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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

CARIBBEAN MARINE PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT NETWORK (CAMPAM) TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON MARINE PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT

The 14th edition of the Caribbean Marine Protected Area Management Network (CaMPAM) Training of Trainers on Marine Protected Area Management regional course will be held from November 11 to 21, 2024 (venue to be confirmed), primarily for the English-speaking Caribbean. Since 1999, this regional course supported by activities such as small grants for local training, funding for participation at regional conferences, enabling projects, and networking through the CaMPAM Data base has been facilitated by the UNEP Cartagena Convention Secretariat Caribbean Environment Programme (UNEP-CEP). This forms part of the ongoing MPA Capacity Building Programme of the Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPA) Protocol of the Cartagena Convention.

Several institutions will be partnering with the Cartagena Convention Secretariat through the SPAW subprogramme, to organize and implement this course for 2024. These include the IUCN Regional Office for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean (ORMACC) through the Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management (BIOPAMA) Programme, the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) through the BE-CLME+ project and the University of West Indies (UWI) Center for Resource Management and Environmental Studies (CERMES).

Funding is available to cover airfare to/from home country to course location, in-country accommodation, daily subsistence allowance (DSA) and ground transportation for the duration of the course. Eligible countries for funding are: Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, The Bahamas, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines,

Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago.

Applicants from the Dutch, French, UK and US Caribbean Territories are also invited but are not eligible for funding assistance due to donor funding requirements. However, the Secretariat is actively exploring other sources of financing to facilitate possible funding

support. You can find the application form [here](#). Please submit the form with the documents requested no later than the deadline of Friday August 23rd, 2024. UNEP.org / [Read more](#)

EUROPE - EMSA'S RPAS ACTIVITIES ACROSS EUROPE

EMSA is now active in nine separate operations across 10 Member States and from on board two European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) patrol vessels. These operations benefit over 20 national authorities with maritime responsibilities.

In the Baltic Sea, since May, EMSA's RPAS service has been providing comprehensive maritime surveillance to the Estonian Navy, the Finnish Border Guard, and the Latvian Coast Guard. Similarly, in the North Sea, a successful operation from the previous year has resumed, supporting the Danish Navy and Customs from mid-April to mid-August.

A RPAS deployment for emissions monitoring and multipurpose maritime surveillance forms part of an EMSA-led Multipurpose Maritime Operation (MMO) for the second year running. In 2024 the MMO takes place in La Manche and the Southern North Sea, in collaboration with the French General directorate of maritime affairs, fishery and aquaculture, and the Belgian Navy and Coast Guard service.

In the Atlantic, a RPAS multipurpose regional operation is ongoing in Spain and Portugal, at the request of the Spanish Directorate General of Merchant Shipping (DGMM) and the Portuguese Directorate General for Natural Resources, Safety and Maritime Services (DGRM), and with the involvement of up to ten national authorities with responsibilities in the maritime domain.

The Italian Coast Guard is once again benefiting from an RPAS mission this summer, focusing on maritime surveillance and whale migration monitoring in the protected Pelagos Sanctuary in the Gulf of Genoa. EMSA / [Read more](#)

ISCO NEWS

APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBER TO THE ISCO COUNCIL



The Board of ISCO welcomes Paul Foley as its newly appointed member of the ISCO Council. A seasoned environmental professional with over 20 years of expertise in spill response and crisis management, Paul currently serves as the Europe Regional Manager for Oil Spill Response Ltd (OSRL). In this role, he leads a team of over 50 response professionals, managing Tier III spill response capabilities across Europe.

Paul brings extensive hands-on operational spill response experience, having managed complex spill incidents globally, including major oil pollution events and vessel groundings. In addition to his fieldwork, Paul has made significant strategic contributions to the industry, such as co-authoring the Good Practice Guide on Tiered Preparedness and Response (TPR).

As an ISCO Council Member, Paul will leverage his comprehensive experience to complement the existing Council and to best serve the Membership. With a proven track record in leadership, strategic development, and technical excellence, Paul is poised to make a significant impact, helping ISCO advance its mission and achieve its objectives into the future.

ISCO WILL BE ATTENDING CLEAN GULF CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

November 18-20, 2024 George R. Brown Convention Center | Houston, TX, USA - More info on Page 8.

