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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.

USCG urges preparedness ahead of tropical storm beryl – see page 11

IMO - REDUCING MARINE PLASTIC LITTER – GLOBAL PROJECT EXTENDED THROUGH 2025

A major global project to help the maritime transport and fishing sectors in developing countries move towards a low-plastics future, has been granted an extension by the main donor, the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad). The new end date of December 2025 will allow the GloLitter Partnerships Project, which is led by IMO and implemented in partnership with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), to complete planned activities. IMO / [Read more](#)

IMO SHOWCASES SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

IMO showcased its full range of technical cooperation projects at an informal workshop highlighting the support available to Member States. Delegates took the opportunity to learn how they can access this assistance. IMO implements a [portfolio](#) of more than 20 ongoing and pipeline technical assistance projects and programmes worth



over \$100 million in total, with some specifically targeting Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States. IMO / [Read more](#)

NURDLES POLLUTION – LATEST NEWS FROM FIDRA

The Great Global Nurdle Hunt 2024, Webinars and International Nurdle Updates. Join us and volunteers from around the globe between the 1st – 30th September 2024 for the world's biggest nurdle hunt! Take part in gathering important evidence, raising awareness and calling for an end to nurdle pollution globally!

Anyone can join in, whether you are an individual or an organisation, every single nurdle hunt helps. Fidra / [Read more](#)

Read also – From the Fidra Guest Blog – “At the recent IMO PPR 11 meeting, despite a broad support from member states to advance the discussions on the development of mandatory measures to effectively eliminate the risk of maritime plastic pellet loss, it was

decided by the secretariat that this debate will have to wait until the next PPR meeting, expected a year later, in early 2025. It is unfortunate that these conversations could not go on at the last meeting, with time ticking and the current conditions of transport of pellets presenting a risk for every country. Ending maritime pellet pollution requires a coordinated, comprehensive approach that enforces mandatory changes in how pellets are handled and transported both on land and at sea.

Ahead of these discussions resuming, while we welcome the introduction of the MEPC circular, Fauna & Flora urges countries not to rely on voluntary initiatives to prevent this form of pollution as this has shown to be ineffective historically. The IMO must implement stricter regulations as soon as possible to eliminate the risk of chronic and acute pellet loss from ships at sea". Fidra / [Read more](#)

KSE: ASSESSING RUSSIA'S SHADOW FLEET

KSE Institute has presented a study "Assessing Russia's Shadow Fleet: Initial Build-Up, Links to the Global Shadow Fleet and Future Prospects". Russia's shadow fleet currently consists of 435 tankers and aims to circumvent sanctions on Russian oil, specifically the G7/EU price cap, by creating transport capacity independent of Western maritime services. Most importantly, shadow tankers do not carry oil spill insurance from the International Group.

Russia's reliance on the shadow fleet has grown considerably; in April 2024, 83% of crude oil and 46% of petroleum products were shipped on shadow tankers. This represents a major challenge for two reasons: (1) The shrinking role of the mainstream fleet fundamentally undermines the leverage of the price cap. (2) The shadow fleet largely consists of ageing and un-/underinsured vessels which pose a significant and rising threat to the environment. Intellinews / [Read more](#)

REGIONAL NEWS

The latest News and Press Releases collated from websites of Regional Organisations on ISCO's checking list. To add a website to this list please send the link to john.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org If your website's News releases are not being kept up-to-date, you can send information directly to the Editor.

SOUTH-EAST ASIA: MARPOLEX 2024 ENDS WITH HIGH HOPES FOR BETTER MARITIME FUTURE

The Regional Marine Pollution Exercise (Marpollex 2024), hosted by the Philippines, ended after 4 days with high hopes of a better future for South-East Asia. Digicastnegros / [Read more](#)

ARCTIC: BAN ON HEAVY FUEL OIL SHIPPING IN ARCTIC WATERS HAS BECOME EFFECTIVE

An international ban starting July first, on the use of Heavy Fuel Oil, HFO, in the Arctic region adopted by the United Nations maritime body, the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at the Marine Environment Protection Committee, in June 2021, has come into effect aiming to protect the vulnerable waters from the risk of oil spills.

