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PLASTIC POLLUTION - FIFTH SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE

The fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-5), is scheduled to take place from 25 November to 1 December 2024 at the Busan Exhibition and Convention Center in Busan, Republic of Korea. UNEP / [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

MEDITERRANEAN SEA TEN YEARS OF OIL POLLUTION DETECTION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING LANES OPPOSITE THE EGYPTIAN COAST USING REMOTE SENSING TECHNIQUES

The Eastern Mediterranean region, a vital conduit for global maritime trade, faces significant environmental challenges due to marine pollution, particularly from oil spills. This is the first study covering the long period of comprehensive monitoring of oil pollution using the full mission of Sentinel-1 Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) data in the Mediterranean Sea, so this research aims to detect and analyze comprehensively the occurrence of oil spills in the Eastern Mediterranean over a decade (2014–2023). This study focuses on identifying geographical distribution patterns, proximity to shorelines, frequency across maritime zones, and potential sources of these spills, especially around major ports and maritime routes. Nature.com / [Read more](#)

PACIFIC REGION - WORK TO REDUCE MARINE POLLUTION IN PACIFIC COUNTRIES DISCUSSED AT 4CPRT

The Pacific Ocean is the lifeblood of our Pacific communities. It sustains livelihoods, cultures, and economies. However, the growing threats of marine pollution as a result of oil spills, marine invasive species, and the legacy of World War II (WWII) shipwrecks, pose significant challenges to this delicate ecosystem. In terms of shipwrecks, there are over 3000 ships sank in the Pacific, with most of them in the economic zones of the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and Solomon Islands. On the second day of the Fourth

Clean Pacific Roundtable (4CPRT) in Tuvalu, delegates from Pacific countries delved into a knowledge exchange and discussion on ongoing technical work to reduce and manage marine pollution the region. EIN News / [Read more](#)

ISCO NEWS

USA: ISCO AT CLEAN GULF, BOOTH #737 – GUEST INVITATION

ISCO is exhibiting at the CLEAN GULF Conference & Exhibition, November 18-20 in Houston, TX. Please use this invitation to be our guest at CLEAN GULF and receive a free exhibit hall only pass. The exhibit hall only pass will give you access to the exhibit hall and networking activities. Register now with VIP code EXPOEXH and get your FREE exhibit hall only pass! Register Here:

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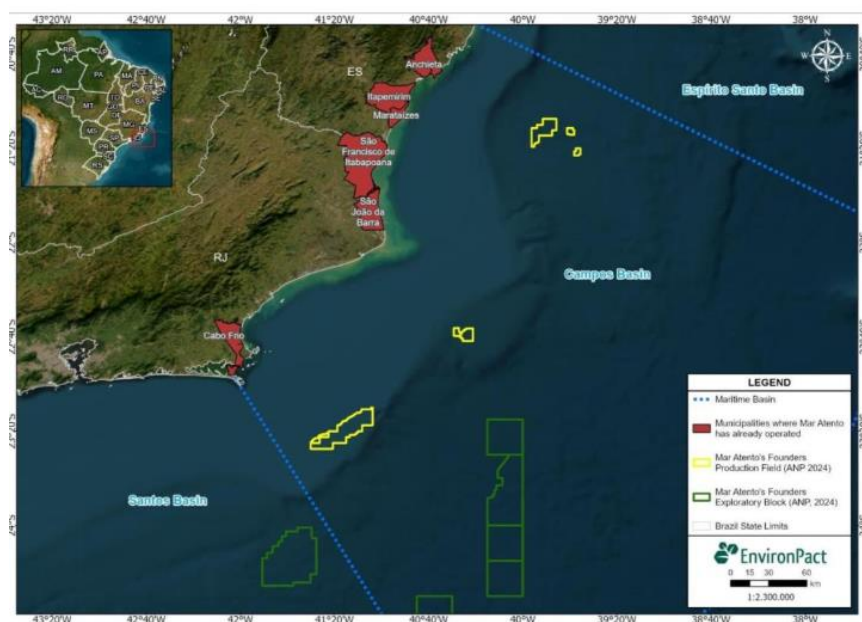
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

BRAZIL: ENGAGEMENT WITH THE FISHING COMMUNITY IN OIL SPILL RESPONSE



An introduction to a new article received from Carlos Sagrera MSc., IMO External Advisor, Hon. FISCO - ISCO Representative in Latin America, ISCO Council Member (www.spillcontrol.org), Oficina IMC: Corozal Oeste, Edifício 335-A.