Clean Gulf 20% early bird discount ended on 8/17 but ISCO Members and ISCO newsletter subscribers can still save \$100 on cost of registration (See banner on Page 1)

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

AUSTRALIA: MULTIAGENCY CHEMICAL HAZARD TRAINING EXERCISE IN TRENTHAM

August 12 - CFA led a major multiagency training exercise in Trentham over the weekend, tasking emergency services crews with containing a hazardous material spill in a busy workplace.

More than 75 first responders from CFA, Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV), Victoria Police (VicPol), and Ambulance Victoria (AV) participated in the four-hour drill at the Arxada facility, which was supported by the Department of Health, Hepburn Shire, and WorkSafe. CFA District 15 Commander Adam Baker emphasised the importance of rehearsing multiagency emergency response scenarios. "The objective of the exercise was to test and improve the way emergency services work together when responding to large-scale emergencies," Adam said. CFA.vic / [Read more](#)

AUSTRALIA: AMSA RELEASES ITS SECOND RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

August 15 - The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) has today released its second Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), Innovate, demonstrating the maritime safety regulator's ongoing commitment to reconciliation. It follows the successful completion of AMSA's first RAP, Reflect, and outlines a 2-year action plan to mature and progress AMSA's reconciliation journey, advance reconciliation within the maritime industry, and strengthen relationships with First Nations peoples and communities during 2024-2026. Development of Innovate was led by AMSA's Reconciliation Working Group – an employee-led group comprised of First Nations employees and allies - and involved extensive consultation with all divisions and regions. AMSA.gov / [Read more](#)

CHILE: SHOA DIRECTOR CHAIRED TECHNICAL MEETING ON THE ARICA TSUNAMI FLOOD CHARTER

August 14 - On August 13, through a virtual meeting, the Director of the Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service of the Navy (SHOA), Rear Admiral Arturo Oxley Lizana and advisors together with the Maritime Governor of Arica, Captain Hugo Edmunds Concha held a technical meeting with members of the Regional Government of Arica and Parinacota, Emergency and Environment departments of the Illustrious Municipality of Arica, Regional Director of the National Service for Disaster Prevention and Response (Senapred) of the Region of Arica and Parinacota and with the Head of the Department of Territorial Information Management of central Senapred, to raise concerns about the Tsunami Flood Charter (CITSU) of that city. Directemar / [Read more](#)

DENMARK: DSH RECYCLING MUST PAY FOR THE DANISH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE CASE AT ØLST

August 9 - On 28 June 2024, Randers Municipality decided that Nordic Waste's sister company DSH Recycling A/S is also responsible for the imminent risk of environmental damage at Ølst in Randers Municipality. In continuation of this, the Danish Environmental Protection Agency has now decided that the company DSH Recycling A/S must therefore also bear the costs that the Danish Environmental Protection Agency has had left in the period 22 – 31 January 2024 for so-called self-help actions. During the period, the Danish EPA was responsible for implementing the preventive efforts to prevent the environmental damage at the responsible company's expense. Mst.dk / [Read more](#)

FINLAND: THE ILMARINEN SHIPWRECK IS BEING INVESTIGATED TO AVOID POTENTIAL OIL SPILLS

August 12 - The Finnish Environment Institute and the Ministry of the Environment report: Investigations on methods for removing oil from the sunken coastal defence ship Ilmarinen will continue between 12 and 18 August 2024 on the Navy's multipurpose vessel Louhi. As a result of the amendment to the Environmental Protection Act that entered into force at the beginning of 2023, the responsibility for monitoring and gathering information on hazardous shipwrecks has been assigned to the Finnish Environment Institute, which now coordinates the research carried out at Ilmarinen.

The Ilmarinen wreck contains light fuel oil and poses significant risks to the marine environment. On 13 September 1941, coastal defence ship Ilmarinen sank in the northern Baltic Sea, about 40 kilometres south of the island of Utö, after hitting a mine. The wreck is located at a depth of approximately 80 metres. Its tanks contain an estimated 100,000 litres of light fuel oil. Sttinfo / fi / [Read more](#)

LEBANON: NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON OIL POLLUTION PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND COOPERATION (LEVEL 3)

August 14 - The Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) in close co-operation with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the Lebanon Petroleum Administration (LPA), is currently holding an online Training Course on Oil pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation Level 3 (Strategic). The course is financed by the IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP). The Online course gathered over 20 participants from various competent authorities in Lebanon, with the aim to provide senior managers and administrators with a comprehensive understanding of the roles and responsibilities involved in managing oil spills of national significance. REMPEC / [Read more](#) [Editor – We didn't receive this news in time to give you advance notice in last week's newsletter]

RUSSIA: VESSEL REVIEW | FAST SPILL RESPONSE BOAT FOR RUSSIAN MARITIME TRANSPORT AGENCY

August 12 - Russia's More Shipyard has handed over a new oil spill response vessel to the country's State Acceptance Committee. The vessel will be operated by the Marine Rescue Service of the Federal Agency for Maritime and River Transportation (Rosmorrechflot).