However, the ban includes a transitional arrangement that gives shipping companies time to adapt while simultaneously protecting the Arctic from oil spills. It allows ships with protected fuel tanks to use HFO until 2029. Mercopress / [Read more](#)

Read also -- NEW SHIPPING FUEL REQUIREMENTS IN ARCTIC RISK WORSE OIL SPILLS, REPORT SAYS

The Arctic could face more severe environmental impacts from oil spills if shippers switch to very-low sulfur fuel oil (VLSFO) following new, restrictive fuel regulations in the region, the Arctic Council said in a statement on Monday.

Ships sailing through Arctic waters can no longer use or carry heavy bunker fuel oil as of Monday, following a new regulation from United Nations shipping agency the International Maritime Organization (IMO) that aims to reduce pollution.

The widely used alternative to heavy fuel oil (HFO) is VLSFO. European shippers broadly opted for VLSFO in 2020 when the same regulation took effect there.

If exposed to cold water in a spill, VLSFO forms clumps, whereas HFO remains liquid. Current oil spill equipment is not designed to collect oil clumps, Arctic Council working groups Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (EPPR) and Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME) have found. Reuters / [Read more](#)

NORTH AMERICA: POLLUTION PREVENTATION – HURRICANE SEASON – BE PREPARED

With Hurricane Beryl the Atlantic Ocean's earliest Category 5 storm on record, the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) is once again urging the chemical industry to act expeditiously to prepare for a season of potentially more frequent and more powerful hurricanes and other extreme weather events.

CSB Chairperson Steve Owens said, "Hurricanes can greatly damage chemical and refining facilities and cause hazardous chemical releases that severely impact workers and surrounding communities.

Hurricane Beryl should serve as an early warning to chemical companies to act now to ensure their facilities can withstand the impact of a hurricane or other extreme weather events including wind, flooding, or storm surge. This includes having reliable backup generators in case there is a loss of power to a facility." Idevmail.net / [Read more](#)

NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC: ACTIONS AGREED TO FURTHER PROTECT AND CONSERVE THE NORTH EAST ATLANTIC

Countries from around the North-East Atlantic met this week in Berlin, Germany for the 2024 meeting of the OSPAR Commission for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic, to discuss collective actions to help protect the marine environment. OSPAR / [Read more about the meeting](#)

CARIBBEAN: BEAT PLASTIC POLLUTION JA LAUNCH - YOUNGSTERS GET STAKE IN REDUCTION OF PLASTICS POLLUTION

JAMAICA'S YOUNG people are being given an opportunity to identify or otherwise champion solutions to the growing problem of plastics pollution, with the launch of the competition dubbed 'Beat Plastic Pollution JA'. The competition was kicked off by the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) Caribbean Environment Programme (CEP) and partners on World Environment Day.

"This is a joint United Nations initiative aimed at highlighting the urgent need for action to reduce plastic pollution, which is a major challenge in the Caribbean and globally. The Caribbean is the biggest plastic polluter per capita in the world," explained a release from the UNEP CEP, citing the 2018 research work of Hannah Ritchie and Max Roser. UNEP / [Read more](#)

EUROPE: EMSA CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2023

The Consolidated Annual Activity Report provides a detailed account of the actions carried out in 2023. EMSA / [Read more](#)

ISCO NEWS

CORRECTION

Please note – Clean Gulf code for \$100 conference registration discount for ISCO members is ISCO24. Apologies for mistake in last week's newsletter.

ISCO PARTICIPATES IN CONFERENCE OIL SPILL IN OPERATIONS MARITIME AND PORT TERMINALS – LEGAL & INSURANCE IMPLICATIONS, IN TAMPICO, MEXICO



On Tuesday 25th June, a Conference on the subject of Oil Spills in Operations - Maritime and Port Terminals: Legal & Insurance Implications was held for the second consecutive year (ISCO Newsletter N°898 - June 2023) at the Club de Industriales in the city of Tampico, Mexico, on the topic of Oil Spills in Operations - Maritime and Port Terminals: Legal & Insurance Implications. The conference the Operational Aspects was developed by the ISCO Representative for Latin America (Spanish speaking), Carlos Sagrera, and the Legal and Insurance issues by the specialist Dr. Juan Carlos Rivera

