekcija, divers, and members of the Civil Protection. ATRAC / [Read more](#)

## ISCO NEWS

### PUBLICATION OF NEW TECHNICAL ARTICLE ON THE ISCO WEBSITE

The new article (No. 37) is entitled “Tips to clean up a waterbody like a lake” and the author is ISCO member, Capt. D. C. Sekhar. Members can now access and read the new article in the Members’ Area of the ISCO Website at <https://spillcontrol.org/>

### DIELECTRIC FLUID DISCHARGES FROM OFFSHORE WIND FARMS

Your Editor has been asked – “ Is this a concern for anyone in marine spill cleanup operations?”.

If you are involved, please respond to [info@spillcontrol.org](mailto:info@spillcontrol.org) ISCO is also awaiting feedback from Readers who are involved in response to PFAS pollution.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

### BRAZIL: NEW LEGISLATIVE RULES SEEK TO IMPROVE BRAZILIAN BIODIVERSITY

June 10 - The biodiversity matter has been on the agenda of the Federal Government and, recently, four biodiversity-related legislation were published in the Official Gazette: Federal Decree No. 12,017/2024; and Resolutions No. 42/2024. Mondaq / [Read more](#)

### BRAZIL: IBAMA HOLDS ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND SCIENCE WORKSHOP



June 11 - The Directorate of Sustainable Use of Biodiversity and Forests (DBFlo) of the Brazilian Institute of the Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (Ibama) held, from June 3 to 7, the Workshop on Environmental Management and Science: thinking about transdisciplinary co-production and its impacts on public policy processes. The activities were conducted at the UnB Cerrado Center, in the municipality of Alto Paraíso de Goiás (GO), by a team of professors from the Federal University of Bahia (UFBA) and the University of São Paulo (USP), with support from the University of Brasília (UnB). IBAMA / [Read more](#) (Photo courtesy of IBAMA)

### CANADA: EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF COST-RECOVERY ACTIONS UNDER BC'S ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT

June 11 - A recent decision of the BC Supreme Court has opened the door for more creative ways for parties to recover remediation costs pursuant to the cost-recovery mechanism in BC's Environmental Management Act. Mondaq / [Read more](#)

### DENMARK: NEW REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATURE

June 13 - Nature is generally better off within the EU-protected habitat areas than outside. However, regardless of location, the habitat types are negatively affected to varying degrees when measured on various indicators, e.g. overgrowth, forestry, nutrient load, drainage and competition from invasive species.

This is shown in a new report from Aarhus University, which has been prepared on the basis of data from the Danish Environmental Protection Agency's national monitoring programme for the aquatic environment and nature, NOVANA. Mst.dk / [Read more](#)

### **EGYPT: WORKSHOP ON DANGERS OF PLASTIC**

June 12 - Within the framework of the celebrations of World Environment Day 2024 and through the National Program for Solid Waste Management EU-GREEN: The Environment launches the activities of the major workshop on reducing the dangers of plastic and protecting manufacturers from the damage of plastic waste" in the village of Al-Atwa in Gharbia... Dr. Yasmine Fouad: We aim to raise awareness of the harms of plastic among different segments of society, raise awareness of its damage to economic and agricultural development, and propose solutions and alternatives... Minister of Environment: The workshop aims to introduce investment incentives in the field of plastic alternatives. EEA / [Read more](#)

### **FINLAND WANTS A SPILL RESPONSE VESSEL TO BE READY FOR "DARK FLEET" RISKS**

June 10 - Finland is raising the alarm over growing risks of a spill from Russia's "dark fleet" of tankers, and it has vowed to push the European Union (EU) to invest in a standby response vessel specifically dedicated to the waters of the Gulf of Finland, which are not easy to navigate during winter. The Nordic nation's Ministry of Transport and Communications contends that with Russia resorting to using shadowy oil tankers that are unusually old, the risks of oil spills in the Baltic Sea and especially in the Gulf of Finland are real. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#) [Your editor thanks ISCO Member Dan Sheehan for forwarding this news item]

