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What is the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) doing to support biodiversity? [Inger Andersen](#), Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and UNEP Executive Director, answers this and more in her 2021 video message for the [International Day for Biological Diversity](#), which happens every 22nd of May. [Watch the video](#)

## MORE INTERNATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF



### CLOSING THE GAP OF NATIONAL CONTINGENCY PLANS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION – NATIONAL WORKSHOP IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

May 7 - Between 27 and 29 April 2021, Neum, the only coastal town in Bosnia and Herzegovina, hosted two activities for the development of the National Contingency Plan (NCP) of Bosnia and Herzegovina, namely the National Workshop on Emergency Response to marine pollution incidents at managerial level (27-28 April 2021), and the Meeting of competent authorities in charge of the the National Contingency Plan of Bosnia and Herzegovina (29 April 2021). REMPEC / [Read more](#)



### ISU RESPONDS TO POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF LLOYD'S SALVAGE ARBITRATION BRANCH

May 7 - ISU has submitted its response to Lloyds regarding the possible closure of the Lloyd's Salvage Arbitration Branch - We are writing in response to the email received from David Lawrence, Lloyd's Head of Agency, on 23 April in which he notified us of a review which is considering whether the services of the Lloyd's Salvage Arbitration Branch should be stopped.

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## MORE INTERNATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF (CONTINUED)

It is not clear from Mr Lawrence's email what the review means specifically for the Lloyd's Standard Form of Salvage Agreement (Lloyd's Open Form – LOF) but without the Lloyd's Salvage Arbitration Branch, and the association with Lloyd's, LOF will be gravely, if not fatally, damaged.

The International Salvage Union (ISU) is the global trade association representing the interests of organisations which operate as main contractors in marine salvage cases. We have some 50 members and they are individually party to the great majority of the Lloyd's Open Forms agreed each year. Our members have a proud record of using LOF to save lives, protect the environment and save property.

It is the ISU's position that to discontinue the support and endorsement of Lloyd's for Lloyd's Open Form would have a serious impact on safety at sea and a potentially significant impact on the environment as well as the possibility of catastrophic losses to communities reliant on the sea for their livelihoods. There would be increased danger to seafarers and an inevitable increase in loss of property such as hull, cargo and in businesses affected ashore. ISU / [Read more](#)

### REGIONAL EXPERT MEETING ON THE POSSIBLE DESIGNATION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA, AS A WHOLE, AS AN EMISSION CONTROL AREA FOR SULPHUR OXIDES PURSUANT TO MARPOL ANNEX VI

May 7 - Air emissions from ships are a contributor to the overall air quality degradation in the Mediterranean region, and more specifically in the Mediterranean coastal States. Sulphur Oxides (SOx) emissions can cause acid rain and can combine with other pollutants to generate fine particles, which can lead to respiratory and cardiovascular diseases including childhood asthmas, as well as reduced life expectancy and increase premature deaths. Cleaner air means better health, including a reduced vulnerability to COVID-19—known to take acute forms when the virus encounters underlying conditions—and other ailments of its ilk.

In this context, the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) remotely held the Regional Expert Meeting on the

possible designation of the Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an Emission Control Area for Sulphur Oxides (Med SOx ECA) pursuant to Annex VI to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) on 27-28 April 2021. This meeting, which was financed by the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF), was organised in cooperation with the Barcelona Convention Secretariat - Coordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP/MAP) and its Components, notably the Mediterranean Pollution Assessment and Control Programme (MED POL) as well as the Plan Bleu Regional Activity Centre (PB/RAC). REMPEC / [Read more](#)

### FRANCO-AMERICAN WORKSHOP ON AQUATIC LITTER MONITORING

May 11 - On 12th April, Cedre took part in a Franco-American virtual discussion workshop on aquatic litter monitoring in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. This workshop, organised by the Global Council for Science and the Environment, gathered around ten experts from France and the US. Its main objective was to identify collaboration opportunities for developing future research projects to assess the effects of the health crisis on plastic pollution. Cedre presented the organisation of aquatic litter monitoring in France and Europe and the data currently available. CEDRE / [Read more in the April 2021 issue of the CEDRE Newsletter](#)

### MAERSK SUPPLY DONATES SECOND VESSEL FOR OCEAN CLEANUP EFFORTS



*Photo: The Maersk Trader will operate for one year with her sister ship on the ocean cleanup (Maersk Supply Service)*

May 12 - Maersk Supply Service, which operates offshore supply vessels for the worldwide energy sector, announced that it will deploy a second vessel this summer as part of its participation with The Ocean Cleanup, a foundation developing advanced technologies to rid the world's oceans of plastic.

