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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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Incident Reports – Because these may be received close to time of sending out the newsletter, they are entered at the latest possible time on the last page/s.

A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO MARINE POLLUTION IS REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE UN OCEAN DECADE GOALS

Following the April 2024 UN Ocean Decade Conference in Barcelona, Vidar Helgesen, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and Assistant Director-General of UNESCO, released the Barcelona Statement, calling attention to areas requiring much more intense focus in the second half of the Decade if we wish to meet our goals for a cleaner, healthier, more resilient, productive, predictable, safe, accessible and engaging ocean.

First on the list is to better understand and address the global distribution of marine pollution and its impacts on human health and ecosystems. While significant steps are being taken toward negotiating a global treaty to end plastic pollution, unfortunately ocean pollution doesn't stop at plastics. Many less visible but equally harmful pollutants are in our ocean, ranging from sewage and nutrients to PFAS and pharmaceuticals.

The global focus on plastics offers a vital opportunity to spark a broader effort to end all types of ocean pollution. Achieving the goals of the UN Decade for Ocean Science will require us to take a much more holistic definition of marine pollution, and to adopt a radically new approach to combating it. As we approach the second half of the Decade, now is the time to take action.

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IMO TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE MEETS TO UPGRADE 10-YEAR STRATEGY



A streamlined strategy outlining IMO's goals and plans for capacity building, resource mobilization and partnerships will be a key focus as IMO's Technical (24-28 June) in

Cooperation Committee (TCC) meets this week

London. TCC oversees IMO's capacity-development programme and the implementation of projects aligned with the Strategic Directions of IMO and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). IMO / [Read more](#)

IOPC FUNDS HOSTS ANNUAL ACADEMY 2024



The IOPC Funds' Annual Academy took place from Monday, 17 to Friday, 21 June at the Funds' headquarters in London.

This year's Academy was attended by participants from 17 Member States of the 1992 Fund, representing maritime administrations, environment or transport Departments and others. Notably, five of these Member States participated in the Academy for the first time. Participants were provided with interactive and comprehensive training which covered all aspects of the work of the IOPC Funds and the international liability and compensation regime for ship-sourced oil pollution. IOPC Funds / [Read more](#)

REGIONAL NEWS

ASEAN REGION: PH, JAPAN, INDONESIA COAST GUARDS HOLD JOINT EXERCISES VS MARINE POLLUTION

Coast guard vessels from three countries arrived at the BREDCO port here on Monday, June 24, for week-long joint exercises on how to effectively battle marine pollution, particularly oil spills. About 500 personnel from Japan, Indonesia and the Philippines joined the Regional Marine Pollution Exercise (MARPOLEX) 2024 that officially started on Tuesday, June 25, said Capt. Weniell Azcuna, Coast Guard District Western Visayas commander. Global Nation / [Read more](#)

NORTH AMERICA: CANADIAN COAST GUARD CONCLUDES 2024 SUMMIT WITH THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

The 2024 Canada-United States Coast Guard Summit took place at the Canadian Coast Guard College in Sydney, Nova Scotia. The annual Summit provides for senior coast guard leadership to gather and examine strategic and operational issues. This year's agenda covered the priorities, challenges and opportunities faced by both coast guards which include, shipbuilding; recruitment and retention; and, operations in the Arctic. Canadian Coast Guard / [Read more](#)

EUROPE: CRASH COURSE ON MANAGING SHARED RIVERS AND WATER RESOURCES

Nearly half of the world's freshwater is shared between at least two or more countries. This Crash Course examines why water cooperation between states is increasingly vital to prevent conflict. Many EU countries rely heavily on water that originates outside their borders. For instance, the Danube flows through nearly a dozen European countries, including Germany, Slovakia, Moldova, and Ukraine. This brings issues such as water scarcity, pollution control, flood management and biodiversity protection into sharp focus. Environment EC / [Read more](#)

BALTIC: LITHUANIA TAKES OVER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HELCOM, PRIORITIZES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AMID GEOPOLITICAL CHALLENGES

Today, a handover ceremony in Butinge, at the border between Latvia and Lithuania will be held to mark the change of HELCOM Chairmanship. Lithuania will assume the Chairmanship of HELCOM from 1 July 2024 until 30 June 2026, taking over from Latvia. The Chairmanship rotates between Contracting Parties every two years, in alphabetical order.