Spill Response in Brazil - Vessels of Opportunity (VoO) Management – Mar Atento Project

EnvironPact (<https://www.environpact.com/en/>), a member of the OceanPac Group (<https://oceanpact.com/en/home/>) and a corporate member of ISCO, with the support of Shell Brazil and Equinor Brazil has developed an outstanding project to engage and train the fishing community, in the area of the states of Rio de Janeiro and Espírito Santo, with its Vessels of Opportunity (VoO) to support spill response and control operations off the coast of Brazil. In this

context, Adriano Ranieri, Pedro de Moraes Rego Martins and other co-authors of these companies have produced an interesting article, the summary of which is given here:

“The Mar Atento Project was designed and implemented with the objective of engaging and training the Brazilian artisanal fishing community to respond to an oil spill affecting the Brazilian coastalwaters. After 5 years, up to 500 people were engaged, 294 fishing community members were trained, and 93 Vessels of Opportunity (VoO) were registered in a Geodata bank improving the overall preparedness and decision-making process in the event of an oil spill. The project is based on four major milestones: (i) Survey of secondary and primary data for project planning and detailed design, including but not limited to local fishing community, local logistics and supply chain; (ii) Implementation of several engagement efforts, principally the Expo Mar Atento Exhibition. (iii) Preparation and execution of a customized theoretical and practical training focused on the operational concepts of an oil spill response in a shoreline environment; and (iv) Lessons Learned Event, where the fishing community watch a video highlighting the activities they participated in during the earlier phases of the project. Additionally, they receive a photo book and have the opportunity to share their impressions about the project.” The complete article of these leading environmental experts in Brazil can be read in full in the Spanish/Portuguese section of the ISCO website at <https://spillcontrol.org/latin-america-spanish-portuguese-languages/> and in the English at <https://spillcontrol.org/2024/08/06/vessels-of-opportunity-pioneer-project-in-brazil-a-5-year-critical-review-and-lessons-learned/>”

CANADA: FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY-LED HEALTH STUDY IN ATHABASCA OIL SANDS REGION

August 7 - The Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, visited Fort Chipewyan, Alberta and met with community leaders and members to better understand their concerns about the environmental and human health risks associated with living near the Athabasca oil sands region. These concerns were heightened in February 2023, when the federal government and Indigenous communities were made aware of an incident impacting the area from the oil sands industry.

Today, Minister Guilbeault announced that the Government of Canada is going to make available nearly \$12 million over 10 years for the Fort Chipewyan Health Study. The community-led health study, with the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation, the Mikisew Cree First Nation and the Fort Chipewyan Métis Nation, will examine the impacts of the oil sands on community members' health. The design of the community-led health study, currently underway, will outline the communities' objectives and study methodology. They may include an assessment of whether there are heightened risks for cancer and other health and environmental impacts for downstream communities related to activity in the oil sands region. [Canada.ca / Read more](https://Canada.ca/Read-more)

CANADA INVESTS OVER \$12.5 MILLION TO INCREASE CONSERVED AREAS PRIMARILY IN SOUTHERN ONTARIO

August 7 - Today, Julie Dabrusin, Member of Parliament for Toronto—Danforth, and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada and to the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources Canada along with Tony Van Bynen, Member of Parliament for Newmarket—Aurora, on behalf of the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, announced that the Government of Canada has invested over \$12.5 million in Canada Nature Fund and Enhanced Nature Legacy funding (through the Target 1 Challenge program) with Conservation Ontario to support the acquisition of land primarily in southern Ontario.