Carlos Sagrera has prepared a report on the conference. [Read the Report which includes more photos and a video](#)

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

AUSTRALIA: AMSA AND IMO JOIN FORCES TO COMBAT MARINE PLASTIC POLLUTION

July 3 - July 3 – Plastic Free July, supported by AMSA and IMO is a global initiative encouraging millions to reduce plastic use and adopt sustainable alternatives. This effort is part of a broader strategy to combat plastic pollution in marine environments. Mfame guru / [Read more](#)

AUSTRALIA: AMSA COMPLIANCE PLAN FOCUSES ON INSPECTION EFFORTS AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

July 5 - The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) has released its National Compliance Plan (NCP) for the 2024-25 financial year, with inspection efforts a key focus area due to an increase in deficiency and detention rates. AMSA Acting Executive Director of Operations Chris Barber said NCP priorities were informed by data and trends to ensure resources were targeted where they were needed the most. AMSA / [Read more](#)

AZERBAIJAN: REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN TO HOST WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2026

June 27 - The Republic of Azerbaijan will host World Environment Day 2026, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Republic of Azerbaijan announced today in the capital, Baku, during an official visit by the Executive Director of UNEP, Inger Andersen. World Environment Day, which Baku will host on 5 June 2026, is the largest global platform for environmental engagement and action. UNEP / [Read more](#)

BRAZIL: UNEP AND MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT SIGN AGREEMENT TO REINFORCE ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION IN BRAZIL

July 1 - In a move to renew and increase collaboration on the propriety issues of climate change, nature and biodiversity loss, and waste and pollution, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MMA) of Brazil signed a Memorandum of Understanding this morning. The signing ceremony, featuring Minister Marina Silva, coincided with the inaugural official mission to Brazil by Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and UNEP Executive Director, Inger Andersen. UNEP / [Read more](#)

CANADA: NEGLECTED OIL SPILLS IN CANADIAN LITTLE-KNOWN CANADIAN OILPATCH GO UNPUNISHED FOR YEARS

July 2 - Oil spills in Manitoba have gone unchecked for 16 years, with no fines or penalties issued for 6.5 million liters of leaked oil and saltwater. Manitoba has seen 6.5 million liters of oil and saltwater spill from pipelines since 2008, with no fines issued. The provincial government previously cut environmental oversight, leaving oil companies to self-regulate and report spills. Experts warn that this self-regulation model poses significant environmental and public health risks. EHN.org / [Read more](#)

EGYPT: THE IMPACTS OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC POLLUTION ON THE MARINE ECOSYSTEM

29 June - On June 29th, 2024, The Ministry of Environment and CEDARE co-organized an [#awareness](#) session of the harms caused by [#single use#plastic pollution](#) and its effects on [#biodiversity](#) in [#Egypt](#) and the resulting threat to human health, marine life, birds, etc., and the damage made to the [#environment](#) and disruption to the [#ecosystem](#) and fisheries, and consequently the [#tourism](#) sector and the [#economy](#) at large. Cedare / [Read more](#)

FRANCE: JUNE ACTIVITIES FOR CEDRE'S DUTY TEAM

- Enquiries from the MRCCs [Corsen](#), [Jobourg](#), [La Garde](#) and [Réunion](#) in relation to spills and other incidents
- Requests from [MRCC Corsen](#) and the [sub-MRCC for Corsica](#) for slick drift forecasts following [CleanSeaNet](#) detections
- Requests from the [sub-MRCC for Corsica](#) for an expert opinion on photos. In both cases, the photos appeared to show natural phenomena.
- Advice to [DML 59](#) after tarballs washed up on a 10 km-stretch of coastline between Dunkirk and the Belgian border
- Advice to the Port of Antwerp following a heavy fuel oil spill during a bunkering operation
- Advice to the [Maritime Prefecture for the Channel and North Sea](#) after a trawler sank off the coast of Seine-Maritime
- Discussion with the Rhône fire brigade ([SDIS 69](#)) following a battery fire in a container
- Discussions with the [Côtes d'Armor departmental council](#) after a slick of sheen was observed in the port of Erquy
- Participation in an exercise to test the contingency plan for the Etang de Berre
- Participation in an exercise organised by the [Morbihan Prefecture](#): pollution of a pond caused by an overturned tanker truck
- Enquiries from the defence and civil protection service ([SIDPC](#)) of the [Finistère Prefecture](#) and [Brest city hall](#) following a spill in the commercial port of Brest
- Activation of the [Transaid](#) network following a request via the ICE network in connection with a fire in the port of Antwerp