Since 2018, Maersk Supply Service has project managed and delivered offshore work for The Ocean Cleanup, including the tow and testing of the ocean systems. In January 2021, the company announced that it was

extending its work with the non-profit organization for three additional years. They said the contract extension would enable the deployment of the next ocean cleanup systems as well as deployments of the Interceptor, a solar-powered device that extracts plastic autonomously, and is capable of operating in the majority of the world's rivers. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

## NEWS REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

No news from your part of the world? You can correct this by sending in news reports that will be of interest to the spill response community in your own country and the wider world. Send your news to your editor - [john.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org](mailto:john.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org)

### AUSTRALIA: NEW GENERATION PATROL BOAT TO PROTECT THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

May 12 - Incat Crowther is pleased to announce the launch of Reef Resilience. Delivered by Norman R. Wright & Sons, the new generation Incat Crowther 24 patrol boat will join Reef Ranger in protecting the Great Barrier Reef. Reef Resilience will service the southern region of the Reef from her home port in Gladstone, whilst Reef Ranger will continue to service the northern region from Cairns, meaning the entire reef will now benefit from the capability and operability this class of vessel offers. The vessel's remit includes compliance monitoring, marine park and island national park management, diving and research operations. The vessel will also operate in remote offshore waters within the Australian EEZ for extended periods of up to 3 months. gCaptain / [Read more](#)



### AUSTRALIA: NSW'S BIGGEST OIL SPILL EXERCISE AT NAROOMA



May 13 - Helicopters, fixed wing aircraft and a wildlife cleaning facility were only some of the resources brought to Narooma for the state's biggest oil spill exercise on Wednesday and Thursday, March 12-13. About 120 specialists from across the state were put through their paces over the two-day training operation led by NSW Maritime.

The scenario involved an oil tanker which lost 800 tonnes of its cargo off the coast. NSW Maritime marine pollution and emergency response manager, Shayne Wilde, said the priority was to protect responders and community health and safety, followed by the environment and socio-economic impacts. Bega District News / [Read more](#)

### BRAZIL: COASTAL ZONE AND NAVY GAINS PUBLIC POLICY INSTRUMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

May 12 - One of the richest areas of the country, the Coastal Zone and Brazilian Navy, will have an important instrument for the implementation of public policies, the Pedagogical Political Project for the Coastal Zone and Brazilian Navy (PPPZCM). Prepared with the participation of the Brazilian Institute of the Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (IBAMA) and other environmental institutions, the document brings a socio-environmental diagnosis to the areas and approximately 300 socio-educational actions that will be carried out from 2021 to 2023.

Launched last week, after 18 months of work - from September 2019 to February 2021 - pppzcm was made with the participation of the Ministry of the Environment (MMA), Ibama, the Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation (ICMBio), the National Articulation of Public Policies for Environmental Education (ANPPEA), as well as other partner institutions, such as German Cooperation (GIZ). IBAMA / [Read More](#)

### CANADA: STALL LINE 5 SHUTDOWN DUE TO TREATY DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S.

May 12 - The government of Canada is urging a federal judge to stall Line 5's state-ordered shutdown through the Straits of Mackinac because of ongoing discussions between the Canadian and U.S. governments. The Canadian government said in an amicus brief served on parties before the Grand Rapids U.S. District Court that the closure of the dual oil pipeline, which was supposed to occur by Wednesday, would result in "certain, immediate and serious harm to several important interests."

The government of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau asked the court to stop the closure until a resolution is reached through court mediation or the United States and Canada have considered its effect on a 1977 treaty between the two countries that barred either nation from interfering in the operations of international oil pipelines. The Detroit News / [Read more](#)

## **COTE D'IVOIRE: TRAINING COURSE AT ISMI**

May 11 - From 13th to 15th, two engineers from Cedre travelled to Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, to conduct the third and final module of a training course on oil spill response at sea and on the shoreline at the Interregional Maritime Security Institute, ISMI. This course followed on from two modules (in French and English) run virtually via Cedre's e-learning platform ([elearning.cedre.fr](http://elearning.cedre.fr)) to provide the theory part of this hybrid training course. With this course, financed and organised by French cooperation, 24 participants from 12 countries in the Gulf of Guinea were trained to IMO 2 standards. It was also an opportunity for them to take part in a practical exercise carried out at the Port of Abidjan, in which the teams contributed to and supported the deployment of containment and recovery equipment. CEDRE / [Read more](#)

## **FRANCE: CEDRE'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE SUMMARY FOR APRIL 2021**

May 11 - Cedre's duty team was called upon by the Finistère fire brigade (SDIS 29) following a spill of slurry into the Penzé river. The Tarn fire brigade (SDIS 81) was also contacted by Cedre due to soot in a watercourse following a fire involving several tonnes of straw. Samples from Pleubian and Saint-Pol-de-Léon were received and analysed by Cedre's laboratory. The analyses revealed the presence of paraffin. MRCC Corsen contacted the duty team following the observation of a slick in the Glénan area (Finistère) and then in relation to a suspected case of pollution off Gironde. MRCC Lagarde also contacted us following reports of a patch of fluorescent green near the coast, apparently due to micro-algae. Various discussions were also held with MRCC Jobourg following the observation of a yellow liquid in the North Sea and subsequently a suspected case of pollution near Urville which turned out to be algae. Finally, the Côtes-d'Armor DDTM (Departmental Directorate for Territories and the Sea) contacted us in connection with a spill of diesel and oil after a fishing boat ran aground near the port of Loguivy-de-la-Mer. [Read more in the April 2021 issue of Cedre Newsletter](#)

## **FRANCE: NEW CHAIR FOR CEDRE'S STRATEGY COMMITTEE**

May 11 - Patricia Mani, Group Vice President, Crisis Management and Environmental & Societal Expertise Division at Total, who chaired Cedre's Strategy Committee, left her position in March. All of Cedre's staff would like to thank Patricia with whom we worked for many years in the field of response preparedness before she became chair of our Strategy Committee in 2017. We wish her every success in her new activities. On 20th April, Cedre's Board of Governors elected a new chair. The chosen candidate is Clément Lavigne, Patricia Mani's successor in her position at Total. Clément has held various positions in which Cedre's teams have collaborated with him on a regular basis, and we are pleased that he will be able to share his experience with our Strategy Committee. He will be chairing the next meeting on 26th May at CNPP in Vernon. [Read more in the April 2021 issue of Cedre Newsletter](#)