Designed in compliance with Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (KM) class rules, the vessel belongs to the Project A40-2B series, which are upgraded variants of an earlier range of oil spill response boats.



Above - Rosmorrechflot's newest Project A40-2B oil spill response boat (Photo courtesy of Rosmorrechflot)

Improvements over the Project A40-1B series include increasing the length of the hull by two metres (6.6 feet) to accommodate greater space for living quarters and a larger aft working deck; installation of a boom crane with a lifting capacity of 990 kg (2,200 lb); and a higher maximum speed. Baird Maritime / [Read more](#)

SERBIA BEGINS RAISING A FLEET OF SUNKEN NAZI PATROL BOATS FROM DANUBE

August 15 - The government of Serbia has begun a large-scale salvage project to raise and remove a fleet of Nazi vessels that were scuttled in the Danube in the closing days of the Second World War, and contractors have brought the first of dozens of armed German patrol boats to the surface. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO: OIL-SPILL BARGE HEADING TO TRINIDAD

August 13 - The barge Gulfstream, which leaked oil to create a huge spill off Cove, Tobago on February 7, is to be brought to Trinidad. Tobago House of Assembly (THA) chief secretary Farley Augustine confirmed this to Newsday via WhatsApp on August 12. Newsday asked Augustine if the boat was leaking oil, was it sinking or being towed to Trinidad, how much of the fuel on-board had been recovered and if a clean-up grant had been received. Augustine replied, "The process of floating the vessel has started and on August 17 and 18, an attempt would be made to tow the vessel to Trinidad. "It was to happen two days ago, but rough seas made it impossible. "The new dates for towing the vessel away will be August 17 and 18." Newsday.co.tt / [Read more](#)

UK: CONTINGENCY PLANNING: MARINE POLLUTION PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

August 16 – Updated MCA guidelines for ports to ensure a co-ordinated local and national response to an oil spill. Guidelines for Ports. Gov.uk / [Read more](#)

USA: LATEST NEWS REPORTS FROM NOAA OR&R

August 12 – To read these reports click on the links below

[NOAA OR&R Supporting Oil Spill in Manila Bay, Philippines](#)

NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration (OR&R) is supporting an oil spill from the tanker *Terranova*, which capsized and sank in

Manila Bay, Philippines on July 25, 2024. A Philippine-flagged oil tanker carrying 396,000 gallons of industrial fuel oil, the *Terranova* rests in approximately 130 feet of water off the coast of Bataan.

OR&R and NCCOS Conduct Joint NRDA Preparedness Exercise: Field-Based Mesocosm Deployment in Louisiana

Throughout the month of July, staff from NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration's Assessment and Restoration Division and NOAA's National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science Ecotoxicology Branch completed a joint preparedness exercise in coastal Louisiana, testing newly developed field-based mesocosms for potential use in [Natural Resource Damage Assessment \(NRDA\)](#) of nearshore marsh ecosystems.

OR&R and Partners Test Oil Spill Technologies Off the Coast of Santa Barbara to Advance Emergency Spill Response

A team of OR&R scientists, data managers, and support staff gathered in Santa Barbara, California in collaboration with the [Coastal Response Research Center \(CRRC\)](#) at the University of New Hampshire, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), and private industry partners to advance technological capabilities for detecting and characterizing spilled oil and the impacts to aquatic wildlife.



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

Projects will strengthen local disaster readiness and recovery in Alaska, Connecticut, the Northern Gulf of Mexico region and South Carolina

OR&R Hosts Marine Debris Workshops for Educators in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

In July, staff from the NOAA Marine Debris Program, hosted within the Office of Response and Restoration, traveled to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and Guam to visit project partners and sites. Concurrently, they hosted educator workshops for formal and informal educators to learn about marine debris in the classroom.