"It is an honour and a privilege to take over the responsibility of HELCOM Chairmanship in times when protecting the Baltic Sea marine environment must remain high on all agendas", says Mr. Vitalijus Auglys, Head of the Pollution Prevention Policy Group with the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania, and the forthcoming Chair of HELCOM. HELCOM / [Read more](#)

ISCO NEWS

ISCO WILL BE AT CLEAN GULF

ISCO Board Member, Jane Delgado, has confirmed that ISCO will have a booth at the Clean Gulf 2024 Conference - booth #737. She will be attending to staff the booth during the event.

ISCO Members can receive a discount on registration when using the code ISCO.

REPORT: ISCO OBSERVER AT THE 18TH MEXICAN PETROLEUM CONGRESS -TAMPICO, 19 TO 22 JUNE 2024

ISCO's Representative, Carlos Sagrera, BSc., attended this event as Observer and has prepared a report.



Above – Photo on left : Part of the very large number of attendees. Photo on right: At the booth of ISCO Member, Marterra Group, from left to right, Carlos Sagrera (ISCO Representative), Rear Admiral Rigel Marquez (Naval Authority), Francisco Lopez Lerma (CEO, Marterra Group), Juan Carlos Rivera (Honduras)

The 18th Mexican Petroleum Congress (<https://congresomexicanodelpetroleo.com/>) was held in the city of Tampico (state of Tamaulipas) from 19 to 22 June. The birthplace of the Mexican oil industry (first wells in 1904 and the Faja de Oro in 1916), Tampico welcomed thousands of participants from the hydrocarbon exploration and production sector, in an event with more than 140 stands. They were essentially suppliers of all types of oil, maritime and land services of the main Mexican oil company PEMEX and other private sector companies with exploration projects in the country, as well as manufacturers of technology for use in the industry. Mexican federal and state energy and regulatory authorities were also there, allowing interaction with key industry players.

Read the full text of the report - <https://spillcontrol.org/2024/06/25/isco-observer-at-the-18th-mexican-petroleum-congress/>

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

BERMUDA: DRAFT LEGISLATION TO CRACK DOWN ON WATER POLLUTERS

June 28 - New legislation is expected to expand the Government's power to respond to events that threaten Bermuda's waters and increase penalties for offenders. A draft Water Resources Amendment Bill, recently posted online for public consultation, is intended to help the Government crack down on water polluters. The Royal Gazette / [Read more](#)

CHINA: THE STATE OF COASTAL AND MARINE ECOSYSTEMS IN CHINA 2023

June 27 - China is located in the eastern Eurasian continent and the west of the Pacific. Its jurisdictional seas cover the temperate, subtropical, tropical climate zones, juxtaposed to the continent with a long coastline and decorated with diverse undersea landforms that are rich in marine biological resources such as coral reefs, seagrass beds, coastal salt marshes, mangrove swamps, estuaries, bays, islands and other ecosystems. They also provide critical habitats for some rare and endangered species such as Harbor Seals, Chinese White Dolphins and Bryde's Whales in the western Pacific Ocean, and key stopover sites along the East Asian-Australasian Flyway. These areas undoubtedly play significant roles in stabilizing the global marine ecological services. PEMSEA / [Read the report](#)

CANADA: CO-CHAIRS' SUMMARY: MEETING OF FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL-TERRITORIAL MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSERVATION, WILDLIFE, AND BIODIVERSITY – FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL-TERRITORIAL MINISTERS COMMIT TO IMPLEMENTING THE GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK IN CANADA