This funding has resulted in the conservation of over 1,600 hectares of land, a crucial step toward increasing habitat for species at risk; helping to tackle climate change; and supporting conservation, restoration, and protection of our natural environment. These conserved areas are vital for enhancing biodiversity, safeguarding floodplains, and expanding Canada's conservation network. [Canada.ca / Read more](https://Canada.ca/Read-more)

IRELAND ELECTED TO THE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

August 3 - Tánaiste, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence, Micheál Martin TD has welcomed Ireland's inaugural election to the Council of the International Seabed Authority (ISA). Welcoming the ISA Assembly's decision to elect Ireland to the Council for the year 2025, the Tánaiste said: "Ireland will take its seat on the ISA Council at a time when our oceans are already facing significant challenges, including habitat destruction, pollution, unsustainable fishing practices, sea-level rise, ocean acidification and ocean warming. [Gov.ie / Read more](https://Gov.ie/Read-more)

IRELAND: EPA PUBLISHES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 2023

August 8 - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today published its Annual Report and Accounts 2023. It coincides with the thirtieth anniversary of the EPA's establishment and outlines EPA activity in 2023. The Annual Report and Accounts for 2023 provides an overview of EPA's role as a regulator, EPA's monitoring and assessment of the environment, and insights and analysis on climate action and sustainable production and consumption. Commenting on the annual report, Laura Burke, Director General, said: [epa.ie / Read more](https://epa.ie/Read-more)

ITALY: COMPLETE MAPPING OF THE ITALIAN COAST AND COASTAL HABITATS LAUNCH OF THE WEBGIS PLATFORM

August 9 - The PNRR MER project is an ambitious initiative that aims to map the entire Italian coast in detail, both the emerged and submerged parts. The project's coverage area extends up to 800 meters landward and up to 50 meters depth at sea, including the boundaries of marine protected areas and Natura 2000 sites. A crucial element of the project is the development of a WebGIS – Cloud platform, currently in beta version, which allows access to the collected data and real-time monitoring of mapping activities.

The platform will allow you to track the location of planes and ships used for surveys on a daily basis, receive campaign reports, as well as verify and test the acquired data. Platform: [Virgeo - ISPRA \(ispra-virgeo.com\)](https://Virgeo-ISPRA(ispra-virgeo.com)) ISPRA / [Read more](https://Read-more)

LIBERIA: MARGIBI VILLAGERS ACCUSE CHINESE LEE GROUP OF ENTERPRISES OF POLLUTING NYARFOR RIVER WITH CHEMICAL WASTE AND HUMAN FECES

August 7 -The villagers say the company's rubber processing plant is discharging chemical waste and human feces from its septic tank into the river. The affected villages along the Nyarfor River include Yarkpasue, Johnny Bah Village, David Town, and Cooper Farm. The allegations have sparked outrage among residents of the communities, who are now calling for urgent action to address the reported environmental degradation. Africa online / [Read more](#)

NIGERIA: HYDROCARBON POLLUTION REMEDIATION PROJECT (HYPREP)- INVITATION TO TENDER AND INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR PROJECTS EXECUTION (14 LOTS)

August 5 - Deadline: 21st august, 2024. Hydrocarbon pollution remediation project (hyprep) No. 8 Ken Saro Wiwa, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria. Invitation to tender and invitation for pre-qualification for projects.. Naira Business / [Read more](#)

UK: GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES RAPID REVIEW TO MEET ENVIRONMENT ACT TARGETS

August 1 - The Government has today (30 July) announced a rapid review of the Environmental Improvement Plan (EIP) to be completed by the end of the year to deliver our legally binding targets to save nature. The Government will develop a new, statutory plan to protect and restore our natural environment with delivery plans to meet each of our ambitious Environment Act targets. This will focus on cleaning up our waterways, reducing waste across the economy, planting millions more trees, improving air quality and halting the decline in species by 2030. The review will engage with stakeholders across environment and nature, farming, resources, waste and water sectors, working hand in glove with businesses, local authorities and civil society across the country to develop new ambitious plans to save nature. Gov.uk / [Read more](#)