### **IRELAND: THERE ARE NO SIGNS YET OF AN IMPROVEMENT IN WATER QUALITY AND MORE ACTION IS NEEDED, SAYS EPA**

June 11 - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has today published Water Quality in 2023: An Indicators Report. The report provides an update of the key indicators of the quality of Ireland's rivers, lakes, estuaries, coastal and groundwaters using monitoring data collected in 2023. Overall, the report shows that there has been no significant change in water quality. Water quality in Ireland is not improving and nutrient levels remain too high in a large proportion of water bodies. EPA / [Read more](#)

### **KUWAIT: SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM KUWAITI MARINE ENVIRONMENT ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES**

June 9 - The Environment Public Authority participated in the scientific symposium entitled (Kuwait Marine Environment: Achievements and Challenges) and the accompanying exhibition, which was organized by the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research in cooperation with the Sheikh Abdullah Al-Salem Cultural Center, coinciding with World Oceans Day. EPA.gov / [Read more](#)

### **MALAYSIA: PRIORITY: ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR POLLUTION**

June 6 - Prioritising environmental emergency management is crucial to prevent pollution that adversely affects society.

Sarawak Disaster Management Committee (SDMC) deputy chairman, Datuk Buckland Bangik, emphasised an orderly and systematic approach to handling emergency cases, such as environmental pollution, to ensure success. He stressed that the primary objective is to prevent the oil and gas (O&G) industry's operations from causing environmental pollution, which could lead to disasters. "I am deeply concerned about emergency cases that can impact the well-being and health of the people, especially in Sarawak. "Declared emergencies classified as disasters include floods, haze, and large-scale oil spills at sea Mondaq / [Read more](#)

### **MALTA: NATURE TRUST AND BANK OF VALLETTA UNVEIL 'WHAT IS THAT ANIMAL?' – MALTA'S FIRST LOCAL FAUNA FIELD GUIDE**

June 6 - What is that Animal? A Guide to Rescuing Wildlife in the Maltese Islands is the name of the new informative book launched by Nature Trust – FEE Malta in collaboration with Bank of Valletta. The book launch took place on Saturday 11th May at Xrobb I-Għagin in Marsaxlokk. This was followed by a series of educational tours in the area aimed at promoting awareness and appreciation of the island's unique biodiversity. Mondaq / [Read more](#)

### **MEXICO: A REPORT FROM CARLOS SAGRERA, ISCO'S REPRESENTATIVE IN LATIN AMERICA**

ISCO Latin America Representative (Spanish speaking) as Observer at the Mexican Petroleum Congress - Tampico, 19-22th June 2024.

From June 19 to 22, 2024, ISCO will be present as an Observer in Tampico (State of Tamaulipas - Mexico) at the 18th Mexican Petroleum Congress (<https://congresomexicanodelpetroleo.com/>), probably one of the most important annual events in the Latin American oil industry. Tampico is the cradle of the Mexican oil industry,

since its first wells date back to the beginning of the 20th century and it is currently a reference site for the industry and construction of oil platforms in Mexico (<https://www.elsoldetampico.com.mx/finanzas/por-construccion-de-plataformas-petroleras-preven-boom-laboral-en-tamaulipas-y-veracruz-11612444.html>). The event is organized by the Mexican Association of Exploration Geophysicists (AMGE -<https://amgemx.org/>), supported by the Mexican Association of Petroleum Geologists (AMGP), the College of Petroleum Engineers of Mexico (CIPM), the Association of Petroleum Engineers of Mexico (AIPM) and the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), Mexico Section (<https://connect.spe.org/mexico/inicio>). A significant attendance of thousands of participants is expected and there are about 250 technical conferences in the Program ([https://congresomexicanodelpetroleo.com/Programa\\_General.html](https://congresomexicanodelpetroleo.com/Programa_General.html)), in the form of plenary conferences (<https://congresomexicanodelpetroleo.com/Conferencias%20Magistrales.html>), oral sessions, poster sessions ([https://congresomexicanodelpetroleo.com/Sesiones\\_Orales.html](https://congresomexicanodelpetroleo.com/Sesiones_Orales.html)), and short pre-congress courses (<https://congresomexicanodelpetroleo.com/CursosPrecongreso.html>). Representing the OSROs of Mexico, the company Marterra (<https://marterra.com.mx/en/>), corporate member of ISCO, will be present with a Stand at the Industrial Exhibition (<https://congresomexicanodelpetroleo.com/ExposicionComercial.html>).

