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RUSSIA'S SHADOW FLEET IS A TICKING GEOPOLITICAL TIMEBOMB

The shadow fleet poses a significant and rising threat to the environment. The aging and underinsured vessels increase the risk of oil spills, a potential catastrophe for which Russia would [likely refuse to pay](#). The vessels can cause collisions, leak oil, malfunction, or even sink, posing a threat to other ships, water, and marine life. With estimates suggesting over 1,400 ships have [defected to the dark side](#) serving Russia, the potential for environmental damage is substantial. For instance, since the beginning of 2022, 230 shadow fleet tankers have transported Russian crude oil [through the Danish straits](#) on 741 occasions. Also, a shadow fleet tanker on its way to load crude in Russia collided with another ship in the strait between Denmark and Sweden. Last year, a fully loaded oil tanker lost propulsion and drifted off the Danish island of Langeland for six hours. Recovery after any potential oil spill could take decades. OilPrice.com / [Read more](#)

PACIFIC ISLAND NATIONS PROPOSE ECOCIDE BE ADOPTED AS INTERNATIONAL CRIME

Three Pacific island countries have formally requested the International Criminal Court to recognize “ecocide,” or mass environmental destruction, as an international crime alongside genocide and war crimes. The proposal, submitted by Vanuatu and co-sponsors Fiji and Samoa on Sept. 9, seeks to amend the ICC’s Rome Statute, which currently allows for the prosecution of genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and the crime of aggression. If successful, ecocide would become the fifth recognized international crime. [Mongabay](#) / [Read more](#)

UNCOLLECTED WASTE AND OPEN BURNING LEADING CAUSES OF PLASTIC POLLUTION CRISIS

A new study attempts to shine a light on the enormous scale of uncollected rubbish and open burning of plastic waste in what’s described as the first ever

ISCO & THE ISCO NEWSLETTER

The International Spill Control Organisation, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to raising worldwide preparedness & co-operation in response to oil and chemical spills, marine & freshwater pollution by plastics. promoting technical development and professional competency, & to providing a focus for making the knowledge and experience of spill control professionals available to Intergovernmental, Governmental, NGO’s and interested groups and individuals. ISCO holds consultative status at the International Maritime Organisation & Observer Status at the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds

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global plastics pollution inventory. University of Leeds researchers used AI to model waste management in more than 50,000 municipalities around the world. This model allowed them to predict how much waste was generated globally and what happens to it, say the researchers. [Envirotecmagazine / Read more](#)

COMMISSION WELCOMES APPOINTMENT OF UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL ENVOY ON WATER



The newly designated water representative was announced by UN Secretary-General António Guterres last week. The European Commission has welcomed the appointment of Retno Marsudi from the Republic of Indonesia as the first UN Special Envoy on Water, an important milestone in advancing the global water resilience agenda.

Ms. Marsudi will be instrumental in addressing the escalating global water crisis, which is a critical challenge that requires enhanced international cooperation. The appointment also reaffirms the UN's commitment to accelerating multilateral progress towards achieving the water-related Sustainable Development Goals and making transformative changes in the way water is valued, used, and managed. [Environment.ec / Read more](#)

ITOPF WELCOMES LYNN LESLIE AND KHALISH IDERIS

ITOPF is delighted to welcome two new members to the ITOPF Team in Lynn Leslie and Khalish Ideris.

Lynn joins us as Payroll & Benefits Adviser and has a BA in economics and an MA in human resource management. Before joining ITOPF, Khalish spent more than five years working in environmental consultancy within the oil and gas sector across Brunei, Malaysia and Singapore. [ITOPF / Read more](#)



REGIONAL NEWS

The latest News and Press Releases collated from websites of Regional Organisations on ISCO's checking list. If your website's News Releases are not being kept up-to-date, you can send information directly to the Editor.

ARCTIC

Oil spills in the ocean: why the Arctic is particularly vulnerable - The Arctic region contains an estimated 13% of the world's undiscovered oil, with one third lying within US territory. The challenge of drilling in the Arctic and mitigating oil spills in the ocean was best illustrated in 2012 when Shell's unsuccessful attempt resulted in the Kulluk drilling rig running aground and needing to be rescued.