UK: ALMOST 500 CHEMICALS FOUND IN ENGLAND'S RIVERS AND GROUNDWATER

August 6 - Almost 500 different chemicals, some of which are banned, have been found in various mixtures across all 171 river and groundwater catchments tested in England in 2024, according to data from the Environment Agency, analysed by the Guardian and Watershed Investigations. More than half of them are classified as very toxic, toxic or harmful to aquatic life, according to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), and a banned, carcinogenic "forever chemical" was among 20 "substances of very high concern" found.

"What this shows is that the way we monitor and manage chemicals in our rivers is completely unfit for purpose," said Alistair Boxall, professor in environmental science at the University of York. The Guardian / [Read more](#)

UK: UKOPA'S PERO COURSE CELEBRATES 15 YEARS OF SUCCESS

August 9 - For more than 15 years UKOPA has been offering its members the opportunity to take part in the widely acclaimed PERO (Pipeline Emergency Response Officer) course. The course is designed by pipeline operators for pipeline operators, helping ensure there is consistency across industry in how operators respond to pipeline emergency incidents in the UK.

The latest PERO course replaced an initial course developed following the introduction of the Pipelines Safety Regulations Act in 1996. The course helps fulfil the requirement for pipeline operators to have established policies, procedures and personnel in place to respond and manage potential incidents to pipelines transporting oil or gas. Under Donal Cullen's chairmanship of the UKOPA Emergency Planning Work Group in the mid 2000's, the group tasked themselves to build and develop a better and more fit for purpose course. The course took a couple of years to create and be approved by the UKOPA members before being rolled out in the Spring of 2009. The course is targeted towards anyone designated as having a front line role in responding to a pipeline incident and is a means of showing a company has suitably trained and competent person(s) to attend and manage a pipeline incident if needed. UKOPA / [Read more](#)

USA: LATEST NEWS REPORTS FROM NOAA OR&R

August 5 – To read these reports click on the links below.

Luck Favors the Prepared: OR&R Practices Cold Water Survival Training

On any given day, NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration (OR&R) could be requested to provide response, assessment, and restoration scientific support associated with oil and chemical spills occurring in marine and coastal waters anywhere in the world. This work poses unique safety challenges, particularly when an incident occurs in remote, arctic, and offshore marine environments

OR&R Hosts Cross-NOAA Disaster Recovery Support Workshop

The Office of Response and Restoration's (OR&R) Disaster Preparedness Program brought together nearly 100 team members from across NOAA for a virtual workshop to discuss disaster recovery.

NOAA Announces Four New Projects to Support Disaster Preparedness in Coastal Communities

For the third year in a row, NOAA's Office Response and Restoration (OR&R) and National Sea Grant College Program (Sea Grant) are partnering to support coastal communities to prepare for, respond to and recover from natural or human-caused disasters. A total of \$791,395 in fiscal year 2024 federal funds is anticipated to support

four projects over two years in Alaska, Connecticut, the Northern Gulf of Mexico region and South Carolina, focused on strengthening local disaster readiness and recovery in underserved communities.

OR&R Announces New Chief of Emergency Response Division



NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration (OR&R) is excited to announce that John Tarpley was recently selected as Chief of OR&R's Emergency Response Division (ERD)—the program within OR&R that provides scientific support for preparedness and response to spills and other coastal emergencies.

John's vision, subject matter expertise, leadership, and emergency management experience is an excellent fit in this pivotal role within OR&R. John took the helm of the division on August 1, 2024.