### **NIGERIA: FG SEEKS END TO DESTRUCTION OF OIL FACILITY IN OGOINI**

June 12 – The Federal Government, through the Ministry of Environment, has sought ways to end pipeline vandalism, re-pollution and oil theft in Ogoni. As a way to dissuade teeming youths in indulging in such illegal activities, the FG through the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project, said that engaging the youths and enhancing their skills, are a viable way to stop the menace. The Guardian / [Read more](#)

### **NORWAY: NOSCA SEMINAR 2024**

Preliminary Programme - September 2 – September 6, 2024, Hammerfest, Norway Clean Oceans / [Read more](#)

### **PERU: PERUVIAN, U.S. COAST GUARDS CONDUCT POLLUTION CONTROL EXERCISE**

June 8 - The Peruvian and U.S. Coast Guards conducted joint pollution response exercises during Resolute Sentinel 2024 May 27-June 7, 2024 throughout Peru. The exercises emphasized the importance of collaboration and regional environmental protection, designed to enhance the capabilities and cooperation between the two nations in dealing with oil spills and other hazardous substances in varying bodies of water.

"The main objective of executing a joint oil-spill response exercise is to combine both experiences and techniques to respond against an oil spill at sea and in rivers," said Commander Miguel Navarro, head of the IFC for Latin America, Peruvian Navy Coast Guard. This expert exchange helps improve the response time and make both coast guard organizations more efficient when facing a man-made disaster." DVIDS / [Read more](#)

### **PHILIPPINES: PRINCESS EMPRESS INCIDENT – IOPC FUNDS' DIRECTOR CONDUCTS ONSITE VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES**



During this latest visit, the Director and the Claims Manager met with representatives of the 1992 Fund Member State's Department of Justice, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and other stakeholders. The team also travelled to Calapan, where the Claims Submission Office is located, and to Puerto Galera. In the latter, they visited two barangays where the process of payments was taking place, with fishers signing receipt and release documents and receiving their unique payment code enabling them to collect their compensation at a remittance centre. IOPC Funds / [Read more](#) (Photo courtesy of IOPC Funds)

### **UKRAINE: UNECE, UNEP, AND OECD ANNOUNCE PLATFORM FOR ACTION ON THE GREEN RECOVERY OF UKRAINE**

June 11 - At this week's [Ukraine Recovery Conference](#), the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) announced the establishment of the Platform for Action on the Green Recovery of Ukraine. This joint initiative is the result of consultation with the Government of Ukraine and serves a direct response to the urgent environmental needs in Ukraine, aligning with the commitments made at international forums and conferences. UNEP / [Read more](#)

### **USA: LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, MOVES TOWARD CLEANING UP ITS 'GULLY OF THE DRUMS' AFTER MORE THAN FOUR DECADES**

June 7 - City officials are taking their first public step toward cleaning up hazardous waste in a popular park after a local graduate student last year called out a 45-year comedy of errors by federal, state and local agencies that allowed the dumped drums and chemicals to escape remediation. Inside Climate News / [Read more](#)

### **USA: INTERIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TOUR PROGRESS OF BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW-FUNDED ORPHANED WELL DECOMMISSIONING PROJECTS IN THE GULF**

June 7 - Department of the Interior (DOI) officials surveyed the progress yesterday of an offshore project occurring in the Gulf of Mexico region for the decommissioning of orphaned wells in the Matagorda Island area, partially funded by President Biden's [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) (BIL). Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) Director Kevin Sligh was joined by Interior's Senior Advisor and Infrastructure Coordinator Winnie Stachelberg and other DOI officials. BSEE / [Read more](#)

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

June 10 – Click on the links below to read the latest news.

#### **Collaboration Meeting Brings Together International Partners Addressing Marine Debris Across North America**

On May 23, the [NOAA Marine Debris Program](#) held a virtual meeting with participants from the United States, Mexico, and Canada funded through NOAA by the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) Implementation Act. This meeting was facilitated by the NOAA Marine Debris Program and gathered over 50 attendees and 15 [project partners](#) from various sectors, aiming to address marine debris issues across North America.