However, the effects of climate change on retreating and thinner ice formations may pave the way for economically feasible shipping routes in the Arctic for the first time in modern history. Why are oil spills harder to clean up in the Arctic, how do they damage the environment and what can researchers do to learn more about mitigating spills in this unique climate?

Oil spills in the ocean: the Arctic as a new frontier - Record high temperatures attributed to global warming have once again opened the region to a new era of trans-Arctic shipping. In 2017, the first 300m long commercial LNG oil tanker crossed the Northern Sea Route between Europe and Asia without the protection of an icebreaker. While there has been little research into the effects that oil spills have on the Arctic environment, some studies have shown that the unique climate poses its own challenges, and nature is slower to respond to oil spills than it is in more temperate or tropical conditions.

Oil spills in the ocean: the limitations of oil-eating microbes. - During the clean-up operations of the Exxon Valdez spill in Alaska and Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico, only 15% to 25% of oil was successfully removed through mechanical methods, such as mechanical recovery and burning of the spilled oil. The bulk of the clean-up was carried out by oil-eating bacteria in the water. [Finance.yahoo.com / Read more](#)

BALTIC

Decreasing trend in detected oil spills in the Baltic Sea continues – Last year, only 32 harmful spills of mineral oil were detected in the Baltic Sea, according to a [new HELCOM report](#). This marks a significant long-term decrease, compared to the 763 pollution occurrences reported in 1989, the first year of aerial surveillance. The decline in detected oil spills, despite increased shipping and more intensive aerial surveillance, is likely due to a higher number of flight hours and the broader use of remote sensing equipment,

such as Side Looking Airborne Radar (SLAR). Enhanced monitoring likely deters ships from making illegal discharges. Satellite surveillance also complements aerial efforts by covering larger areas and improving overall effectiveness of flights. HELCOM / [Read more](#)

NEWS FOR ISCO STUDENT MEMBERS

Editor – It's recommended that all members of ISCO's Students, Trainees and Apprentices Group should be following our Communications Page (BASECAMP) for the latest news releases from Larissa Montas and Peter Balogun Kayode. Click on the link – https://3.basecamp.com/5471785/buckets/29873844/message_boards/5457948520

Ipieca is hiring a Nature intern. - This is an entry level role in which the incumbent provides support primarily to Ipieca's Nature portfolio (including Biodiversity & Ecosystems services (BES), water and marine spills). This role will involve a wide range of coordination and administrative tasks covering the spectrum of environmental issues e.g environmental stewardship, monitoring of global trends on environment, integration of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Service management, effective management of water and marine spills in oil and gas operations and other. IPIECA / [Read more](#)

For Candian citizens only - Matching Post-Secondary Students To The Right Employer, Post-Secondary Students are crucial for the Environmental Workforce to continue to grow into the future. ECO Canada's Student Work Placement Program helps both students and employers find the right match and the support they need through wage assistance. Eco.ca / [Read more](#)

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Availability of news is mostly based on news content and press releases received from websites of national environment agencies. If info is not posted on your monitored website, it can be sent to the editor at info@spillcontol.org. You can also request the addition of your website to our checking list.

BOLIVIA: INDIGENOUS WOMEN WORK TO CLEAN UP BOLIVIA'S POLLUTED LAKE URU URU

September 19 - Indigenous women are reviving Bolivia's Lake Uru Uru, heavily polluted by mining waste, by using native reeds that can absorb toxins and improve the water quality. EHN.org / [Read more](#)

BRAZIL: GBFF IN FOCUS: BRAZIL - BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION IN INDIGENOUS LANDS

September 17 - In less than one year, the GEF's Global Biodiversity Framework Fund has moved from launch to full-speed operation, with four projects already reviewed, approved, and funded, and dozens more in the pipeline. GBFF In Focus is a series showcasing how the new biodiversity fund is changing the game for how countries can invest in nature, starting with four projects in Brazil, Gabon, and Mexico. These projects moved from concept approval to implementation in just six months, and stand out for their inclusive, integrated approach to building a more nature-positive future. The GEF / [Read more](#)