USA: COAST GUARD, STATE, LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS CONDUCT BOAT DRILLS ON OHIO RIVER IN KENTUCKY & OHIO

August 12 – The Coast Guard, state and local first responders will conduct law enforcement drills with a commercial passenger vessel operated by B&B Riverboats, and a commercial towing vessel operated by C&B Marine, near Cincinnati on the Ohio River. WHO: Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources, Cincinnati Fire and Police, Anderson Township Fire, Hamilton County Dive Team and Sheriff, Covington Fire and Police, Kenton County Police & Northern Kentucky SWAT, Wilder Fire, Hebron Fire, Boone County Water Rescue, Campbell County Fire District, and U.S. Coast Guard.

WHEN: August 14, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EDT

WHERE: Law enforcement drills are on the Ohio River mile marker 470.0 - 465.0.

CINCINNATI — In an effort to maintain maritime incident readiness, Coast Guard, local, county and state agencies will conduct law enforcement drills on the Ohio River in the Port of Cincinnati on Wednesday. The purpose of the drills is to enhance maritime incident response for both law enforcement and fire/rescue agency personnel who may respond to a maritime incident occurring along the Ohio River regional area. [USCG.mil](#) / [Read more](#)

USA: EPA & NOAA RELEASE MICROFIBER POLLUTION REPORT

August 12 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Trash Free Waters Program and The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Marine Debris Program have released their Interagency Marine Debris Coordinating Committee Report on Microfiber Pollution. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Trash Free Waters Program and The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Marine Debris Program have released their Interagency Marine Debris Coordinating Committee Report on Microfiber Pollution. The June 2024 report to Congress addresses microfiber pollution and its sources — including textiles and apparel — as well as pathways and prevention strategies. The report also proposes a unified definition of "microfiber," surveys the impacts of microfiber pollution, and identifies goals along with recommendations for how pollution can be reduced.

Mondaq / [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

NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS

Corporate Members of ISCO can by submitting news about new products and services in the “News from ISCO Members” section of the ISCO Newsletter. This is a free facility for Members. Given that the ISCO Newsletter has a large and highly targeted readership in over 60 countries, it’s a cost-effective way to promote your company. If you have some news you would like to share with readers of the ISCO Newsletter, send it to John.McMurtrie@spillcontrol.org Members who would like to place a regular advertisement in the ISCO Newsletter can also benefit from preferential discounted rates. For more info please contact Mike Watson at mike@mwadigital.com He will be happy to help you



OSRL OFFERS A BRAND NEW COURSE

IMS 300 for Expanding Incidents - 26-28 November 2024, Bangkok, Thailand

Offered usually as a customised course for organisations, OSRL is now opening our IMS300 training to the public for the first time globally! This course comprehensively examines the fundamentals of incident management for expanding and large-scale incidents, focusing on roles and responsibilities and the objective-led planning process to support in-field operations.

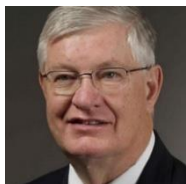
IMS is a tried and tested management process that is used around the world to manage emergency situations and incidents. This course will develop your teams' capability and provide tangible skills to deal with a large-scale incident effectively and efficiently. Open to individuals for the first time globally! OSRL / [Registration and 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/>

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](#)
- NORWAY – Marine Insurance Nordics – 16th October 2024, Oslo [More info](#)
- NEW ZEALAND - Land and Groundwater Conference, Auckland, 22-24 October 2024 [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](#)
- EUROPE/ ONLINE - RemTech Europe, International Conference and Exhibition on land and water remediation markets and technologies, is scheduled for 16-20 September 2024. The first two days of the conference 16-17 September will be fully digital, and broadcasted in streaming. The other three days 18-20 September will be hybrid so in presence but also broadcasted online. [More info](#)
- To post an event here end details with web link to the editor. John.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org

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](#)
- OSRL Webinar Series 2024 – Immediate Response Activities for Oil Spill Incidents
12 September 2024 2pm BST – Monitoring Response Effectiveness & Updating Key Stakeholders
<https://oilspillresponse.info/oilspillresponselz/lz.aspx?p1=MCeDU0NDg2MjJTNzg5MT0xQjQ2MkRBRTQwMkZDQjU2RjE4REJEM0E3MEY1MzAzNQ==&CC=&p=0ISCO>
Members can post Upcoming Webinars here. Send details with web link link to the editor.