Settlement Finalized to Resolve Natural Resource Damages Claim in Seattle's Lower Duwamish River

On July 15, 2024, the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington [finalized a settlement](#) with General Recycling and two affiliates valued at over \$23 million for adverse impacts to natural resources resulting from hazardous substance releases into the [Lower Duwamish River in Washington](#).

OR&R Flies With Coast Guard in Hurricane Response Training

On June 18, staff with NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration (OR&R) flew with a team from the U.S. Coast Guard's Aviation Training Center (ATC) Mobile in Mobile, Alabama, as part of a broad hurricane response exercise to observe the capabilities of Coast Guard aircraft for potential use in pollution and environmental disaster response.

USA: UTAH - EAGLE MOUNTAIN TACKLES WILDLIFE CORRIDOR PRESERVATION AMID RAPID GROWTH

August 6 - Eagle Mountain, Utah, is implementing measures to protect mule deer migration corridors threatened by rapid urban expansion and increased traffic. EHN.org / [Read more](#)

USA: MORAN TOWING JOINS NAMEPA, SHOWS COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

August 6 - The North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA) proudly welcomes Moran Towing Corporation as its newest member, further demonstrating its commitment to mitigating industry's impact on the marine environment. With over 160 years of maritime excellence, Moran Towing has evolved from its origins as a tugboat company in 1860 to a leading provider of towing services, bulk marine transportation, LNG support operations, and environmental recovery services. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

USA: EPA AWARDS \$2.4M TO MID-ATLANTIC STATES TO SUPPORT WETLANDS PROGRAMS

August 8 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awarded \$2.4 million to projects that will help protect, manage, and restore wetlands in the mid-Atlantic region. Recipients in Maryland, the District of Columbia, Delaware, Virginia, and West Virginia were chosen for a Wetland Program Development Grant (WPDG) that helps states and Tribes develop and manage wetlands programs. Wetlands offer critical habitat for fish, waterfowl, and other wildlife and are a barrier to the destructive power of floods and storms. EPA / [Read more](#)

USA: AHMP AWARD WINNERS

August 9 - For over 30 years, AHMP has been, and remains, the leading organization for the hazardous materials management profession. The resources it provides to its members support their efforts to create a future where the Earth is unburdened by pollution, everyone has a healthy and safe work environment, and hazardous materials are used and transported safely and efficiently.

The AHMP Awards Program recognizes and honors individuals, chapters, and organizations for outstanding contribution in education, training, research, organizational development, operations, and performance that further AHMP's Strategic Plan. Award recipients were recognized during the Summit. AHMP Award Winners and other AHMP News / [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, much more accessible 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

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

OCIMF APPOINTS LAMBROS KLAUDATOS AS NEW CHAIR

Photo: Lambros Klaoudatos, who has been appointed as OCIMF's new Chair. Credit: OCIMF

[The Oil Companies International Marine Forum \(OCIMF\)](#) has appointed bp's Senior Vice President Shipping Lambros Klaoudatos as its new Chair. Lambros takes over the position from Nick Potter, who has been involved with OCIMF at board level since 2014 and has been the organisation's Chair since 2022.

Lambros is a highly experienced maritime professional with almost 30-years of industry experience across technical, commercial, project management and leadership roles both at sea and onshore. He began his career sailing on passenger vessels, working up to the rank of Master/Offshore Installation Master (OIM) aboard dynamic positioning (DP-3) drillships. He came ashore with bp in 2007 as a Superintendent for Offshore Assurance at bp (USA). In the 17 years since, Lambros represented bp in the USA in a number of roles before his appointment in 2021 as the global organisation's Senior Vice President Shipping. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)



OBITUARY

REMEMBERING VICTOR ESCOBAR



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Victor Escobar.

Victor was a stalwart of the OSPAR Commission for many years. He entered on to the OSPAR stage in 1995 as Head of the Spanish delegation to OSPAR's Programmes and Measures Committee (PRAM), and from 1997-2000 he served as Chair of PRAM.

He remained Head of Delegation to PRAM's successor - OSPAR's Hazardous Substances Committee.