BRAZIL: IBAMA AND 16 PARTNER INSTITUTIONS COLLECT 2 TONS OF WASTE ON THE EDGE OF THE AMAZON RIVER, IN AP

September 18 - Environmental Education Action took place in allusion to the World Day for the Cleanup of Beaches, Rivers and Lagoons. Gov.br / [Read more](#)

CHILE: EYEESEA AND RAPA NUI MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES UNITE TO COMBAT OCEAN POLLUTION

September 14 - In a landmark move to preserve the pristine environment of Rapa Nui, Eyesea and the local municipality have signed an agreement to empower the local community with technology and training to effectively report, monitor, and analyze pollution, ensuring the island's ecological integrity for future generations. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

DENMARK: CAN DENMARK USE INTERNATIONAL LAW TO FIGHT RUSSIA'S SHADOW FLEET?

September 16 - Small European states, such as Denmark, [face daily](#) the threat of an environmental Armageddon, as dozens of decrepit, single-hulled, barely insured Russian oil tankers wend their way through the narrowest of straits to the open seas. Often they don't even have [local pilots](#) to help them navigate the treacherous waters, let alone proper paperwork, further raising the consequences of a disastrous oil spill. Foreignpolicy.com / [Read more](#)

FRANCE: CEDRE - JULY AND AUGUST RESPONSE ACTIVITIES FOR CEDRE'S DUTY TEAM :

- Request from the Finistère fire brigade ([SDIS 29](#)) following an accident involving a HGV transporting bitumen emulsion near to the canal between Nantes (Loire-Atlantique) and Brest (Finistère)
- Request from the Loiret fire brigade ([SDIS 45](#)) through [TRANSAID](#), in relation to LPG at a service station

- Discussions with the Rhône defence and civil protection service ([SIDPC 69](#)) following a fire in a container of batteries (for electric scooters and bikes) in Amplepuis (Rhône)
- Request from the Seine-et-Marne fire brigade ([SDIS 77](#)) following observations of abnormal colour in a pond
- Request from Saint-Coulomb local council and [DDTM 35](#) after patties resembling weathered oil washed up on a beach
- Request from [Thonon-les-Bains](#) local council (Haute-Savoie) in relation to very small quantities of oil which are regularly found in Lake Geneva
- Discussions with a representative of an offshore wind farm following a leak of synthetic oil at sea
- Request from [DDTM29](#) for advice on the sampling strategy following a diesel spill in the port of Audierne
- Request for information from the [Maritime Prefecture for the Atlantic](#) on the hazardous nature of a product, in relation to a mooring request made to CENTOPS
- Request from [CEPPOL](#) for an opinion on pollution spotted at sea
- Request from the authorities for the Mediterranean coast and the Gard region for an expert opinion based on photos of small slicks of a viscous black substance close to the coast
- Call from the Gendarmerie Maritime's coastal surveillance brigade to validate an idea for a manoeuvre after a small diving vessel sank. Although the vessel had been decontaminated it had 4 cans of diesel on board.
- Discussions with maritime and land authorities following a collision between two vessels off Saint-Nazaire
- Request from the [Maritime Prefecture for the Channel and North Sea](#) following pollution off Courseulles-sur-Mer (Calvados)
- Request from the Côtes-d'Armor fire brigade ([SDIS 22](#)) following a spill of aluminium sulphate into a watercourse
- Discussions with the maritime and land authorities following a pollution incident in the Somme Bay
- Request from the Seine-Maritime fire brigade ([SDIS 76](#)) following pollution in the Seine
- Request from the Manche fire brigade ([SDIS 50](#)) following a spill of fire extinguishing powder in a port

[Read more about CEDRE'S current activities in the latest newsletter](#)

INDIA: IOPC FUNDS AT 7TH OIL SPILL INDIA CONFERENCE



September 13 - The IOPC Funds participated in the 7th edition of Oil Spill India, an international conference and exhibition focused on oil spill prevention, preparedness, and response in New Delhi, India, from 11 to 12 September 2024.