June 26 - Participants discussed how Canada's 2030 Nature Strategy's successful and ambitious implementation requires coordinated action and depends on whole-of-society, whole-of-government approaches. They agreed that collaboration between the federal, provincial, and territorial governments; Indigenous organizations and governments; local governments; civil society; academia; and industry is essential. Canada.ca / [Read more](#)

CANADA: GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES TO PROTECT SPECIES AT RISK AND THEIR HABITATS

June 26 - Today, the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, announced up to \$6 million in funding over the next three years through the Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk to support 49 conservation projects across Canada. These projects are led by Indigenous nations and organizations, reflecting their unique values, interests, and knowledge in taking action to recover species at risk. Canada.ca / [Read more](#)

CHILE: DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MARITIME TERRITORY AND MERCHANT MARINE PARTICIPATED IN "OCEAN EXPO KOREA 2024"

June 25 - The Director General of the Maritime Territory and Merchant Marine, Vice Admiral Fernando Cabrera, developed an intense agenda during his visit to South Korea as part of his participation in the Ocean Expo Korea 2024 organized by the South Korean Coast Guard, in the city of Songdo. The visit of the National Maritime Authority took place within the framework of the existing cooperation ties between Chile and South Korea in matters associated with the maritime field, especially in the development of projects and programs related to maritime safety, marine scientific research, postgraduate studies and training of maritime personnel, among others. Directemar / [Read more](#)

COMOROS SETS OUT NATIONAL ACTION PLAN TO STRENGTHEN OIL SPILL RESPONSE

June 26 - Comoros has outlined an action plan to further support its national oil spill preparedness and response framework, following in-depth IMO training held in the capital city, Moroni from 10-13 June. The action plan includes updating the country's national oil spill contingency plan (NOSCP), with a strong focus on training and capacity-building. IMO / [Read more](#)

CROATIA: 'MORE 2024' EXERCISE

June 24 - On the 21st of June 2024, ATRAC was a part of 'MORE 2024' exercise in Zadar. Alongside ATRAC, County Operational Centre of Zadar county and specialized company CIKLON d.o.o. were also participating in this exercise. The exercise begun with a notice of a pollution and further notifying the 112 emergency centre. ATRAC / [Read more](#)

FRANCE: CEDAR OPEN HOUSE - FESTIVAL OF THE SEA AND COASTS

July 3 - Located in the port of Brest, Cedre will offer a presentation of its centre for documentation, research and experimentation in accidental water pollution as well as a tour of its facilities. This celebration is placed under the High Patronage of the President of the Republic, with the support of Yaël Braun-Pivet, President of the National Assembly and Gérard Larcher, President of the Senate. It also benefits from the support of five ministries and all the associations of elected representatives of municipalities, departments and regions. CEDRE / [Read more](#)

ITALY: ACCESS TO ISPRA ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

June 20 - It is possible to consult and download all the environmental data produced by ISPRA. ISPRA / [Read more](#)

NIGERIA: NNPC RECORDS 400 CRUDE OIL THEFT INCIDENTS IN ONE WEEK

June 27 – The Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC) has reported a total of 400 incidents of crude oil theft in just one week deepening the challenges facing Nigeria's oil sector. The Guardian / [Read more](#)

PHILIPPINES: PCG HOSTS MARPOLEX 2024 WITH REGIONAL ALLIES FOR SEA PROTECTION

June 27 - The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) recently conducted intensive maritime exercises in collaboration with counterparts from Japan and Indonesia, aimed at safeguarding crucial marine routes and addressing environmental hazards. Palawan News / [Read more](#)

SINGAPORE: PAP MPS TO RAISE CONCERNS OF CLEANUP COST AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT FROM OIL SPILL AT PASIR PANJANG TERMINAL

June 26 - In the wake of the oil spill that occurred on June 14 at Pasir Panjang Terminal, Members of Parliament (MP) from the ruling People's Action Party (PAP) are set to seek updates on the comprehensive cleanup efforts and possible proactive strategies to prevent similar environmental disasters in the future, at the next Parliamentary session on July 2.