EVENTS

- Come and meet us at **the [Brest 2024 Maritime Festival](#)** from 12 to 17 July 2024 at the village devoted to Maritime Rescue and State Action at Sea in Brest (Finistère)
- Participation in [Researchers' Night 2024 on 27 September](#) at Océanopolis in Brest (Finistère)
- Participation in France's [National Fire Fighters Congress](#) from 25 to 28 September in Mâcon (Saône-et-Loire)

[Read more in the June 2024 issue of the CEDRE Newsletter](#)

NEW ZEALAND: MARITIME NZ EXTENDS HEALTH AND SAFETY ROLE AT 13 MAJOR PORTS

July 1 - Starting 1 July 2024, a significant shift in New Zealand's port health and safety has taken place with Maritime NZ becoming the primary regulator for the country's 13 major ports. Maritime NZ Chief Executive Kirstie Hewlett says the extension of Maritime NZ's Health and Safety at Work Act (HSWA) designation represents a significant opportunity for the regulator and those operating on ports to enhance safety and prevent harm for port workers. Maritime NZ / [Read more](#)

QATAR: NAVAL EXERCISE TO DETERMINE READINESS FOR MARITIME INCIDENTS IN QATAR

July 4 - The Ministry of Interior, represented by the General Directorate of Coasts and Borders Security, carried out the Maritime Crisis Management Exercise "Dibel 4" to determine the readiness of the concerned authorities, raise the level of co-ordination and training, and increase the efficiency of these authorities. The exercise scenario included extinguishing a fire, preventing an oil spill caused by an explosion on the maritime vessel "Dibel," and rescuing injured crew members. Zawya.coThe Ministry of Interior, represented by the General Directorate of Coasts and Borders Security, carried out the Maritime Crisis Management Exercise "Dibel 4" to determine the readiness of the concerned authorities, raise the level of co-ordination and training, and increase the efficiency of these authorities. The exercise scenario included extinguishing a fire, preventing an oil spill caused by an explosion on the maritime vessel "Dibel," and rescuing injured crew members. Zawya.com / [Read more](#)

USA: SUPREME COURT LIMITS EPA'S REGULATORY CONTROL OVER CERTAIN WETLANDS

May 25 - The Supreme Court limited the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) ability to oversee certain bodies of water on Thursday, determining that the agency cannot regulate wetlands isolated from larger bodies of water. Why it matters: It's the court's second major decision in recent years that dents the EPA's ability to control pollution after it imposed major constraints on the agency's authority to limit carbon emissions from power plants under the Clean Air Act last year. Axios / [Read more](#) (Thanks to Marc Shaye, Hon.FISCO, for sending this news)

USA: THE LATEST NEWS REPORTS FROM NOAA OR&R

July 1 – To read these reports click on the links below.

Pollution Settlement Finalized to Fund Restoration Projects in Galveston Bay, Texas

On June 20, 2024, a federal court in Texas [approved a settlement for \\$6.645M](#) with [Intercontinental Terminals Company, LLC](#) (ITC) for impacts to ecological services and recreational activities, as well as the cost of assessing those injuries.

NOAA Updates Sensitivity Maps for Lake Ontario

For the first time since 1993, NOAA released new Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI) maps for Lake Ontario. Joining Lake Erie and the critical navigation corridors between the various Great Lakes, this update will bring Lake Ontario's ESI data into the digital age for the first time.

OR&R Trains Emergency Responders in Oil Spill Science in Pacific Northwest

NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration (OR&R) recently conducted a [Science of Oil Spills](#) (SOS) class in Seattle, Washington for emergency responders in the Pacific Northwest region. Science of Oil Spills classes provide spill responders with information and resources to further their understanding of oil spill science so that they can best analyze and make risk-based decisions during responses.