## **NAMIBIA: THE DEVELOPMENT OF MARINE POLLUTION RESPONSIBILITIES**

May 7 - General concern over oil pollution appears to have originated in the first decade after World War 1 when, first the United States, and then the League of Nations undertook to obtain explicit international agreement on measures to combat oil pollution. Very few states had, in the past, sought to extend legislation regarding pollution beyond their territorial sea, and no states had, until the present, sought to apply prohibitory regulations beyond this area. It can, therefore, be said that almost all prescriptive activity has taken the form of international agreement.

[Editor – This article continues with a description of how international and national concerns and legislation developed over the years, spurred on by incidents like the Torrey Canyon spill, and continuing up to the present time]

Namibia's first National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP) was approved by Cabinet, giving effect to Namibia's obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982 and the International Convention on Oil Pollution.

The old plan provided for a coordinated and integrated national system for dealing with oil spills in Namibian waters and was characterised by willing and effective cooperation between government and industry. Sea-based sources of pollution are likely to be a growing issue as maritime shipping increases and submarine hydrocarbon/mineral exploration and extraction continue to expand. Furthermore, market forces are driving exploration in ever more extreme environments posing increased risks of marine pollution as clearly demonstrated by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster in the Gulf of Mexico.

The growing human population, intensification of agriculture and the rapid urbanisation of coastal areas are all key land-based factors causing higher levels of pollution in our seas, therefore the Namibian Prime Minister in 2017 urged all stakeholders involved in marine pollution management to use the renewed strategic focus provided by this new national plan to reinforce the entire system at the ship, port local, regional and national levels. All Africa / [Read the complete article](#)

## **SOUTH KOREA: MARINE ENVIRONMENT COMPLEX OPERATES YOUTUBE LIVE 'MARINE ENVIRONMENT EXPERIENCE COURSE'**

May 10 - The Marine Environment Agency (KOEM, President Han Won-won) said that it operated an online marine environment experience program using the Public Company's YouTube channel to improve awareness of the people of the ocean environment.

The training was conducted live on the Public's YouTube channel ([www.youtube.com/koempr](http://www.youtube.com/koempr)) for children aged 5-10 and 100 parents in collaboration with E-Mart-P&G-TerraCycle. KOEM / [Read more](#)

## USA: LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY WORKS TO ADDRESS WATER CONTAMINATION, ACCIDENTS REPORTED

May 7 - A plan to address groundwater pollution took shape at Los Alamos National Laboratory as the facility works to clean up a plume of contaminated water in the area.

Work to extract, treat and reinject the water recently entered full operation, per an announcement from The U.S. Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management's (EM) Los Alamos Field Office.

Three extraction wells were brought online, along with two for injection of the treated groundwater along the eastern portion of a plume of water contaminated with hexavalent chromium. Current Argus / [Read more](#)

## USA: LATEST NEWS REPORTS FROM NOAA OR&R

May 9 – Please click on the links below to read the latest News Reports from NOAA OR&R

### [\\$2.5M Proposed to Restore Natural Resources in Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaii](#)

On April 23, 2021, a [Consent Decree\(link is external\)](#) was lodged that includes \$2.5 million to restore natural resources injured by releases of hazardous substances at the [Oahu Sugar site](#) at Pearl Harbor in Oahu, Hawaii.

### [Marine Debris Program Facilitates Discussion on Waterway Debris Challenges at 2021 Virtual Delaware Debris Summit](#)

On April 29, the Marine Debris Program (MDP) Planning and Preparedness Specialist Jessica Conway and Mid-Atlantic Regional Coordinator Christy Kehoe presented at a virtual Delaware Debris Summit.

### [The Second Virtual Science of Chemical Releases \(SOCR\) Class is in the Books!](#)

On April 26 - 30, 2021 we held our Second Virtual [Science of Chemical Releases](#) (SOCR) Class. Classes were held live on-line with forty students attending from across the US and Canada, spanning geographically from Maine to St. Croix.

### [Marine Debris Program Presents at ITRC Microplastics Spring Meeting](#)

On April 22, the NOAA Marine Debris Program (MDP) presented at a session of the Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council's (ITRC) annual [spring meeting\(link is external\)](#) focused on microplastics.

### [Disaster Preparedness Program Co-Hosts Harmful Algal Bloom Preparedness and Response Workshop](#)

On April 27-29, NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration's [Disaster Preparedness Program](#) (DPP) and the [University of New Hampshire's Coastal Response Research Center\(link is external\)](#) (CRRC) co-hosted a virtual workshop and table top exercise on harmful algal bloom (HAB) preparedness and response capabilities and responsibilities across the federal government and state agencies.

### [OR&R Supports Young Women in STEM and Presents on Marine Debris at a Virtual High School Earth Day Symposium in Puerto Rico](#)

On April 23, NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration (OR&R) and Marine Debris Program (MDP) staff participated in the 2021 Earth Day Virtual Symposium of a specialized science, mathematics, engineering and technology (STEM) secondary school, Escuela Especializada en Ciencias, Matemática y Tecnología (CIMATEC), in Caguas, Puerto Rico.