The Independent / [Read the complete text of this article forwarded to your editor by Dan Sheehan, Hon.FISCO](#)

USA: LATEST NEWS REPORTS FROM NOAA OR&R

June 24 – To read these reports click on the links below.

Holding Polluters Accountable: Learn About NOAA's Pollution Assessment and Restoration in Your State

The [NOAA Pollution Assessment and Restoration in Your State ArcGIS StoryMap](#)([link is external](#)), an easy-to-use tool that breaks down the progress of pollution settlements in each state and territory, has been recently updated.

Gulf of Maine Council Meeting Spotlights Marine Debris Removal

On June 11, the NOAA Marine Debris Program's Northeast Regional Coordinator, Demi Fox, attended a [Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment](#)([link is external](#)) meeting in Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts to support a presentation on the final metrics of a Marine Debris Program-funded prevention and removal effort that recently concluded work in Canada and the United States.

USA: NEW APPROACH TO RESTORE CORAL REEFS ON MASS SCALE KICKS OFF IN HAWAI'I

June 25 - 'Āko'ako'a is a recently launched program aiming to restore a 193-kilometer (120-mile) stretch of coral reef along the west

coast of Hawai'i Island — one of the first to attempt restoration at a large scale.

The project will identify individual corals with high thermal tolerance and other high-performance traits, then use them to breed genetically resilient coral larvae for release onto the reefs during natural spawning periods.

‘Āko‘ako‘a is working with partners to reduce other stressors to the reefs, which can help corals be more resilient to rising sea temperatures, and drawing on Hawaiian traditional values of environmental stewardship.

If successful, the project could provide knowledge for how to restore ailing reefs around the world suffering from an onslaught of human-driven thermal stress. Mongabay / [Read more](#)

NO NEWS FROM YOUR PART OF THE WORLD ?

Members and other readers are invited to help rectify the balance of world news reporting. News stories from North America, UK, Australia, etc. are much more accessible on the internet than reports from other parts of the world and especially from non-English-speaking countries.

If you come across a report that you think worth sharing with other members of the response community, why not send it to the editor at info@spillcontrol.org

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READINESS IN ACTION: INSIDE OSRL'S SURFACE DISPERSANT EXERCISE

On the week of June 10th, OSRL executed a full deployment exercise, mobilising 25 response personnel from around the world in addition to key response assets such as the Boeing 727 spray aircraft, United Kingdom Continental Shelf (UKCS) Spotter aircraft, an offshore vessel, and water column monitoring equipment. OSRL's Response partners, 2Excel Aviation and Williams Shipping, also assisted the exercise.



Above: OSRL UKCS Spotter and Aerial Surveillance Aircraft and OSRL 727 Spray Aircraft.

Fagner A. Magalhaes and Jonathan Beaumont of OSRL have prepared a Report on this exercise - [Read their report](#)

OSRL WEBINAR 2 – MOBILIZING ADDITIONAL RESPONSE RESOURCES AND ESTABLISHING AN OPERATIONS CENTRE

11th July 2024 – 8 am CST - Join us for the second episode of our comprehensive preparedness webinar series. Learn how to effectively mobilize additional specialised resources during a spill and establish an operations centre.

This session will be hosted by Tristan Barston (Principal Preparedness Solutions Advisor) and Sayed Alalawi (Consultant), who will share key insights and learnings from OSRL's operations, particularly in the Middle-East region.

[More information and Registration](#)

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

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/>

SCIENTISTS DISCOVER WAY TO DESTROY HARMFUL “FOREVER CHEMICALS” IN WATER SUPPLY

New technology could help water utilities remove stubborn PFAS chemicals linked to cancer and other maladies. In 2022, a team at University of California at Riverside discovered that blasting wastewater with special “short-wave” ultraviolet rays causes PFAS chemical bonds to break down without creating harmful byproducts. Truthout / [Read more](#)

MARINE FUNGUS CAN BREAK DOWN FLOATING PLASTIC POLLUTION

The plastic-digesting capabilities of the fungus *Parengyodontium album* could be harnessed to degrade polyethylene, the most abundant type of plastic in the ocean. In lab experiments, Annika Vaksmaa at the Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research and her colleagues have shown that the white, thread-like fungus can successfully degrade one of the most pernicious plastics, polyethylene, providing the plastic has first been exposed to UV radiation, such as from sunlight. New Scientist / [Read more](#)

RECENT INTERESTING PEER-REVIEWED OIL SPILL PUBLICATIONS

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.