Victor served as Vice-chair of the OSPAR Commission from 2001-2006. From 2006, he continued to follow OSPAR's work, until his election as Chair of the Commission in 2010. OSPAR / [Read more](#)

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RESOLVE MARINE COMPLETES THE DEFUELING OF GROUNDED \$3M YACHT

Resolve Marine and subcontractor Clean Harbors have finished emptying the fuel tanks of the 74-foot sailing yacht Obsession, which went aground on an environmentally-sensitive reef just off Culebra Island, Puerto Rico on July 21.

The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

OSRL AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER WITH LATEST NEWS - OSRL CELEBRATES 40 YEARS + OSRL OPENS NEW BASE AND CAPPING STACK IN GUYANA + UPCOMING COURSES WITH 10% DISCOUNT WHEN YOU BOOK 3 MONTHS IN ADVANCE.

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LAMOR SUPPORTS EMSA IN ORGANISING AN OIL SPILL RESPONSE TRAINING IN THE NETHERLANDS AND SUCCESSFUL RISK ASSESSMENT AND TRAINING CONDUCTED AT MARINA BANDAR AL ROWDHA IN OMAN

Click links to read about the [Netherlands Training](#) and [Lamor's Oman Project](#)

UK & IRELAND SPILL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL AWARDS

7 Nov: UK and Ireland Spill Association Annual Awards – sponsored by International Spill Accreditation Scheme (ISAS)

[Read about the annual awards](#)

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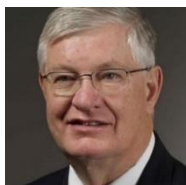
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OAM FILTER SYSTEM SPEEDS UP OFFSHORE OIL SPILL CLEANUP

A research team from the University of Toronto has advanced to the final stage of a national competition that seeks to develop better ways to protect Canada from the devastating effects of oil spills. The team, led by Amy Bilton, an associate professor of mechanical and industrial engineering in the Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering, has been awarded \$1.3 million via Natural Resources Canada's (NRCan) Oil Spill Response Challenge to develop and test a system that treats contaminated water onboard oil spill response ships. *Mirage News* / [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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AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2024

- SPAIN & ONLINE – “14th International Conference on Environmental Pollution & Remediation, Barcelona, August 25-27, 2024 [More info](#)
- USA - WITT O'BRIEN'S - AMBIPAR RESPONSE COMPLIANCE WORKSHOP 2024 - September 10 - 12, 2024, at the DoubleTree Houston Hobby Hotel, 8181 Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77061 [More info](#)
- UAE - SPE International Health, Safety, Environment, and Sustainability Conference and Exhibition 10–12 September 2024, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates [More info](#)
- INDIA – Oil spill India Conference & Exhibition, New Delhi, September 11-12 [More info](#)
- URUGUAY - XX Jornada SLOM, Sep 11 - 13, Punta del Este [More info](#)
- INDIA: Oil Spill India, 11-12 September, New Delhi, [More info](#)
- URUGUAY - XX Jornada SLOM, Sep 11 - 13, Punta del Este [More info](#)
- ITALY - RemTech Europe, 18-20 September, Ferrara [More info](#)

OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2024

- USA – Elastec River Spill Workshop, Carmi, Indiana, 8-10 October 2024 [More info](#)
- UK – Water, Waste & Environmental Monitoring – 9-10 October 2024, NEC, Birmingham, UK [More info](#)
- NEW ZEALAND - Land and Groundwater Conference, Auckland, 22-24 October 2024 AND [More info](#)
- CHINA – 8th East Asian Seas Congress, Xiamen, 6-8 November 2024 <https://eascongress2024.pemsea.org/>
- USA - Industry Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) - Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA, 13-15 November 2024 [More info](#)

- UK – Seatrade Maritime Salvage & Wreck Conference, London, 11-12 December 2024 [More info](#)

JANUARY 2025 ONWARDS

- UK – Interspill 2025 Conference & Exhibition, London, April 8-10 [More info](#)
- More events in next week's ISCO Newsletter. Send details to the editor.