#### **Annual Disaster Workshop Promotes All-Hazards Preparedness in Southeast and Caribbean Region**

Last month, roughly 80 attendees gathered over three days for the Southeast and Caribbean Regional Collaboration Team (SECART) Annual Disaster Workshop. The workshop, held virtually and in-person at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, FL, kicked off with presentations focused on NOAA Line Offices' capabilities before, during, and after disasters.

#### **Webinar Series Helps Southeast and Caribbean Communities Prepare For and Respond To Hurricanes**

The Southeast and Caribbean Regional Collaboration Team's (SECART) annual Hurricane Awareness Webinar Series is almost over. Hosted annually, the series aims to reach NOAA staff, partners and the public with hurricane-related presentations that can help them prepare for, respond to and recover from these powerful storms.

#### **Hawai'i Marine Debris Action Plan Hosts First-Of-Its-Kind Research to Education Workshop**

On May 29, O'ahu, Hawai'i groups conducting work on marine debris prevention, removal, and research gathered to discuss consistent messaging and how to relay scientific information to the public. The NOAA Marine Debris Program's Pacific Islands Communications and Outreach Coordinator and Regional Coordinator hosted the Hawai'i Marine Debris Action Plan (HIMDAP) Research to Education Workshop. The HIMDAP is composed of stakeholders from a range of organizations, such as NGOs, academia, state and federal government and more.

### **USA: COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY SUBSTANTIALLY REWRITES NEPA REGULATIONS**

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD (CONTINUED)

June 10 - The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) on May 1, 2024, published its Phase II regulations<sup>1</sup> under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).<sup>2</sup> As part of a multiphase effort to amend the NEPA regulations that straddled the statutory amendments under the Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA) of 2023,<sup>3</sup> the stated goals of the Phase II regulations are to "provide for an effective environmental review process; ensure full and fair public engagement; enhance efficiency and regulatory certainty; and promote sound Federal agency decision making that is grounded in science, including consideration of relevant environmental, climate change, and environmental justice effects." Mondaq / [Read more](#)

### USA: GREAT LAKES OIL SPILL CENTER OF EXPERTISE (GLCOE)

June 12 - The GLCOE Quarterly Project Portfolio for Q3 - This quarter, the GLCOE-QPP will highlight the FY22/FY23 projects that have been completed and the new FY24 projects that have started or will start in the near future. The GLCOE-QPP will be a recurring document that will be shared to expand the knowledge of research efforts funded by the GLCOE. (No weblink provided)

### USA: AHMP - 2024 EHS HAZMAT SUMMIT

July 14-17, 2024 - Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center, Kansas City, Missouri AHMP / [Read more](#)

### USA: SCAA ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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## OBITUARY

### UNEP MOURNS LOSS OF FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KLAUS TÖPFER

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) joins family and friends in mourning the loss of former UNEP Executive Director, Dr. Klaus Töpfer. Dr. Töpfer led UNEP from 1998 to 2005 after spearheading environmental policy in Germany as Environment Minister, presiding over a period of UNEP's history that saw environmental sustainability become front-page news and central to international development goals.

"Dr. Klaus Töpfer was a passionate and strong voice for the environment. He understood the power, fragility, and beauty of nature and why it must be protected. Under his leadership as Executive Director, UNEP delivered important new multilateral environmental agreements, critical action on pollutants and helped secure important progress on climate change. UNEP / [Read more](#)

## NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS

### FROM ISCO COUNCIL MEMBER, MARC SHAYE - YLS PAST CHAIRS: NOT YOUR AVERAGE WHERE ARE THEY NOW? – THE MARC K. SHAYE EDITION

The year was 1979. The Sony Walkman revolutionized personal music, voicemail changed communication, McDonald's introduced the iconic Happy Meal, and a young attorney named Marc K. Shaye stepped into the leadership role of the State Bar of Michigan's Young Lawyers Section (YLS) Chair. Sbmyls / [Continue reading](#)