USA: ALASKA OPERATOR PLACES SPILL RESPONSE BARGE INTO SERVICE

July 2 - Dakota Creek Industries (DCI) of Anacortes, Washington, recently handed over a new oil spill response barge (OSRB) to Alaska-based Alyeska Pipeline Service Company (APSC). Designed by the Elliott Bay Design Group (EBDG) of Seattle, the vessel has been named Allison Creek after a creek in Valdez, Alaska. As the barge is non-self-propelled, it is usually paired with a self-propelled belt skimmer or tug.

The barge is specifically designed to meet the rigorous requirements in Prince William Sound. It has a capacity of 13,600 barrels, an LOA of 200 feet (61 metres), a beam of 42 feet (13 metres), and a depth of 16 feet (4.9 metres). The vessel will be moored in Alaska, and it will spend much of its service life tied to a buoy with periodic activation for drills with local vessels.

Baird Maritime / [Read more](#)

USA: RESPONSE PARTNERS COMPLETE LINA'LA HALOM TASI EXERCISE 2024 IN SAIPAN

July 2 - U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam, in partnership with the CNMI Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM), the Commonwealth Port Authority, and Isla Petroleum & Energy (IP&E), successfully concluded the first-ever full-scale exercise, dubbed Lina'la Halom Tasi 2024, from June 25 to 27. This exercise simulated an oil spill and aimed to enhance response capabilities and coordination among various regional agencies and organizations. US Coast Guard / [Read more](#)

USA: ATTORNEY GENERAL JAMES AND DEC SECURE UP TO \$497,000 FROM QUEENS SCRAP YARD FOR POLLUTING COMMUNITY

July 2 - New York Attorney General Letitia James and Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar announced a settlement securing full remediation and up to \$497,000 in penalties against LSM Auto Parts & Recycling (LSM), BGN Real Estate, and two related companies for releasing dangerous automobile fluids and oil at a vehicle scrap yard in Jamaica, Queens. Aq ny / [Read more](#)

YEMEN: IMO ASKS FOR ROV TO SUPPORT CLEANUP OFF YEMEN AFTER RUBYMAR SANK

July 4 - The International Maritime Organization has gone public with an appeal to the world community inviting in-kind contributions of spill response equipment to support the Republic of Yemen. The organization published an appeal released last week that seeks the donation of a remotely operated underwater vehicle (ROUV or ROV) along with a list of equipment to be used in cleanup efforts. The Maritime Executive / [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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NEXT AVAILABLE TRAINING COURSES IN UK

UKCS Corporate Manager: 11th September | 1 Day Aberdeen, UK

Oil Spill Clearance: On-Scene Commander (IMO Level 2 Equivalent) 23rd September | 5 Days Southampton, UK [More info](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UK: UK and Ireland Spill Association Annual Conference 7 November 2024 info@ukeirespill.org

USA: SCAA Annual Meeting – July 31 and August 1 - Ypsilanti, Michigan [More info](#)

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/>

ENHANCING SOIL PETROCHEMICAL CONTAMINANT REMEDIATION THROUGH NUTRIENT ADDITION AND EXOGENOUS BACTERIAL INTRODUCTION

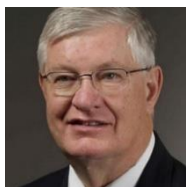
Biostimulation significantly accelerated soil TPH degradation more than bioaugmentation during the initial 60 days. + Nutrient addition stimulated the bacterial r-strategists with high rrn copy numbers. + Nutrient addition enhanced the complexity and stability of bacterial networks. Science Direct / [Read more](#)

USA: NEW RESEARCH SHOWS NH RESIDENTS ARE WILLING TO PAY AROUND \$150 YEARLY FOR PFAS REMEDIATION

New research from the University of New Hampshire suggests treating tap water for PFAS contamination household-by-household could provide a more affordable solution than treating water systems as a whole. A paper from economist Scott Lemos, a senior lecturer at the University of New Hampshire, examined how much residents are willing to pay to filter out potentially harmful PFAS from their water. Those man-made chemicals have been used in a wide variety of consumer products and are linked to negative health effects. NHPR / [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