SOME OTHER INFORMATION

- 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

- 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
- IOPC Funds Webinar Series – Full programme announced IOPC Funds / [Read more](#)

ISCO Members can post Upcoming Webinars here. Send details to the editor.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

THREE EARLY-STAGE FIRE DETECTION TECHNOLOGIES SELECTED FOR CONTAINERSHIPS

Technologies developed for forest fire detection will be evaluated for use in container ships after selection by Lloyd's Register's SafetyTech Accelerator. The Cargo Fire & Loss Innovation Initiative (CFLII), led by SafetyTech Accelerator, will evaluate the use of early-stage fire detection technologies Forest Guard, SenseNet, and Mobotix on container ship decks. The successful candidates were chosen after initial evaluations of over 200 technologies.

The three solutions will undergo structured feasibility studies, vessel assessments, and surveys, which will lead to deployment planning, costing, and performance predictions. Any successful evaluations will lead to trials on one or more of the Anchor Partner's cargo ships. Seatrade Maritime / [Read more](#)

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USA: CLEAN GULF CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION 2024

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

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

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Do you have real-world solutions or case studies you want to present to the inland response community? Don't miss your chance to be heard at the 2025 CLEAN WATERWAYS Conference! Submit your abstract for review and your chance to take the stage next April at CLEAN WATERWAYS. The abstract submittal deadline is August 30th. [More info](#)

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USA: LOUISIANA - CONTINUED EFFORTS TO CLEAN UP CRUDE OIL SPILLED INTO BAYOU LAFOURCHE

August 2 - Clean-up efforts are continuing days after oil was spilled into Bayou Lafourche in Raceland on July 27. So far, 1300 barrels of oil-contaminated water have been removed. Wgno.com / [Read more](#)

CANADA: "CONTAINMENT BREACHED": HOW AN OIL SPILL IN NORTHWEST TORONTO MADE ITS WAY TO LAKE ONTARIO

August 5 - The cleanup was finally starting to move along. It had been nearly a week since an enormous fire broke out at a chemical company in northwest Toronto. A week since a smelly, brown sludge from the site began surging into city sewers, then cascading into waterways. Michiganpublic.org / [Read more](#)

SOUTH AFRICA: BAD WEATHER HAMPERS CLEAN-UP AND SALVAGE EFFORTS ON SOUTH AFRICAN BEACH

August 6 - Officials provided an update on the clean-up and salvage efforts for the cargo ship Ultra Galaxy (13,800 dwt) that grounded and later broke up on a remote part of the South African coast north of Cape Town. Teams are continuing to struggle with difficult weather conditions which broke the vessel and are hampering efforts to retrieve the oil that remains onboard. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

August 8 - Investigation Underway into Ultra Galaxy Casualty off South Africa - While bad weather continues to hamper the salvage efforts of the broken bulker Ultra Galaxy, officials from the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) report the investigation process into the cause of casualty is underway. Under maritime law, Panama as the flag state of the vessel is leading the investigation while South Africa because it was affected by the wreck is assisting in the efforts. SAMSA reports that a team consisting of a surveyor and a technical expert from Panama is arriving in the country and will be meeting with SAMSA. This comes after the investigators from Panama flew to the Philippines for interviews with the crew of the Ultra Galaxy which have already been repatriated after they were rescued from the ship a month ago. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

PHILIPPINES: US COAST GUARD MEN IN LIMAY TO HELP CURB MT TERRANOVA OIL SPILL

August 6 - MEMBERS of the United States Coast Guard and a Washington-based oceanic team arrived in Bataan province in northern Philippines on Tuesday to help the Philippines contain an oil spill from a sunken vessel. The eight-man US team would give technical assistance to a local team deployed to recover three vessels that sank off the coast of Bataan last month, the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) said in a statement. Bworldonline / [Read more](#)