## USA: VIDEO: 'THE BATTLE OVER LINE 5'



*Videoclip - Courtesy Image This screen grab from the episode "The Battle Over Line 5" from Great Lakes Now shows a diver inspecting Enbridge*

*Inc.'s Line 5 in the Straits of Mackinac. The News has partnered with GLN to share coverage of the big lakes.*

May 10 - This video is part of a collaboration between The Alpena News and Great Lakes Now at Detroit Public Television to bring audiences stories about the Great Lakes, especially Lake Huron and its watershed. The Alpena News / [Watch the video](#)

[Editor – This video is well worth viewing if you want to fully understand the issues that are involved]

## USA: PARTNERSHIP TO EXPAND NEWS' COVERAGE OF WATER ISSUES

May 10 - With regular coverage of marine sanctuary research, Lake Huron's fishing, and other recreational activity and watchdog journalism, The Alpena News daily newspaper brings readers the latest about a four-county Great Lakes community. Through a new partnership with Great Lakes Now, those stories will reach a larger audience as they will be regularly published on the GreatLakesNow.org website. And Alpena News readers will see Great Lakes Now stories and be able to view segments from GLN's monthly TV program on the paper's website. The Alpena News / [Read more](#)

## USA: MICHIGAN ORDERS CLOSURE OF PIPELINE IN ESCALATING DISPUTE WITH CANADA

May 11 - The state of Michigan has told a Canadian energy company it must shut down a controversial oil and gas pipeline by Wednesday amid growing fears that a spill would be catastrophic to the region, in a feud which threatens to strain relations between Canada and the United States.

The company's refusal to comply with the order, and swift support from top Canadian officials, highlights the politicized nature of pipelines, which campaigners have used as a target in the fight against climate change.

For nearly 67 years, Enbridge has moved oil and natural gas from western Canada through Michigan and the Great Lakes to refineries in the province of Ontario. But Michigan says that one section to the pipeline – Line 5 – is too risky to continue operating. The Guardian / [Read more](#)

## USA: 50 YEARS AFTER BAY AREA OIL SPILL, INTERNATIONAL BIRD RESCUE LEADING THE WAY



*Photo - Volunteers pull oil-saturated birds to safety after the 1971 San Francisco Bay oil spill, caused when two Standard Oil tankers collided beneath the Golden Gate Bridge. (International Bird Rescue)*

May 13 - At a little bit before 2 a.m. on Jan. 18, 1971, two Standard Oil ships, each laden with thousands of gallons of crude and refined oil, sailed through the fog-enshrouded Golden Gate and into an ecological disaster.

The Arizona Standard was headed into the Bay, the Oregon Standard was outward bound. Captains on both ships later would share in the responsibility for the accident, but all that was known at the time was that the two had collided, spilling more than 800,000 gallons of oil.

An untold number of sea birds would die in the spill, but from that massive oil slick arose an organization that would establish a universally accepted protocol for treating all sick and injured sea birds. International Bird Rescue, which traces its roots back to those dark days following the oil spill, celebrates its 50th anniversary this weekend. Mercury News / [Read more](#)

## USA: OVER 700 BARGES STRANDED BY MISSISSIPPI RIVER CLOSURE IN MEMPHIS DUE TO BRIDGE CRACK

May 13 - The U.S. Coast Guard said 44 vessels with a total of 709 barges are now in the queue as a 1-mile stretch of the Mississippi River remains closed after a large crack was discovered in the I-40 Hernando DeSoto Bridge in Memphis, Tennessee on Wednesday. gCaptain / [Read more](#)

## YEMEN: A RUSTING OIL TANKER OFF THE COAST OF YEMEN IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL CATASTROPHE WAITING TO HAPPEN. CAN ANYONE PREVENT IT?

May 14 - Nobody knows the FSO Safer like Ahmed Kulaib.

The year he joined the Hunt Oil Co. as a loading master back in 1988 was the same year the Dallas-based oil producer installed a former oil tanker it had just converted into a floating oil storage and off-loading vessel (FSO) a few miles off the coast of Yemen. The 3.1 million-barrel-capacity ship received oil pumped from the hydrocarbon-rich fields of the country's Marib region, storing it at sea before it was off-loaded to export tankers.

The production-sharing agreement the Texans had with Yemen's government expired in 2005, leaving the Safer Exploration and Production Exploration Company (SEPOC) in control of the ship. Time Magazine / [Continue reading this article](#)

## ISCO AMBASSADOR FOR CHINA APPOINTED



ISCO General Secretary is pleased to announce further expansion of the Ambassador programme with the appointment of Wu Yue as Ambassador for mainland China.

Wu is co-founder of Shandong International Ocean Engineering Training Centre, and previously General Manager of Hong Kong Spill Response Technology, a role in which he developed extensive experience in spill technology, other positions held included committee member with the Chinese Institute of Navigation Ship Pollution Prevention, during which time Wu published several papers on practice equipment and technology in oil spill emergency response.

Wu will become the third Ambassador appointment, following on from Carlos Sagrera (Iberoamerican Region) and John Noble (UK). The role of Ambassador is seen as a key role in promoting and encouraging new members and developing ISCO's aims to raise worldwide preparedness and co-operation in response to oil and chemical spills, to promote technical development and professional competency, and to provide a focus for making the knowledge and experience of spill control professionals available to IMO, UNEP, EC and other organisations.