IOPC Funds' Director, Mr Gaute Sivertsen, delivered a keynote address during the inaugural session and participated as a panellist in the opening discussion entitled "Horizon Unveiled: Navigating the Outlook & Developments in Global, Regional & National Oil Spill Preparedness and Response". He also joined another session on the topic "Beyond Borders: Strengthening Transboundary Alliances for Unified Oil Spill Response and Protection".
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IRAN: IRANIAN NAVAL FORCES GO DARK

September 13 - Perhaps in response to the presence of two US carrier strike groups in the region, naval movements have now gone dark - suggesting the Iranians no longer want to help out their adversaries by announcing what ships are where. Analysis of satellite imagery of the naval harbor in Bandar Abbas continues however to give interested observers a good idea of what vessels are in the harbor - and which may be out at sea. The Maritimr Executive / [Read more](#)

NIGERIA: CHANGING THE NARRATIVES ON NIGERIA'S INLAND WATERWAYS

September 14 - FOLLOWING the appointment of Mr. Bola Oyebimiji as Managing Director of the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA), the agency has stepped up its campaign on secured waterways transport in Nigeria. He explained that the recently launched Waterways Transportation Code which is expected to significantly standardize water transportation, minimize accidents, and provide a structured environment for potential investors. Vanguard.ng / [Read more](#)

NIGERIA: NIGERIA: BOAT MISHAPS - TACKLING INLAND WATERWAYS CHALLENGES

September 16 - The inland waterway is regarded as the alternative to road transportation as it is devoid of traffic congestion and cheaper and faster to connect various destinations. According to statistics, Nigeria has over 10,000km of inland waterways, but only 3,000 are currently navigable. This makes Nigeria less attractive to riverine communities because navigable routes are insignificant in attracting patronage compared to non-navigable routes. Aside from being unnavigable, incessant boat mishaps have made the nation's inland waterway unattractive to passengers and Nigerians, who are expected to see it as an alternative to chaotic land transport. AllAfrica.com / [Read more](#)

SOUTH AFRICA: UNEP ADVANCING THE ONE HEALTH APPROACH.

September 19 - From 20 – 23 September, scientists, policymakers, representatives of international institutions, civil society and the private sector will gather in Cape Town, South Africa for one of the largest global forums dedicated to advancing the One Health approach. UNEP / [Read more](#)

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO: GOVERNMENT TO DISPOSE OF SHIP THAT CAUSED MAJOR OIL SPILL

September 19 -The Trinidad & Tobago government Monday put up for sale the abandoned vessel that overturned off the Coast of Cove in Tobago in early February, carrying up to 35,000 barrels of fuel oil. Jamaica-gleaner.com / [Read more](#)

UK: MCA - COUNTER POLLUTION TRAINING COURSES

September 13 - Information on training courses from the Counter Pollution and Salvage team including who should attend, course content and objectives, and how to apply. Gov.uk / [Read more](#)

UK TO APPOINT NATURE ENVOY FOR FIRST TIME

September 16 - The UK government is planning to appoint a special envoy for nature for the first time, as the foreign secretary, David Lammy, seeks to put the UK at the centre of global efforts to tackle the world's ecological crises, the Guardian has learned. The Guardian / [Read more](#)

UK: FROM SEPA - OUR SATELLITE SERVICE TAKES CRISIS MANAGEMENT TO NEW FRONTIERS

September 18 - The Scottish Environment Protection Agency unveiled an innovative tool for Scotland's crisis management at the Space-Comm Expo in Glasgow last week. The Satellite Emergency Mapping Service (SEMS) leverages cutting-edge satellite technology to provide real-time, high-resolution data for faster, more efficient responses to emergencies such as floods, wildfires and oil spills. As the only organisation in Scotland able to activate the International Charter: Space and Major Disasters, we provide access to critical satellite imagery, even in areas where ground assessments are impossible. SEMS is the first of its kind, not just in Scotland but in the UK and beyond, supporting future preparedness by using satellite data for scenario modelling and resilience planning. SEPA / [Read more](#)

URUGUAY: 10TH INTERNATIONAL WATERS CONFERENCE

The 2024 IWC resumes after 6 years, in its 10th edition, hosted by the Government of Uruguay, in Punta del Este, under the theme: "Transformative actions and impacts for the water and ocean SDGs: The GEF IW response to the global challenge", to reunite the IW portfolio and celebrate 30 years of the GEF IW focal area.