To read Dr Merv Fingas’ weekly column, please click on <https://spillcontrol.org/interesting-peer-reviewed-oil-spill-publications-collated-by-dr-merv-fingas-member-of-isco-council-for-canada/>

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12 Week Course from Lloyds Marine Academy commencing 24th July

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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To see ALL of the posted events you will need to click on “LOAD MORE” at the foot of each opened “upcoming events” page. Event organisers are requested to notify ISCO immediately if a listed event is cancelled or postponed. Your Editor does his best to keep the listing up-to-date but it should not be assumed that listed events have not been cancelled or postponed. It is recommended that you check with event organisers before finalising your attendance plans.

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 The listings below give only very basic details – To get access to all information visit <https://spillcontrol.org/upcoming-events/>

JULY 2024 Onwards

- WEBINAR – From IPIECA – “Launch and Live Demonstration of new web application of RETOS (Readiness Evaluation Tool for Oil Spills) - Monday 8 July, 16:00 GMT-3 for Western Hemisphere countries in both English and Spanish, Tuesday 9 July 0800 GMT+8 for Asia Pacific countries in English, Tuesday 9 July, 15:00 GMT+1 for the Central Area countries in English
- 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 – “14th International Conference on Environmental Pollution & Remediation”, Berlin, August 25-27, 2024
- SPAIN & ONLINE – “14th International Conference on Environmental Pollution & Remediation, Barcelona, August 25-27. 2024
- CHINA / ONLINE – WSH Asia Awards 2024, 5th 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 – 8th 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
- Recordings of past ExxonMobil OSR Knowledge Transfer Webinar Recordings – [Access and Download](#)
- 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](#)
- Marine Insurance Events: Issue 18 of *The Marine Insurer*: 'Dali incident: Largest ever marine claim?'. [CLICK HERE](#)
Our next three live events will be: Marine Claims International, 25th-27th September, Malahide, Ireland [Click here](#) to register your interest. Marine Insurance Nordics, 16th October, Oslo, Norway [Click here](#) to register your interest. Energy Insurance Americas, 21st November, Houston, USA [Click here](#) to register your interest.

UPDATES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS

Every week we add links for new updates as they are received

USA: CLEAN GULF CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION 2024

November 18-20, 2024 George R. Brown Convention Center | 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.

Click on the links for updated information – [FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE RESPONSE UNIFIED COMMAND SESSION](#) [EXHIBIT AT CLEAN GULF CONFERENCE PROGRAMME](#) [REGISTRATION](#) [SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS](#) [INTRODUCING THE PLANNING COMMITTEE](#) [LIST OF EXHIBITING COMPANIES](#) [SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES](#) [SPONSORS & PARTNERS](#)

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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>

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.

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OTHER OPPORTUNITIES: USA & EUROPE

US Government solicitations are frequently posted in Technology Innovation News Survey <https://clu-in.org/products/tins/> US Federal 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.

PROCUREMENT NOTICE FROM EMSA: Procurement for training services for the maritime sector (21/06/2024); Supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) and associated services (21/06/2024); Provision of ICT services for upgrades, helpdesk, and maintenance related to HP-IMS (2024-2029) (15/07/2024); Framework Contract for Studies on Alternative Fuels as Marine Pollutants and Response to Accidental Releases (26/07/2024). See EMSA website for more <https://www.emsa.europa.eu/>

LINKS FOR OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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IG P&I ONLINE PODCASTS