The strength in ISCO's future, and its ability to have a positive impact upon the global environmental challenges, rests in building a strong membership base to provide that essential communications tool to promote and develop our members interests. ISCO would welcome new members to advance this status. Details on membership can be found at the following link [www.spillcontrol.org](http://www.spillcontrol.org)

Neil Marson, JP, MRIN, MNI, F.Inst PA, FISCO, Secretary General, International Spill Control Organisation.

## ISCO PRESIDENT, DAVID USHER, HONOURED WITH PRESENTATION FROM SPILL CONTROL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (SCAA)



*In the picture: SCAA President Emeritus David Usher (seated) with SCAA members Robert Chambers, John Allen and Nelson Fetgatter*

During the virtual IOSC last week SCAA President Emeritus David Usher was honoured by a presentation from members of the Spill Control Association of America, represented by former SCAA President Robert Chambers, SCAA's current President Nelson Fetgatter and John Allen who is in charge of Outreach for SCAA.

The occasion was a lifetime achievement award in recognition of David's pioneering contribution to the Spill Control industry over more than half a century.

David Usher Hon.FISCO was the Founder of the Spill Control Association of America (SCAA), Co-founder of the International Spill Control Organization (ISCO) and Co-founder of the American Salvage Association (ASA).

Areas of speciality included emergency offloading of distressed tanker vessels. He was an early pioneer in placing spill control equipment in vulnerable areas around the US and other key world locations.

He was responsible for building one of the world's first oil spill response vessels, a model of which is on display at IMO's HQ building in London.

He had an important role in the emergency response to many high profile spill events, including the Exxon Valdez oil spill and at the request of the then President George H.W. Bush helped guide the cleanup of oil released from sabotaged wells in the Persian Gulf during Desert Storm.

Other major projects included responding to Hurricane Katrina in 2005 –the costliest natural disaster in U.S. history – and the Enbridge oil spill in 2010 in which a 30-inch pipeline belonging to Enbridge, Inc. ruptured near Marshall, Michigan, and contaminated Talmadge Creek and the Kalamazoo River with hundreds of thousands of gallons of crude oil.

More recently he was a member of the joint ISCO-BIMCO Working Group that developed the internationally adopted Responsecon Contracts that cut the time required for mobilisation of response resources to marine and onshore oil spills.

A video of the presentation can be seen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6lk4ql7sACQ&list=PL4AxB1ViFdfjKi81r-Dk5X7PGEtIFfClF&index=14>

### A NOTE ON THE VIRTUAL IOSC CONFERENCE FROM MARY ANN DALGLEISH, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR OF ISCO

I found the Virtual format of this years IOSC to be very beneficial. I was able to reach more people than at a normal IOSC format. In addition, I was able to attend various sessions, including: Empowering Women in Oil Spill Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Restoration; Dave Westerholm, Director of Response and Restoration, NOAA (retired); International Leaders Reflection on Progress; Admiral Thad Allen (retired); Dave Usher's Lifetime Recognition Award Presentation by SCAA; NASEM Oil in the Sea IV: Inputs, Fates and Effects Update; Domestic Leaders Reflection on Progress and Continual Improvement; and my favorite, Keynote Speaker, Mike Rowe who had some great insights into cleanup. Each session was filmed and copies are available. I would like to thank Mike Watson for his help in setting up our virtual booth. Job well done Mike.

Mark Shaye and Helena Rowland assisted me in contacting attendees and telling them about membership in ISCO. We were able to gather four new student members. The conference was well attended.

I was very pleased with the conference. The only things missing were the dinners, drinks and the in person communication.

Mary Ann Dalgleish, ISCO Membership Director

## NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS

*ISCO Members – Why not take advantage of the free benefit of posting your news in this section?*

### OSRL - COVID-19 UPDATE (14TH MAY 2021)

**Base alert status updates** - Last week, the Fort Lauderdale base was de-escalated from RED to AMBER as case numbers have decreased. Also, as of Monday this week, the Singapore base was de-escalated from YELLOW to GREEN.

**Client exercise** - Although scheduled training is a crucial priority, it is vital to test knowledge through regular exercises. In addition, hands-on experience with response equipment increases familiarity and deployment efficiency.

To support an Equipment Hire Client maintain their competence levels, the Equipment Hire Services team recently carried out a successful face to face commissioning and training visit in Montenegro. Not only did it provide an opportunity to support a client, but it was also great to have face to face customer engagement.



#### OSPRAG exercise

OSRL was pleased to support a client on their SOSREP exercise in the UK this week.

We completed a physical mobilisation of the OSPRAG capping stack from storage at One Subsea's Facility (Portlethen) to Aberdeen Harbour. The mobilisation exercise was the final stage of the OSPRAG capping stack upgrade project (completed in 2020) to introduce intervention capability.

The OSPRAG capping stack has now been safely returned to the storage location and remains response ready for our clients.

**The International Oil Spill Conference (IOSC)** - We have been participating in IOSC over the last couple of weeks. The OSRL team were involved in the short courses (Coastal Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique (SCAT) and Oil Spill Response 201: Beyond the Basics), presenting poster sessions and delivering presentations. In addition, our CEO Robert Limb chaired the Plenary Leaders Panel on Thursday, 13th May. This session reflected on our collective progress to enhance oil spill prevention, preparedness, and response across our community. We hope those of you attending IOSC enjoyed our sessions. If you missed any, we will be publishing a post-show report with all the details of how you access the recordings, which are available to watch for a limited time if you registered for the event.