IWC10 takes place over 4 days (23-26 September 2024, Punta del Este), with 4 preceding workshops (pre-conference workshops, 21-22 September 2024, Montevideo). IWC10 will feature an innovation marketplace (exhibit area), extensive opportunities for focused learning on issues concerning project implementation and portfolio issues, interactive training for IW project managers and country representatives, as well as interaction with the GEF Secretariat, GEF agencies and several partner institutions working on International Waters projects. The Conference will engage participants in a variety of session formats, including plenary sessions and roundtable discussions, workshops and interactive sessions. It will also feature an innovation marketplace, where projects, partners and sponsors can display their results, unique approaches, and catalytic outcomes, with emphasis on how these may be leveraged and replicated. Furthermore, it will offer the opportunity to visit technical sites of special interest to the IW portfolio, as well as networking and social opportunities, through the evening events and the Gala dinner. Iwlearn.net / [Read more](#)

USA: LATEST NEWS REPORTS FROM NOAA OR&R

September 16 – Click on the links below to read the latest news.

OR&R Supports Coast Guard Salvage of Historic Fishing Vessel in Maine

U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Northern New England recently completed a salvage operation of a historic sardine fishing vessel that sank in Maine during a January 2024 nor'easter. William Whitmore, the NOAA Scientific Support Coordinator for Sector Northern New England provided guidance to the USCG during the response and salvage efforts.

OR&R Attends Designation of Lake Ontario National Marine Sanctuary

On September 6, over 300 people gathered at the William S. Cahill Pier in Oswego, New York to witness and celebrate the designation of Southeastern Lake Ontario as the nation's 16th national marine sanctuary.



NOAA Participates in the U.S - Taiwan Coast Guard Marine Environmental Response Group Symposium

On September 4, NOAA Scientific Support Coordinator for the Pacific Islands, Ruth Yender, participated in the 2024 U.S.-Taiwan Coast Guard Marine Environmental Response Group Online Symposium Program. The objective of the symposium was to deepen the cooperation between Taiwan and the U.S. in marine environmental response by providing an opportunity for dialogue and enhancing understanding of each other.

USA: INTERIOR DEPARTMENT INVESTS OVER \$12 MILLION IN ORPHANED WELL CLEAN-UP

September 15 - The Department of the Interior has announced an investment of over \$12 million, from the president's Investing in American agenda and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, to help four Tribal Nations clean up orphaned oil and gas wells on their lands. The funding addresses the environmental hazards and pollution caused by these wells, which pose risks such as methane leaks, water contamination, and harm to local wildlife. Presidentprayerteam.org / [Read more](#)

USA: EPA UPGRADES ECHO DATABASE TO ADD WATER QUALITY INDICATORS TOOL ENHANCING ACCESS TO WATER QUALITY DATA INCLUDING CONTRIBUTORS TO POLLUTION

September 18 - New mapping tool allows users to analyze water data and identify pollution problems in their communities including the potential polluters. Today, Sept. 18, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released the [Water Quality Indicators \(WQI\) tool](#), the first EPA interface that allows users to compare millions of data records from water monitoring stations. Facilitated by a mapping tool, the WQI makes it easy to explore nutrient and pathogen data and identify the potential sources that are contributing to water quality problems. EPA.gov / [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, please send it to the editor 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.