### BRIGGS MARINE – A FLASK CONTAINING OIL REMOVED FROM HMS ROYAL OAK IS ON DISPLAY AT HOY MUSEUM IN ORKNEY



Ever since the *Royal Oak* sank, oil has been leaking from her storage tanks causing pollution and environmental damage to Scapa Flow. In 2003, a project to pump out the remaining accessible oil was begun by the Ministry of Defence and Briggs Marine. The job was extremely complex because of the sensitive nature of the wreck as a war grave, and by the large quantities of unstable live munitions which were on board when the *Royal Oak* sank. The ship had a maximum fuel capacity of 3,230 tons. By 2010, over 1600 tons of heavy fuel oil had been removed and the wreck is no longer leaking into the environmentally sensitive waters of Scapa Flow.

Above: Photos taken last week at the Scapa Flow Museum recall some past history from ISCO Member, Briggs Marine. (Thanks to Gregor McMurtrie)

### BRAZIL: OCEANPACT OPERATION CONTRIBUTES TO SAFE REFLOATING OF BULK CARRIER

In January of this year, the bulk carrier MV Caro ran aground with a cargo of approximately 175,000 tons of iron ore while maneuvering out of the Port of Açu, in the north of Rio de Janeiro State, Brazil. OceanPact (<https://oceanpact.com/en/home/>), a Brazilian leader in ocean-related knowledge and services, which specializes in emergency response, was called in to assist with the ship's refloating maneuver and the cargo transfer and relief operation. On this occasion, the company worked on three complementary fronts, guaranteeing safety and effectiveness in all stages of the operations.

The response teams remained on standby at the site throughout the operations, for 16 days. Vessels and equipment such as containment booms, skimmers, floating temporary storage tanks and absorbent materials were also made available. EnvironPact (<https://www.environpact.com/>), a consulting firm that is part of OceanPact, carried out daily fauna monitoring to ensure that no species would be affected in the event of an oil spill, and it was also responsible for oil drift modeling. This modeling took into account real meteorological and oceanographic conditions.

OceanPact GEO, the geosciences division of OceanPact, also took part of the response, collecting water and sediment samples in the area for environmental monitoring. The campaigns were carried out before, during and after the refloating maneuver of MV Caro and counted on 3 teams working in parallel to accelerate the process (<https://oceanpact.com/en/oceanpact-geociencias-presents-line-of-services-and-technologies-for-offshore-data-surveys-and-subsea-operations-at-oceanology-international/>) The Port of Açu (<https://portodoacu.com.br/en/about-port-acu/>) is a crucial hub for the Brazilian oil and gas and mining industries, as well as for the transportation of various types of cargo to national and international markets. OceanPact has the largest oil spill response base in South America at the Port of Açu, serving as a strategic facility and secondary support base for responding to incidents along the entire Brazilian coastline. <https://oceanpact.com/en>

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (

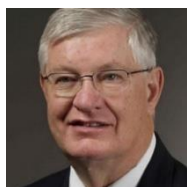
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### THE EVOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE TECHNOLOGIES: ENHANCING CLEANUP AND EFFICIENCY OVER TWO DECADES

In the last two decades, technological advancements have significantly transformed the field of environmental response and cleanup. From sophisticated satellite monitoring to innovative cleanup techniques, the integration of technology has enhanced our ability to manage and mitigate environmental disasters effectively. Jeffrey David Hart of Lower Township explains that at the heart of these advancements lies the pivotal role of Management Information Systems (MIS), which have revolutionized the efficiency and coordination of response efforts. OCNJ / [Read more](#)

## RECENT INTERESTING PEER-REVIEWED OIL SPILL PUBLICATIONS

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



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Please advise the Editor if any of the entries require correction or updating. If you are holding an event you would like to be featured here, please send details to [John.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org](mailto:John.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org) The listings below give only very basic details – To get access to all information visit <https://spillcontrol.org/upcoming-events/>

### JUNE 2024 Onwards

- UK – SOCOTEC Summer Environmental Conference hosted in partnership with the UK & Ireland Spill Association, Burton on Trent, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- WEBINAR – Land & Groundwater – “PFAS – Forever Chemical now has an End Date”, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 12.00pm to 1.00pm, AEST
- 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)
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- Gulf-Alaska Knowledge Exchange – A Workshop Series chaired by Ed Levine, Hon.FISCO – [More information](#)
- IG P&I Podcast - Exploring some of the topics discussed at the Seatrade Maritime Salvage & Wreck Conference - [Listen](#)