**Interview with Valeria Ruoppolo, the Director of Aiuka** - Our Wildlife Preparedness & Response Manager, Paul Kelway kicked off our GOWRS Wildlife Partners interview series with an interview with Valeria Ruoppolo at Aiuká in Brazil. [Read more here.](#)

**A new case study on Crisis Management Refresher training** - We have had the pleasure of working with our member Total E&P Denmark (TEPDK) since 2017, helping them build and maintain the confidence and competence of their Emergency Management Team (EMT). We recently returned to Denmark to resume this training programme and further develop the skills of TEPDK EMT Members. [Read more here.](#)

**New seminar recording** - The members of the Inland Core Group share collective thoughts on the nuance of inland spill



## NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

preparedness and response activities. Their observations have been formed through their time at a global tier 3 centre covering risks from onshore production, transportation, storage and refining operations. [Watch the recording here.](#)

**Latest insights article** - In our latest insights article, Andy Nicoll talks about Low Sulphur Fuel Oil (LSFO), looking at what we know collectively about LSFOs within the oil spill response industry and what responders need to be aware of when potentially dealing with future LSFO incidents. [Read more here.](#)

As always, we remain a phone call away, ready to support you and your operations. Should you have any questions, please email [CMT@oilspillresponse.com](mailto:CMT@oilspillresponse.com) or contact our Duty Managers.

## AQUA-GUARD - JUNGLE SPILL RESPONSE

In Latin America & Southeast Asia, Aqua-Guard has been helping clients for the past 30 years prepare and respond to jungle oil spills. Jungle spill response can be extremely complex with many moving parts such as river flow, salt/fresh water mixture, jungle density, tidal mangroves and other hazards.

Aqua-Guard specializes in consulting with and providing customers with state-of-the-art spill response packages best suited for their specific jungle response needs.

These jungle response packages consider containment, recovery and storage and include:

Riverflex containment boom c/w paravane deployment systems for fast flowing water

Beachflex containment boom for intertidal protection

RBS TRITON™ 20 and 35 portable oil skimming systems for remote regions

RBS TRITON™ 35 trailer packages (if location is road accessible)

Various types of portable pumping systems and storage tanks

News Link: <http://aquaguard.com/news/jungle-spill-response>

## UPCOMING WEBINARS

### NEW WEBINARS FROM OSRL

Friday 20th May 2021 1300 GMT+8 - [Incident and Crisis Management](#)

Thursday 27th May 2021 1500 GMT+8 - [Use of Oil Spill Modelling in support of planning and response activities](#)

Click on the links for more info and registration

### ALGA: ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING WITH REMOTE SENSING TECHNIQUES

**Thursday, May 20, 2021.** This presentation will focus on a brief introduction to how satellites, drones, and cloud-computing based artificial intelligence are changing the way environmental monitoring takes place. Following the technical introduction into these technologies, we will present two case studies where these technologies were used in conjunction to more effectively characterise and monitor large tracts of land undergoing environmental characterisation and monitoring. Not a free event.

This presentation will be held as a Live Webinar. A unique access link will be sent to registrants on the morning of the event.

If you are unable to attend on the day, the session will be recorded and available to view later. [Register](#)

### FREE WEBINARS FROM UK AND IRELAND SPILL ASSOCIATION

Wed, 19 May 2021 15:00 BST [Spill Knowledge Base: Storage Tanks](#)

Wed, 16 Jun 2021 15:00 BST [Spill Knowledge Base: Marine Special Equipment](#)

Click on the blue titles for more info on specified webinars. [view our upcoming virtual events here.](#)

### NEW WEBINAR FROM GI WACAF

GI WACAF webinar series on oil spill preparedness and response continues with a second episode dedicated to **waste management**, and the importance of planning and inclusion of a dedicated policy in the NOSCP. It will take place on **Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

There are **2 sessions: one in the morning at 10:00 am (GMT+1) in French and one in the afternoon at 2:00 pm (GMT+1) in English.**

Do not hesitate to register, and please share the following links among your network: all GI WACAF webinars are free and open to everyone!

#### Registration links:

- English session (at 2:00 pm GMT+1 on 26/05/2021): <https://event.webinarjam.com/register/44/6k7wqa5m>
- French session (at 10:00 am GMT+1 on 26/05/2021): <https://event.webinarjam.com/register/45/xqon1sm9>

Please visit our [website](#) to find more information about upcoming webinars and watch the replay of previous sessions!