UK & IRELAND SPILL ASSOCIATION - TECHNICAL FORUMS IN NI AND REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Northern Ireland Technical Forum 22 October, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belfast, Northern Ireland. & Republic of Ireland Technical Forum 24 October, Heritage Hotel, Killenard, Co.Laois, Ireland. [More info](#)

LAMOR AND GREENFLOW DEEPEN COOPERATION TO IMPROVE PORTS' WASTE MANAGEMENT GLOBALLY



Lamor and Greenflow are joining forces to enhance together the availability of MARPOL compliant waste systems including Port Reception Facilities. A newly signed cooperation agreement paves the way for a globally stronger presence in total solutions for ports to collect and treat the waste generated by the maritime traffic and vessels, thus enhancing their environmental performance as required by the MARPOL convention.

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OSR EQUIPMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD TO LAMOR AT OIL SPILL INDIA

Lamor is proud to announce that we have been awarded the prestigious OSR Equipment Excellence Award at the Oil Spill India conference and exhibition. This recognition highlights our commitment to innovation and excellence in oil spill response.

7 NOV: UK AND IRELAND SPILL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL AWARDS – SPONSORED BY INTERNATIONAL SPILL ACCREDITATION SCHEME (ISAS)

Innovation is what drives the industry forward, especially during times of economic restraint – this award is for a product or a service that has made a significant impact within the industry over the last year.

If you would like to nominate your company or an individual for an award then the following process applies: Your company must be Corporate Member of UK Eire Spill or an Accredited Member of ISAS at the time of the dinner. Submissions must be made to info@ukeirespill.org no later than 13 October 2024. Submissions will be scored by a panel of 7 members drawn from UK Eire Spill and ISAS Board Members. Winners will receive an award from the Chair of ISAS at the Awards Dinner. [More info](#)



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NIO DEVISES NEW TECH TO CONVERT PLASTIC INTO BIODIESEL AND PROTECT ENVIRONMENT

The study on the technology's efficacy has been published in the Elsevier journal 'Bioresource Technology'. "This study mainly focuses on biodegradation of various types of plastics and comprises two major parts - plastic remediation using highly efficient indigenous marine bacteria *Pseudomonas mendocina* ABF786 and conversion of the by-product carbon dioxide (CO₂), obtained from bacterial degradation of plastics to microalgal biodiesel. We have also mapped the whole genome of marine bacteria *Pseudomonas mendocina* ABF786, representing the plastic-degrading enzyme and genes," Herhaldgoa / [Read more](#)

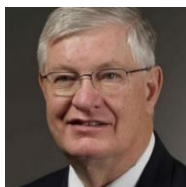
TESTING PLASTIC PELLET RECOVERY EQUIPMENT AT CEDRE'S NEW FACILITIES

In July, Cedre carried out experiments to test different techniques for recovering plastic pellets from the environment, using its new specially designed facilities. Several types of vacuum systems (backpack, on wheels, battery-powered, thermal) were assessed to determine their efficiency on different substrates (asphalt, vegetation, gravel, sand, pebbles). [Find out more](#) See also <https://www.portbin.no/CEDRE>

PortBin ShoreCleaner has now been tested at Cedre in connection with a larger program they have to collect nurdles / plastic pellets/ mermaid tears. It was tested in both dry and wet conditions. On asphalt, grass, sand, gravel, and pebbles. PortBin ShoreCleaner showed good properties and without particular limitations. It would be great if you share the film/info to anyone you know has problems with nurdles or other small plastics (e.g crumbled styrofoam, pieces of rope or rubber granules from football pitches) on their way into nature,- difficult to pick, or is involved in the problem in another way?

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.