August 7 - Oceana Gives Update on Risk of Devastating Oil Spill in Manila Bay - An Oceana analysis of satellite imagery from the Philippine Space Agency shows the Manila Bay oil spill – resulting from a submerged oil tanker and at least two other vessels – covered [84 square kilometers](#) on July 28, and [27 square kilometers](#) as of July 30. Karagatan Patrol, an online platform established by Oceana, estimates this impacts 50% of Manila Bay, with the oil pollution reaching Cavite, Bulacan, and Bataan. Oceana / [Read more](#)

August 8 - Pampanga gov't dispatches booms vs oil spill from sunken tanker - The Pampanga government, together with the national government agencies and volunteers, have deployed oil spill booms off the waters of Pampanga to protect its fishing industry. Pampanga Governor Dennis Pineda said the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, Provincial Government Environment and Natural Resources Office, Philippine Coast Guard, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and volunteers cooperated to make the oil spill booms from coconut waste products and plastic bottles. Centralluzon / [Read more](#)

INDONESIA: EXPLOSION AND FIRE ON TANKER IN INDONESIA KILLS 5, INJURES 15 CREW

August 7 - Indonesian authorities are investigating after receiving a report of explosions and a fire aboard an interisland tanker overnight off the island of Tepekong near the eastern tip of Bali on the Java Sea. The final count appears to be five crewmembers killed, three severely burned, and 12 others with lesser injuries. There was a total of 21 crewmembers aboard. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

USA: MAINE - COAST GUARD LEADS REMOVAL OF ABANDONED FISHING BOAT

August 7 - The U.S. Coast Guard is leading an operation to raise and remove a sunken fishing vessel from the harbor in Harpswell, Maine, in order to fix an ongoing source of pollution. The 1949-built sardine boat Jacob Pike went down in January after a series of winter storms battered the Maine coast. The wreck has been leaking fuel into the marine environment, and the Coast Guard estimates that it could contain up to 1,000 gallons of diesel. USCG News / [Read more](#)

USA: ALASKA - COAST GUARD, ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION RESPONDING TO FLOODING IN MENDENHALL VALLEY

August 8 - The Coast Guard and Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation are responding to flooding in Mendenhall Valley,

Wednesday. “We are working hand-in-hand with our ADEC partners in response to flooding in the Mendenhall Lake and River areas,” said Cmdr. Stacey Tate, the Chief of Response at Sector Southeast Alaska. “We have air, land and water-based teams assessing damage and taking action to mitigate any potential pollution threats in the region.”

Capt. Stanley Fields, the Coast Guard Captain of the Port and Federal On-Scene Coordinator; Rachael Krajewski, ADEC State On-Scene Coordinator; and Denise Koch, Incident Commander and Director of Engineering and Public Works conducted an overflight of Mendenhall Valley, Tuesday, aboard an Air Station Sitka MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter to assess impacted areas and potential areas of pollution concern. Pollution responders are also conducting shoreline assessments along Mendenhall River and water-side assessments in and around Fritz Cove via a response boat from Station Juneau. USCG News / [Read more](#)

FRANCE: MALICIOUS POLLUTION: HYDROCARBONS SPILLED INTO A BASIN AT THE ARDA SITE IN ÉTANG-SALÉ

August 8 - The Region warns of malicious behaviour in the municipality of Étang-Salé. The ARDA site was deliberately polluted. A large quantity of hydrocarbons assimilated to used waste oil was spilled into a basin, creating serious and harmful pollution for fauna and flora. As a matter of urgency, the municipality has put in place measures to limit the spread of pollution and the Regional Council has undertaken studies to carry out isolation work and prevent pollutant transfers. In consultation with the DEAL and the French Office for Biodiversity (OFB), and in collaboration with the CIVIS, the municipality of Étang-Salé and the Regional Council, the decontamination of the site will be initiated as soon as possible to restore its original biodiversity. Linfo.re / [Read more](#)

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