## UPDATES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS

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### USA: CLEAN GULF CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION 2024

**November 18-20, 2024 George R. Brown Convention Center I Houston, TX**

The 2024 [CLEAN GULF Conference & Exhibition](#) is 6 months away but only 45 exhibit spaces remain! Book your space today and secure access to 1,500+ potential buyers from oil & gas, maritime, rail, environmental companies, and regulatory agencies. These buyers will be walking the exhibit hall, actively looking for practical solutions, emerging technologies, and services to help them better prepare, respond, or recover from, an environmental emergency.

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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](#)



## UPDATES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS (CONTINUED)

### 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>

For information updates, click on the links - [CALL FOR PAPERS EXTENSION AGREED TO 18 JUNE 2024](#) [PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME AND CALL FOR PAPERS](#) [PARTICIPATION UPDATE](#) [SPEAKER TALK SUBMISSION](#)

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.

## CONTRACTS, TENDERS AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

### INTERNATIONAL OPEN TENDER NOTIFICATIONS

This is a subscription service. <https://www.tender247.com/keyword/oil+spill+tenders+global>

### OTHER OPPORTUNITIES: USA & EUROPE

US Government solicitations are frequently posted in Technology Innovation News Survey [https://clu-in.org/products/tins/US Federal](https://clu-in.org/products/tins/US%20Federal)

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>

ISCO Members can post requests for submission of invitations to tender for supplies / services in this section.

## LINKS FOR OTHER PUBLICATIONS

### TO VIEW LINKS FOR DOWNLOADING AND READING OTHER PUBLICATIONS PLEASE CLICK ON

<https://spillcontrol.org/2021/10/19/links-for-downloading-and-reading-other-publications/>

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. This page is managed by Mike Watson [mike@mwadigital.com](mailto:mike@mwadigital.com)

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### LINKS FOR JOBS WITH ITOPF AND NOAA

Two links posted here by ISCO Director, Larissa Montas

[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/itopf\\_hiring-recruiting-spillresponse-activity-7204150410981322753-vHOi/?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=member\\_android](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/itopf_hiring-recruiting-spillresponse-activity-7204150410981322753-vHOi/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_android)

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## NEW PUBLICATIONS

Click on the links below –

[HELCOM activities in 2023 highlighted in annual report](#)

[CEDRE Newsletter for May 2024](#)

In May, many overseas trips and meetings were organised for Cedre's team, some of the key highlights being a trip to the US for IOSC, to Denmark for IMAROS 2, TREASURE and the European Maritime Day, Valencia for a meeting on aquatic litter, Quebec for a symposium on the management of environmental impacts, and Lisbon for the Bonn Agreement OTSOPA 2024 meeting. A number of training courses were organised for a Taiwanese delegation, firefighters, representatives of the Korea Environment Corporation as well as private companies such as Delta Petroleum and Suez. More details about these events are available on our website [www.cedre.fr](http://www.cedre.fr)



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## INCIDENTS

### USA: NOAA OR&R INCIDENT RESPONSES SUMMARY FOR APRIL 2024

During April, OR&R provided response support for 18 incidents, including six new incidents in three states. The six new incidents were all actual or potential oil spills.

Here is the complete list of April's incidents. Click on the links to find out more:

- [Pipeline Leak, West Cameron Lease Block 564](#); Offshore Louisiana
- [Fishing Vessel Lil' Monster Sunk](#); Makah Bay, WA
- [Tug Island Venture Grounding](#); Squaxin Island, WA
- [Disabled USCG Vessel](#); Dungeness Spit, WA
- [Mystery Sheen](#); offshore North Bend, OR
- [Floating Tar Patties from Dismantling of Hilcorp Boudreaux Canal Barge](#); Chauvin, LA

### CAMBODIA: CONTAINER FEEDER SINKS OFF SIHANOUKVILLE



*Image courtesy National Committee on Maritime Security*

June 10 - On Sunday, a small container feeder went down off the coast of Sihanoukville, Cambodia, according to the government's National Committee for Maritime Security.