Click on <https://email.informaconnect.com/q/12ErXbQNUG9bdcgc0Gam2Mpu/vw>

UPCOMING EVENTS

TO VIEW UPCOMING EVENTS CLICK ON [HTTPS://SPILLCONTROL.ORG/UPCOMING-EVENTS/](https://spillcontrol.org/upcoming-events/)

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 AND AUGUST 2024

- 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

SEPTEMBER 2024 ONWARDS

- 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
- NEW ZEALAND - Land and Groundwater Conference, Auckland, 22-24 October 2024 AND
- CHINA – 8th East Asian Seas Congress, Xiamen, 6-8 November 2024
- USA - Industry Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) - Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA, 13-15 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.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

News of upcoming Webinars is often given without the type of URL provided for conferences. Because of this they will now be listed separately from "Upcoming Events" and a link for more info given will be given.

- July 8 & 9 - 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 [More info](#)
- July 11 - From OSRL - Immediate Response Activities for Oil Spill Incidents - Webinar Two - Mobilising Additional Response Resources - Strategies for requesting specialised support (teams, equipment, contractors) + Establish Operations Centre - Set up a central command post for effective coordination + Receive Updated Incident Assessment from ERT - Continuously assess the spill's impact and adjust response actions + Set Goals and Assign Tasks - Define objectives and allocate responsibilities. [More info](#)

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 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.

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.

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 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

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/>

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NEW PUBLICATIONS

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[July 2024 Newsletter from OSRL](#)

[Cartagena Convention Newsletter Edition 4: January-March 2023](#)

[CONCAWE –PFAS Soil Treatment Processes – A Review of Operating Ranges and Constraints](#)

[CEDRE - Newsletter for June 2024](#) In June, Cedre's Strategy Committee met at IFP Energies nouvelles in Solaize and its Board of Governors met at the head office of Armateurs de France. The month also saw numerous visits, meetings and conferences to present the progress of various projects. Studies were carried out on hazardous and noxious substances (HNS) and oil, as well as on the identification of litter sources and the restoration of accumulation zones as part of research projects. Various training courses were delivered to public and private sector representatives as well as students at the World Maritime University.



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USA: NOAA OR&R INCIDENT RESPONSES FOR MAY 2024

So far this year, we have responded to 80 incidents. During May, ERD provided response support for 26 incidents, including 19 new incidents in 10 states. Eighteen of the new incidents were actual or potential oil spills, and one was a chemical spill in the Detroit River, Michigan.

OR&R staff prepared 269 incident reports and documents, including eight fate and trajectory analyses. Six of the incidents this month were unknown volumes, but thirteen of the incidents had volume estimates. Cumulatively, these incidents posed an approximate risk of more than 63,000 gallons of oil and chemicals.

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

- [Hydraulic Fluid Discharge](#); Offshore Freeport, TX
- [Cow Bayou Tank Farm Discharge](#); Orange, TX
- [Silver Bay Marine Diesel Spill](#); Silver Bay, MN
- [Delaware City Refinery Oil Spill](#); Delaware City, DE
- [80-foot Yacht Atlantis Taking on Water](#); St. Augustine, FL
- [Mystery Tarballs and Oiled Birds](#); Northern OR and Southern WA Coastline
- [Natural Gas Condensate Release at Lake Pelto](#); Cocodrie, LA
- [Pelican Island Bridge Allision](#); Galveston, TX
- [Fishing Vessel North American Sinking, Ballard Ship Canal](#); Seattle, WA
- [Waste Oil Discharge, Tucker's Bayou](#); Deer Park, TX
- [Fishing Vessel Sinking near Sandy Point](#); Ferndale, WA
- [Dielectric Fluid Release into East River](#); New Rochelle, New York
- [Mystery Tarball Event near Fire Island](#); Long Island, NY
- [Sheen Reported in Fishermen's Bend Statter Harbor](#); Auke Bay, Juneau, AK
- [Commercial Fishing Vessel Sunk](#); Henry Island, San Juan Islands, WA
- [Chronic Release of Oil from Pier Nine](#); San Juan, Puerto Rico
- [Request to use Bioremediation Agent on Diesel-contaminated River Shoreline](#); Nenana, AK
- [Discharge of Lubricating Oil into East River](#); New York, NY
- [Fluoracetic Acid Release from Water Authority along the Detroit River](#); Detroit, MI