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SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2024

- URUGUAY – GEF International Waters Conference – 23-26 September 2024, Punta del Este [More info](#)
- UK - The International Maritime Organization's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) meets in-person for its 82nd session at IMO Headquarters in London (with hybrid participation) from 30 September to 4 October, 2024. [More info](#)
- USA – Elastec River Spill Workshop, Carmi, Indiana, 8-10 October 2024 [More info](#)

- USA – National Academies - Gulf-Alaska Knowledge Exchange Workshop, October 8-9 2024, Anchorage, Alaska. [More info](#)
- UK – Water, Waste & Environmental Monitoring – 9-10 October 2024, NEC, Birmingham, UK [More info](#)
- NORWAY – Marine Insurance Nordics – 16th October 2024, Oslo. [Registration](#) [More info](#)
- NEW ZEALAND - Land and Groundwater Conference, Auckland, 22-24 October 2024AND [More info](#)
- UK – UK & IRELAND Spill Association – Technical Forum 22 October, Belfast, N. Ireland. [More info](#)
- IRELAND – UK & IRELAND Spill Association – Technical Forum 24 October, Killenard, Co. Laois [More info](#)
- CANADA – ECONEXT 2024 Conference - October 30. St Johns, NL [Read more](#)
- ITALY - ECOMONDO Conference and Exhibition, Rimini, 5-8 November 2024 [More info](#)
- CHINA – 8th East Asian Seas Congress, Xiamen, 6-8 November 2024 <https://eascongress2024.pemsea.org/>
- UK – UK & Ireland Spill Association – Annual Awards, 6-7 November 2024, Nottingham Belfry [More info](#)
- TURKIYE – Regional Workshop – “Oil Spill Preparedness and Response – Commitment and Synergy”, being held in co-operation with ISCO Member, MEKE Marine, in Istanbul from 12-14 November 2024. [More info](#)
- USA - Industry Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) - Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA, 13-15 November 2024 [More info](#)
- USA – Clean Gulf Conference & Exhibition – 18-20 November 2024 Houston, TX – [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 send 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.
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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](#)
- ExxonMobil Oil Spill Response Knowledge Transfer Webinar Series – Webinar 25 - “Learnings from API's Dispersant Workshop” September 25th from 10am to 11:30am Eastern Time. For more details, the agenda and how to join please send an email to – Kelly.m.mcfarlin@exxonmobil.com
- IOPC Funds - Register for Webinar 9, 25 September 2024: Claims for compensation - Successful recovery of costs in the tourism and fishery industries [More info](#)
- HALENHARDY -Create Cofferdams in hours, not days – 25th September 2024 at 10am EST [More info](#)
- HELCOM Seminar & networking event, 11th October 2024 – 10.00-1300 EST, Helsinki and Online [More info](#)
- UNEP - Ocean Best Practices Workshop, 14-18 October 2024 (Online) and Enhancing Ocean Governance through Best Practices 16th October 2024, 1500-1630 UTC [More info](#)
- OSRL – Validating recovery, closing the incident and post-incident review; 17th October 2024, 8am CST [More info](#)

Members can post Upcoming Webinars here. Send details **with web 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

- **CEDRE'S EDUCATIONAL TOOLS (2024) - Cedre Webinar, September 30, 2024 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.** [More info](#)

In French. The objective of this webinar is to present the new pedagogical methods developed for our training courses. To register: <https://survey.cedre.fr/668619?lang=fr> To connect, it's [here](#) (on Chrome preferably)

UPDATES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS

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

USA: CLEAN GULF CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION 2024

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

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Contact Renie Mayfield - 720-289-7008 or rmayfield@accessintel.com - to discuss the exhibiting and sponsorship opportunities available for this year's event!

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 – [NEW SPONSOR & PARTNER OPTIONS AVAILABLE](#) [NEW EXHIBITORS CONFIRMED](#) [CALL FOR PAPERS SUCCESS](#) [DELEGATE PASS UPDATE](#) [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.

USA – CLEAN WATERWAYS, APRIL 23-25, 2025. DENVER MARRIOTT TECH CENTER, CO

CLEAN WATERWAYS is the event where the inland response community gathers to gain valuable insights on challenges specific to prevention, preparedness, and response in inland regions and waterways.