Photos from the scene show some of the small vessel's 53 containers afloat on the surface. The extent of any pollution risk remains to be assessed.

The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

### TAIWAN: TANKER HOLED IN ALLISION WITH BREAKWATER

June 10- A product tanker operating a coastal service in Taiwan appears to have misjudged a turn leaving the port of Kaohsiung on Saturday, June 8 with disastrous results. The vessel received a large gash on its starboard side aft, but fortunately it did not puncture tanks and the vessel was not in danger of sinking. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

### IRELAND: CHEMICAL SPILL DISCHARGED INTO CORK RIVER WHERE MASSIVE FISH KILL OCCURRED

June 11 - Thousands of fish, including trout, salmon and eel, have been killed in the river.

Approximately 2,500 litres of a chemical used to treat wastewater was discharged from a state-owned facility into the River Allow in Cork, where at least 5,000 fish have been killed. Independent / [Read more](#)

### RED SEA: BULK CARRIER FLOODING AFTER SURFACE DRONE ATTACK

June 12 - Iran-allied Houthi militants on Wednesday took responsibility for small watercraft and missile attacks that left a Greek-owned cargo ship taking on water and in need of rescue near Yemen's Red Sea port of Hodeidah. gCaptain / [Read more](#)

June 14 - New Safety Warning as Greek Bulker is Abandoned and Drifting. The Greek-owned bulker Tutor has been abandoned with the Filipino crew evacuated two days after the vessel became the first confirmed casualty of a Houthi-launched remote-controlled boat. The Tutor becomes the third vessel abandoned after an attack inflicted serious damage and as a result, security experts have issued increased warnings and are advising reconsidering transits of the region. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

### SINGAPORE: OIL SPILL CLEAN-UP IN PROGRESS AT PASIR PANJANG TERMINAL

June 14 - The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) has been notified of an allision between a Netherlands-flagged dredger, VOX MAXIMA, and a stationary Singapore-flagged bunker vessel, MARINE HONOUR which was alongside a container vessel berthed at the Pasir Panjang Terminal. The incident took place at about 2:20PM. Both vessels are currently anchored safely, are in stable condition, with some damage above the waterline. There is no injury reported.

Some oil from the damaged cargo tank on board MARINE HONOUR spilled into the water. The affected cargo tank has been isolated and the spill contained. MPA, PSA and the bunker vessel company have activated oil spill response craft to the location. The oil spill clean-up operation is currently in progress. MPA Singapore / [Read more](#)

June 15 - Popular beach resort in Singapore closed after oil spill. Waters and sand at Tanjong Beach on Sentosa island have been stained dark by the slick, which happened after a collision between two ships. The oil spill spread from the nearby Pasir Panjang shipping terminal after a dredger ship struck a stationary bunker vessel on Friday. Sky News / [Read more](#) [Thanks to ISCO Council Member, Dan Sheehan, for passing on this news).

June 15 - Joint Media Statement: Joint Oil Spill Clean-up Operations Ongoing - The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) had notified agencies including the National Environment Agency (NEA), National Parks Board (NParks), and Sentosa Development Corporation, of an oil spill at the Pasir Panjang Terminal as a result of a vessel allision. The incident occurred on 14 June at about 2.20pm.

MPA observed that oil had spilled from the damaged tank as a result of the allision and immediately activated response actions. MPA patrol craft were deployed to spray dispersants on the spill. MPA's oil spill response contractor was also activated, and they mobilised oil booms, dispersants and oil skimmer to reduce the impact of the spill. MPA and its contractor also ran the oil spill prediction model and used drones and satellite imagery to assist with mitigation efforts.

Oil spill from the vessel has been contained and there is no further leak from the vessel since last evening. The oil that escaped from the damaged tank had been treated by dispersants.

Due to the tidal current, the treated oil has landed along shorelines including Sentosa, Labrador Nature Reserve, Southern Islands, Marina South Pier, and East Coast Park. There are no signs of oil slick within Sisters' Islands Marine Park but oil sheen was observed in the surrounding waters. To facilitate clean-up efforts, the following beaches will be closed until further notice. MPA / [Read more](#)

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