### IPIECA – NEW WEBINARS - INTRODUCING ACCELERATING ACTION: AN SDG ROADMAP FOR THE OIL AND GAS SECTOR

25 May 2021, 16:00 BST (option 1) [More info and registration](#)  
27 May 2021, 15:00 BST (option 2) [More info and registration](#)

### PROGRAMS IN EMERGENCY & DISASTER MANAGEMENT WEBINAR

16 JUNE 12-1PM ET

We invite you to learn more about the Master's in Emergency & Disaster Management at the Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies. Gain the strategic skills required to head emergency management response efforts, improve public policy and, most importantly, save lives. Georgetown offers two distinct degree formats that are designed to shape the next generation of emergency management practitioners and leaders: master's and executive master's. The first 30 minutes will focus on the master's degree and the second 30 minutes will focus on the executive master's degree. Join us for a live webinar to learn more about the program formats, requirements, and application process. [More info](#)

## ONLINE AND OTHER TRAINING COURSES

### OSRL: BOOK OIL SPILL RESPONSE TRAINING FROM ANYWHERE

[Remote On-Scene Commander Level 2](#)

18-21 May - BST

This popular course is based on the MCA level 4 (IMO2) On-Scene Commander's Course and covers both the strategic and tactical elements of oil spill response.

[On-Scene Commander Practical Day](#)

3 June in Southampton

This deployment of equipment only course has been designed to allow delegates who have taken the remote theory On-Scene Commander's Course to upgrade their certificate to a full Nautical Institute certified IMO Level 2.

[Remote OPRC \(IMO Level 3 Equivalent\) Oil Spill Management Course](#)

9-11 June BST

Learn the essential skills and tactical knowledge required to initiate and terminate response, to perform the role of Incident Commander and effectively manage an emergency response team.

### NCEC VIRTUAL HAZMAT 2021

18 May (14:30 – 16:30 BST) and 19 May (08:00 – 10:00 BST)

NCEC's Virtual Hazmat 2021, which is supported by JOIFF, is a free virtual event for anyone who has to deal with incidents involving hazardous materials. It will comprise two different 2-hour sessions on consecutive days (18 and 19 May). The event will draw on the knowledge and experience of NCEC's hazmat experts – with a focus on providing informative, practical and actionable advice about hazmat incidents.

You are welcome to attend one or both days. Both days will include:

- Discussion involving a practical hazmat-related scenario that will focus on a chemical spill at a commercial site. The scenario will explore incident scene management and how to implement a proportionate response to an incident involving hazardous materials.
- An interactive quiz during which delegates will be given the opportunity to test and challenge their knowledge on hazmat-related subjects such as hazmat history and incident scene management. The winning participant/team on each day will win a free, virtual, hazmat training session with NCEC's Hazmat Academy team. [More info](#)

### CEDRE: E-LEARNING MODULE: SURVEYING SITES POLLUTED BY OIL

In every major spill, the oiled site survey phase is of primary importance. It enables decision-makers to assess the scale of the pollution, estimate its impact on the shoreline, determine response priorities, select the most appropriate response techniques and allocate adequate personnel and equipment. During 2020, Cedre added a new two-hour module on this theme to its online learning centre. The aim is to train any person liable to conduct a shoreline survey. This module aims more specifically to teach trainees the necessary skills to: conduct a field survey; segment a shoreline and describe the pollution; identify the relevant key information to be collected and passed on for clean-up operations and fill in a standard survey form. The English language version of this module is now available on our e-learning platform. <https://www.cedre.fr/en>

## ONLINE AND OTHER TRAINING COURSES (CONTINUED)

### CEDRE: 2021 TRAINING PROGRAMME

Click on these links [training catalogue](#) and [2021 calendar](#). We also invite you to visit our new online training space and the training courses offered: <https://elearning.cedre.fr/>

### USA: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CODE ENFORCEMENT P0615

June 13-18, 2021. Emmitsburg, Maryland. 6-day on-campus - This six-day course is designed to guide students in gaining and sharing the knowledge, skills and abilities to effectively recognize and analyze hazardous materials risk, classify the materials, and apply the codes, standards, and regulations to prevent incidents and mitigate threats to life and property. [More info](#)

### ALGA: PFAS 101 TRAINING MODULES

These training modules, prepared by members of ALGA's Emerging Contaminants of Concern Interest Group (EmCoC IG), consists of 9 online modules covering aspects of PFAS from health risk and community consultation to investigation and remediation. The content for the modules has been developed with a principally Australian and New Zealand focus, but also draws examples of best practice from around the world, making it up to date, expansive yet locally relevant. [More info](#)

### IOPC FUNDS' ONLINE SHORT COURSE: 2021 DATES

The Director is pleased to announce that the 2021 IOPC Funds Short Course will be held online for the first time and take place over two weeks between 14 and 25 June 2021, running three hours per day. The online course programme will cover all aspects of the work of the IOPC Funds and the international liability and compensation regime in general and will include interactive exercises which allow participants to study a theoretical incident and the subsequent claims submission process. The course is supported by IMO, ICS, the International Group of P&I Associations and ITOFF. [More info](#)

### ON-DEMAND CONFERENCE - PFAS UPDATES 2021

**23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021** - Following a successful inaugural edition in 2020, this virtual conference will bring together experts and stakeholders for a comprehensive discussion on the latest regulatory developments around the use of PFASs. Chemical Watch / [More info](#)

### USA: TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – NATIONAL SPILL CONTROL SCHOOL

Calendar of upcoming training courses and webinars <http://nscs.tamucc.edu/schedule-2020-2021.html>

### USA: MASTER'S IN EMERGENCY & DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Georgetown's Master of Professional Studies in Emergency & Disaster Management prepares you to excel in an evolving field. You'll gain a comprehensive understanding of today's emergency management landscape while mastering the contemporary communication, critical thinking, and technical skills that position you for success. Unlike many response-focused emergency management programs, our degree takes a sophisticated and holistic approach to the field. You'll examine the full disaster lifecycle—with a particular focus on preparedness and recovery—within a U.S. context. [More info](#)

## CONTRACTS, TENDERS AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

### INTERNATIONAL OPEN TENDER NOTIFICATION SERVICE

This is a subscription service. [Have a look to see examples of open tenders.](#)

### OTHER OPPORTUNITIES: USA & EUROPE

US Government solicitations are frequently posted in Technology Innovation News Survey, US EPA Tech Direct and USA Federal Contracts Update. European Maritime Safety Agency invitations to tender are often posted in The EMSA Newsletter.