CANADA: CYANIDE CONTAMINATION OF WATER DUE TO A MAJOR FAILURE OF A HEAP LEACH MINING OPERATION

June 25 - A slide after the failure of a heap leach pad at Victoria Gold's Eagle mine has halted operations at the site in central Yukon. In a news release on Monday, Victoria Gold confirmed that operations have been temporarily suspended while the situation is assessed. "At this early stage, it can be confirmed that there has been some damage to infrastructure and a portion of the failure has left containment," the release said. "There have been no injuries to personnel associated with the incident. The company will provide further information as it becomes available."

The heap leach facility at the mine site uses a cyanide solution to percolate through ore, stacked in 10-metre layers, to dissolve the gold. The company's website say approximately a million tonnes of ore is processed each month by that method. CBC.ca / [Read more](#) (Thanks to Brad Heron, Environmental Compliance Officer, Department of Environment | Environmental Assessment and Protection Branch)

July 5 – In a follow-up email Brad Heron advised – “Now confirmed cyanide contamination to surface water with potential for groundwater contamination”.

July 5 - Yukon minister says cyanide found in creek after ‘serious and significant slide’ at Eagle Gold Mine.

Yukon government has confirmed traces of cyanide have been detected at the Eagle Gold mine site near the community of Mayo, though its findings seemly go against an announcement from the mine's owners earlier in the day that no cyanide had been found. According to Yukon's mining minister, elevated levels of cyanide have been detected in a waterway after an equipment failure closed the mine. APTN News / [Read more](#)

USA: WEST COAST - OFFICIALS ISSUE WARNING AFTER DISCOVERING HUNDREDS OF PIECES OF TAR ALONG COASTAL STATES: 'RIGHT NOW, IT IS AN UNKNOWN SOURCE'

July 3 - Hundreds of pieces of tar have recently appeared along the West Coast, washing ashore in Oregon and southern Washington. Federal and state officials aren't sure of the source, though experts believe an oil spill is to blame. Sand dollar-sized globs of tar — often called tar balls — have recently been spotted along beaches in Oregon and Washington, according to a news release by the U.S. Coast Guard. Along with these tar balls, wildlife rescuers have also discovered at least 10 local birds covered in crude oil — some of them dead. The Cool Down / [Read more](#)

YEMEN: ABANDONED TANKER HAS LIKELY SUNK OFF YEMEN, SOURCES SAY

July 3 - An abandoned tanker that was drifting off Yemen's coast in June has disappeared and is believed to have sunk, three navy and security sources said, the latest vessel lost in the strategically important Red Sea. The area, on the main shipping route from Europe to Asia, is considered high risk as Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthi militants have launched more than 70 attacks on merchant vessels since October in what they say is solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza.

Maritime security sources said last week the abandoned tanker, the Lavant, was unlikely however to have been targeted by the Houthis. According to two sources, it had reported an engine failure and was taking on water. Russian shipping group Sovcomflot

said last week that one of its vessels, responding to a distress signal, had rescued the crew off the southern Yemeni coast on June 23 after the seafarers had evacuated in a life raft.