For information updates, click on the links – [REGISTRATION NOW OPEN](#) [ABSTRACT SUBMITTAL DEADLINE IS AUGUST 30TH. SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT](#)

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LINKS FOR OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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

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

As a service to its Members ISCO provides a listing of publications that may be of interest to our community. This page provides details and links for downloading more than 40 publications most of which can be accessed at no cost. This page is managed by Mike Watson mike@mwadigital.com

NEW PUBLICATIONS

LATEST NEWSLETTER FROM CEDRE

This summer, Cedre was involved in the Brest maritime festival and opened its doors to the public for the Fête de la Mer et des Littoraux. Various project progress meetings were held and equipment evaluations were carried out throughout the summer at Cedre's facilities. <https://mailchi.mp/985793847ceb/la-lettre-du-cedre-17828904?e=388f6944fd>

IGP&I SUSTAINABILITY REPORT 2024

The Group has published its second Sustainability Report. The past decade has seen significant progress in sustainability, driven by heightened awareness of environmental and social issues, advancements in technology, and a growing demand for responsible corporate behaviour. [IG Sustainability Report 2024 - The International Group of P&I Clubs \(igpandi.org\)](#)



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RED SEA (CONTINUED)

September 15 - Salvage efforts to rescue stricken Red Sea tanker Sounion makes 'slow' progress Daily Mail / [Read more](#)

September 15 – Greek salvors take burning tanker in tow The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

September 16 – Burning tanker safely towed away from Yemen PBS.org / [Read more](#)

September 16 – Salvors complete emergency tow for burning tanker Sounion The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

September 17 – Fire continues to rage on Sounion in Red Sea gCaptain / [Read more](#)

September 22 – Editor – As at 1400 GMT despite searches the media seems to have gone completely quiet on new developments

VENEZUELA (CONTINUED)

September 16 - Update received from Carlos Sagrera, Member of ISCO Council and our representative in Latin America "Here news that is well sourced and summarises well the situation with this spill event in Venezuela".

September 14 – "Today I just received this interesting link from the Venezuelan press with information that we can consider objective, given the lack of transparency that exists today in Venezuela, on the current situation of the El Palito refinery spill in the state of Carabobo, which summarises the main issues about causes and impacts, as well as the initial inaction and later ineffective

response of the company PDVSA and their responsible environmental authorities of the Venezuelan government. It answers the following questions:

- Is there an estimate of the possible start date of the spill?
- Is the origin of the spill known?
- Is it known when the oil stopped spilling into the sea?
- Is there an estimate of the magnitude of the event in terms of the surface area of the oil slick and the extent of shoreline affected?
- Is it known whether the spill has affected protected natural areas?
- Is it possible to make any estimate of the impact of the spill?
- Is it possible to state that government agencies are acting effectively to mitigate the impact of the spill?



It notes in its conclusions that: ‘... the absolute silence and communication blockade hinders the implementation of a much more effective work, with the participation of experts, specialised international organisations and the local communities themselves. It also prevents the health and rights of the people in the affected areas from being safeguarded. Finally, the majority considers that the governmental response has been late, scarce, and outside the national and international standards and norms for action in the face of this type of event, as well as contrary to the international conventions signed by the Venezuelan State’. The OAS has made international complaints about this situation, which has been validated by ISCO’s monitoring of this event from Panama (OAS) Representative in Panama https://x.com/almagro_oea2015/status/1830626450338156711?s=48 and the publications of ISCO Newsletter N° 951 & 952 - August 2024 and ISCO Newsletter N°953 - September 2024. Attached is a link and photos from the Venezuelan press. <https://www.elnacional.com/opinion/oscurito-en-la-tierra-como-en-el-mar-que-sabemos-sobre-el-reciente-derrame-petrolero-de-el-palito/>

USA MINNESOTA

September 17 – Chemical spill forces mass evacuation after train derailment Westislandblog.com / [Read more](#)

USA TEXAS

September 18 – Pipeline explosion causes evacuation and damages homes EHN.org / [Read more](#)

MALTA

September 18 - Oil slick stretches from Manoel Island to Tigné after yacht yard spill. Times of Malta / [Read more](#)

USA CALIFORNIA

September 19 – USCG Incident Management Team responding to diesel spill in Marina del Ray, California. USCG / [Read more](#)

GREENLAND

September 20 - Tanker sinks near Nanortalik. MSN.com / [Read more](#)

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