UPCOMING PODCASTS

- Salvage & Wreck Podcast from IGP&I - 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 panellist that participated at the event.
Episode 4: In this episode, Ben Harris, Chair of the International Group's Salvage Committee and Head of Claims at Shipowners Club examines the significance of the Lloyd's Open Form, addressing concerns surrounding its potential decline and exploring actionable steps for ensuring a sustainable salvage industry. <https://www.igpandi.org/article/salvage-wreck-podcast/>

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

RELAUNCH OF ITOPF TECHNICAL INFORMATION PAPER (TIPS)

ITOPF has relaunched its Aerial Surveillance Technical Information Paper (TIP), a comprehensive guide covering all aspects involved in observing pollution from an aerial vantage point, including how to plan flight paths, how to calculate volumes of oil or other pollutants in the water and more.

This TIP is the first in the ITOPF series of technical papers and has been relaunched, 10 years after its last publication, with new learnings on this topic and an updated style. ITOPF / [Read more](#)

PREVENTING THE LOSS OF SEABORNE CONTAINERS

Following the investigation report of the MSC Zoe incident prepared by the IMO sub-committee III-8 Correspondence Group and interaction with the International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI) IACS assessed the safety issues related to the loss of containers and initiated a task force project within the Association's Hull Panel. The project comprises experts from member classification societies and approaches the problem of container loss at sea from three aspects: operation, design and maintenance.

Hellenic Shipping News.com / [Read more](#)

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SHIP POLLUTION EMERGENCY PLAN

If you are a maritime professional working on ships. The SOPEP locker (room) is one of the important places you are asked to familiarise yourself within the first few days of joining a ship. Let's understand the importance of knowing the SOPEP – Ship Oil Pollution Emergency Plan for a maritime professional, reports Marine Insight. [Infame.guru / Continue Reading](#)

HEALTH & SAFETY

UK: EXPERT REACTION TO REPORTED SPILL OF SODIUM CYANIDE IN WALSALL CANAL

Dr Andrew Shaw, Assistant Professor of Toxicology at Heriot-Watt University, said: "Sodium cyanide is an extremely toxic substance, as it rapidly inhibits fundamental life functions. "However, the risk it poses in this case is dependent on how much was released and the amount of water—and flow rate of that water—it was released in to." "Ecotoxicologists will have to work to assess this situation and predict its severity."

Prof Alastair Hay, Professor Emeritus of Environmental Toxicology at the University of Leeds, said: "Sodium cyanide breaks down in contact with water producing hydrogen cyanide, a toxic gas that smells of almonds." "Sodium cyanide can be absorbed from the gut, is an inhalation hazard and may be a problem through skin contact. "There are occupational exposure limits of 5 mg per cubic metre; this can be treated as a relatively safe level for healthy men and a sort of benchmark. "The chemical is often used in various chemical manufacturing processes, electroplating, and for separating gold and silver from ore. "Cyanide is a cell poison which affects all living systems. It inhibits the enzyme cytochrome C oxidase in the electron transport chain in cells. "The approach to clean up will of course be to first contain and prevent further release. Once in water the sodium cyanide will break down in part to hydrogen cyanide, which being lighter than air will rise into the air and disperse. As long as people are kept away from the area affected there should be no risk as hydrogen cyanide (the principal concern) will disperse. This is why the authorities will have cordons in place". [Science Media / Read more](#)

JOB VACANCIES

UK SCOTLAND – POSITION OF HSEQ MANAGER WITH BRIGGS GROUP

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SRI LANKA: SLPA FIREFIGHTERS COMPLETELY CONTROL FIRE IN THE VESSEL AT POC

August 13 - Fire fighters of the the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) Fire Brigade successfully extinguished the fire that broke out yesterday (11) in a ship at the Jaya Container Terminal (JCT) of the Port of Colombo. At present, the fire has been completely extinguished. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

UK: MAJOR INCIDENT DECLARED AFTER CANAL CYANIDE SPILL

August 13 - A major incident has been declared after a toxic chemical spill in a canal in Walsall. The public have been warned to avoid a 12-mile stretch of the canal network and towpaths running from the heart of the borough to neighbouring Birmingham, but taking in interconnected waterways across Wednesbury, Tipton and West Bromwich. BBC / [Read more](#)

August 15 -- The Environment Agency (EA) has launched an investigation into a company following a “serious chemical spill” into a West Midlands canal. In a statement on Wednesday, the EA said it was investigating a local company, Anochrome Ltd, where it believes the spill of sodium cyanide originated, and that the spill had been stopped. The Standard / [Read more](#)

August 16 - The Environment Agency (EA) has said about 4,000 litres (879 gallons) of toxic chemicals were released into a canal in the West Midlands. Tests have been carried out on a 12-mile stretch of the canal from Walsall locks to the lock flights at Rushall/Ryders Green and Perry Barr. People will now be allowed to return to parts of the waterway and towpaths in the affected area, which have been closed since Monday. Yahoo News / [Read more](#)