SALVAGE & WRECK PODCAST

Welcome to the Group's podcast. In this series, we will be exploring some of the topics discussed at the Seatrade Maritime Salvage & Wreck Conference. Our aim is to make these discussions accessible to everyone, even those unable to attend the event. We've invited some of the Club panellists that participated at the event. <https://www.igpandi.org/article/salvage-wreck-podcast/>

NEW PUBLICATIONS

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INCIDENTS

NIGER AUTHORITIES CONFIRM SABOTAGE OF OIL PIPELINE BY REBELS

June 22 - Niger authorities confirm sabotage of oil pipeline by rebels. Macau Business / [Read more](#)

USA: MICHIGAN - HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS NO CONTACT WITH FLINT RIVER FOLLOWING SPILL

June 25 - Spill response said it doesn't know how much of the substance is there and the source is unknown. Berms are in the water to keep the spill in place, and the city of Flint said three booms have been placed in the water to collect the spilled material. Wnem.com / [Read more](#)

SINGAPORE OIL SPILL (UPDATE)

June 24 - Minister for Transport's Remarks for Ministerial Press Conference on Pasir Panjang Terminal Oil Spill Incident on 24 Jun 2024 MOT.gov / [Read more](#)

June 24 - Over 180 Malaysia fishermen hit by Singapore oil spill. Business Times / [Read more](#)

June 25 – Oil spill at Singapore’s Sentosa Beach to take three months. Bernama / [Read more](#)

June 26 - Removal of oil from seas, beaches nearly completed; cleanup of spill enters next phase. With the removal of oil from the sea and oil-soaked sand from affected beaches largely completed, the authorities are moving to the next phase of the cleanup of a 400-tonne spill. This phase, which is expected to take around three months, entails cleaning up oil remnants in places that are not easily accessible, such as rock bunds and breakwaters, where oil could be trapped in crevices or deeper below the sand. Straits Times / [Read more](#)

USA: ARKANSAS - MARTIN MIDSTREAM SAYS CLEANUP UNDERWAY FOR OIL SPILL

June 26 - Martin Midstream Partners L.P. (MMLP) said it is working to mitigate the environmental impact caused by a 2,000-barrel crude oil spill from its transfer pipeline connecting the Sandyland Terminal to the Smackover Refinery in Arkansas. The company said in a media release that it is working actively with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. Rigzone / [Read more](#)

USA: NORTH DAKOTA - COBRA REPORTS CRUDE OIL, PRODUCED WATER SPILL NEAR MAXBASS

June 27 - Cobra Oil & Gas Corporation reported a produced water and crude oil spill to the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality. According to a news release, a pipeline break caused the spill near Maxbass on June 24.

The report states that about 200 barrels, or 8,400 gallons of produced water and 25 barrels, or 1,050 gallons of crude oil were spilled. The spills impacted agricultural land. Kxnet / [Read more](#)

USA: CALIFORNIA - UNIFIED COMMAND COMPLETES POLLUTION RESPONSE OF THE CRUISE SHIP AURORA



June 27- A unified command has completed its pollution response to the sunken vessel Aurora, a decommissioned cruise ship, which sank May 22, in Little Potato Slough within the San Joaquin Delta northwest of Stockton.

Over the last several weeks, response contractors, Global Diving and Salvage and subcontractors, successfully refloated the vessel and removed an estimated 21,675 gallons of oily water, 3,193 gallons of hazardous waste, and five 25-yard bins of debris was removed from the vessel. Extensive surveys suggest that no recoverable oil remains onboard. There were no observations of oiled wildlife throughout the response.

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ECUADOR: NEW OIL LEAK IN NAPO RIVER

June 28 – An oil leak of undetermined extent has contaminated the Napo River, a major tributary of the Amazon, impacting local communities, according to Petroecuador.

Petroecuador said the leak was caused by ruptured pipes in Block 16, located in the province of Orellana. Intense rainfall washed hydrocarbons, held back by preventive barriers, into the Napo River. Efforts are underway to reinforce these barriers and minimize environmental impact. Communication with affected communities is maintained, although details are lacking.

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