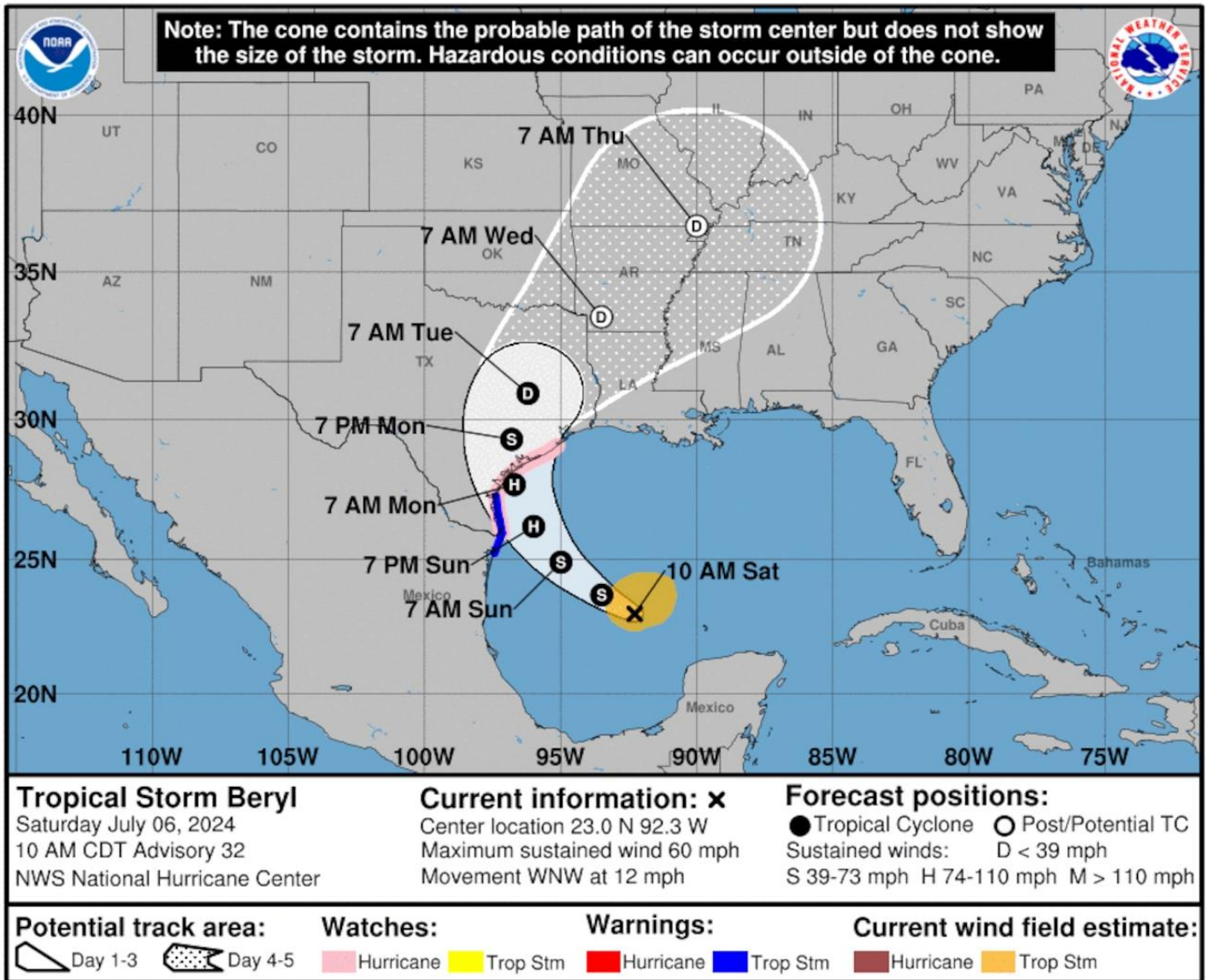
Navy and maritime security sources said on Wednesday the Lavant was likely to have sunk after drifting for days. It was unclear if the vessel was carrying fuel onboard. Its owner could not be located for comment. gCaptain / [Read more](#)

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO: ANOTHER OIL SPILL REPORTED IN TOBAGO

July 3 - The Tobago Emergency Management Agency is investigating another oil spill, which was reported on Monday.

The spill, which was not identified out at sea, instead washed ashore and found its way behind the ANR International Airport during the passage of Hurricane Beryl. This was revealed by Tobago Emergency Management Agency director Allan Stewart, who confirmed an investigation into this spill was launched. He said, "There were two marine incidents, one of which may have spewed oil into the sea. The investigation is still going on and it may not be related to the Gulfstream stream. Guardian.tt / [Read more](#)

USA: COAST GUARD URGES PREPAREDNESS AHEAD OF TROPICAL STORM BERYL



July 6 - The Coast Guard is preparing and will respond to impacts from Tropical Storm Beryl as it is expected to strengthen and make landfall along the Texas coast, late Sunday.

USCG / [Read this press release with warnings, critical information and a video](#)

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