August 17 - The following FAQs contain guidance and advice. Further information will be added as it becomes available. Walsall / gov.uk / [Continue reading](#)

PHILIPPINES: SALVORS BEGIN EXTRACTING OIL FROM SUNKEN TANKER IN MANILA BAY

August 14 – Salvors have begun the careful operation to remove petroleum from the sunken tanker Terra Nova, which went down in Manila Bay in heavy weather last month. On August 14, the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) reported that contractors had finished installation of a flange valve plate and had begun the preparation for hot tapping operations on the vessel's hull. Over the course of a series of dives, the salvor cleared debris and opened valves for a test of the oil removal procedure.

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PERU: PETROPERÚ'S FINANCIAL TROUBLES COULD MEAN NO OIL SPILL REMEDIATION, COMMUNITIES FEAR

August 15 - State-owned Peruvian oil company Petroperú, has plunged into massive debt to complete the rehabilitation of its Talara refinery, estimated to have cost \$6.5 billion.

August 17 - On Sept. 11, 2022, Olivia Bisa Tirko received a call from a forest guard who informed her of an oil spill in the territory of the Chapra Nation in the Peruvian Amazon. The North Peruvian Pipeline operated by state-owned oil company Petroperú had ruptured, spilling 2,500 barrels of oil into the Marañón River, a major tributary of the Amazon River.

“For us as a nation, it was a catastrophe,” Bisa Tirko, the president of the Indigenous nation’s autonomous government, told Mongabay in a video call. “It filled me with helplessness to see that happen to the place where you were born, grew up, walked all your life, swam, fished. It was a disaster.”

To date, Petroperú hasn’t contained the environmental pollution, Bisa Tirko said. And now the company is mired in a financial crisis. In 2022, it lost its investment-grade rating from credit agencies after taking on a large amount of debt to complete its Talara refinery upgrade, estimated to have cost \$6.5 billion. In 2023, Petroperú reported losses of more than \$822 million. Since then, the company has received three capital injections from the government, the last one in February, totaling \$1.3 billion. Mongabay / [Read more](#)

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO - EFFORTS TO REFLOAT VESSEL THAT CAUSED OIL SPILL OFF TOBAGO AFFECTED BY WEATHER

August 16- Trinidad and Tobago authorities on Friday said that efforts to refloat the vessel that overturned off the Coast of Cove in Tobago have been delayed due to adverse weather alerts and threats associated with the then Tropical Storm Ernesto which resulted in rough seas. In March, the government said that the oil leak from a barge carrying up to 35,000 barrels of fuel oil that capsized in early February had stopped. Jamaica Gleaner.com / [Read more](#)

USA: SOUTH CAROLINA - A 120-FOOT FORMER US NAVY VESSEL IS ABANDONED ON THE SC COAST. HERE'S WHAT'S BEING DONE ABOUT IT

August 17 - It's not particularly unusual to find abandoned boats along South Carolina's coast, but then there's the one on Bohicket Creek near Seabrook Island — a 120-foot long, welded steel former Navy mine sweeper stuck in seagrass and pluff mud. Beside it is a 30-foot cabin cruiser, both owned by the same man, authorities say, who has been unreachable for more than the year the boats

have been in the creek, not too far from the North Edisto River. So far, the boats are not leaching chemicals or fuel into the waterway, according to a test done by an agency associated with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. The Coast Guard has been aware of the vessel being in South Carolina waters since 2021. Lt. Michael Allen said, and it is checked periodically. He said if contaminants are found the Coast Guard would take emergency remediation. AOL.com / [Read more](#)

VENEZUELA - OIL SPILL ENDANGERS CARIBBEAN COAST AND NATIONAL PARK

August 18 - An oil spill originating from Venezuela's El Palito refinery has severely contaminated a bay off the north-central coast in the Caribbean Sea, affecting an area of about 225 square kilometers (87 square miles), including Morrocoy National Park. The news was confirmed by five sources who spoke to Reuters on Saturday. Biologist Eduardo Klein posted satellite images on X, showing an extensive oil slick in the Golfe Triste region.

'The spill came from El Palito. This morning, beaches in Boca de Aroa were covered with hydrocarbons, impacting some boats including artisanal fishing vessels,' one source told Reuters. Another source reported seeing three large oil slicks washing ashore. Devdiscouse.com / [Read more](#)

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