See "Links for other publications" for links to download current issues of these publications.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Event organisers are requested to notify ISCO immediately if a listed event is cancelled or postponed**

Your Editor is doing his best to keep this listing up-to-date but it should not be assumed that listed events have not been cancelled or postponed. It is recommended that you check with event organisers before finalising your attendance plans.

If an event title is not printed in blue ink it is not hyperlinked to the event website. This may be because the website is not yet available or because the link for the website has not yet been given.

If you want to request the addition of an event please contact the Editor.

For more information click on Title of Event			
COUNTRY	2021	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
VIRTUAL EVENT	May 20-21	<a href="#">European Maritime Day</a>	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	May 25-27	<a href="#">Fourteenth Meeting of the Focal Points of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)</a>	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	May 26	<a href="#">INTERTANKO AGM</a>	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	June 8-9	<a href="#">Environment Analyst Global Business Summit 2021</a>	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	June 8-10	<a href="#">43rd AMOP Technical Seminar on Environmental Contamination and Response</a>	Online
USA	June 8-10	<a href="#">Elastec Spill Workshop 2021</a>	Carmi, IL
VIRTUAL EVENT	June 10-17	<a href="#">IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee</a>	Online
TUNISIA	June 15	<a href="#">Training on Readiness Evaluation Tool for Oil Spills</a>	Hammamet
TUNISIA	June 16-17	<a href="#">Regional Workshop on Oil Spill Waste Management</a>	Hammamet
VIRTUAL EVENT	June 28 – July 2	<a href="#">IMO Council Meeting</a>	Online
USA	August 17-18	<a href="#">Clean Pacific Exhibition &amp; Conference</a>	Renton, WA
USA	September 7-10	<a href="#">Hazmat Emergency Response Workshop</a>	Sacramento, CA
NETHERLANDS	September 9-10	<a href="#">Envirotech for Shipping Forum</a>	Rotterdam
USA	Sept. 13-15	<a href="#">Clean Waterways Conference &amp; Exhibition</a>	Louisville, KY
GERMANY	October 20	<a href="#">HELCOM Ministerial Meeting</a>	Lübeck
CROATIA	October 26-28	Regional Workshop – Enhancing Preparedness and Response in the Adriatic & Mediterranean Regions	Opatija
CROATIA	October 29	MOIG General Assembly Meeting	Opatija
USA	Nov. 16-18	<a href="#">Clean Gulf Conference &amp; Exhibition</a>	San Antonio, TX
BAHREIN	Nov. 28-30	<a href="#">International Conference &amp; Exhibition on Spills, Clean Seas &amp; Environment</a>	Bahrein
CAMBODIA	December 1-4	<a href="#">East Asian Seas Congress</a>	Sihanoukville

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## MESSAGES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS

### USA: REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: 2021 CLEAN GULF CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

Registration has officially opened for the [2021 CLEAN GULF Conference & Exhibition](#), taking place November 16-18 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, TX. If you are unable to travel or attend in-person, you can register for the virtual on-demand experience.

### USA: CLEAN PACIFIC CONFERENCE AGENDA NOW AVAILABLE

The 2021 CLEAN PACIFIC [conference agenda](#) is now available! These sessions will take place at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington, August 17-18, and all will be live-streamed in our virtual platform for those who can't attend in-person. Early bird registration discounts expire on May 27th! [Register early](#) to save \$250 on the in-person event and \$100 off the virtual experience.

### USA: CLEAN WATERWAYS PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE AGENDA

The [2021 CLEAN WATERWAYS preliminary conference agenda](#) is here! These sessions will take place at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, KY, September 14-15, with a selection of sessions being live-streamed in our virtual platform for those who can't attend in-person. Session details and descriptions will be announced next month. If you register for CLEAN WATERWAYS by June 25th, you will receive our early bird registration discounts, which offer savings for both in-person and virtual registrations.

### NETHERLANDS: EUROPEAN MARITIME DAY

Den Helder, May 20-21. EMD 2021 in Den Helder will be a virtual conference. <https://european-maritime-day-2021.b2match.io/>

### TUNISIA: REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON OIL SPILL WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG), the Center of Documentation, Research and Experimentation on Accidental Water Pollution (Cedre) and the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) are very pleased to announce that the Regional Workshop on "Oil Spill Waste Management"; will be held on 16-17 June 2021; at Iberostar Averroes Hotel in South Hammamet-Tunisia. The event will be open on Wednesday, 16 June 2021 at 08:30 am and expected to close on Thursday, 17 June 2021 at 17:00 pm. [More info in the May 2021 issue of the MOIG Newsletter](#)

## MESSAGES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS (CONTINUED)

### TUNISIA: ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TRAINING ON RETOS

The Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG) and the National Agency of Environment Protection (ANPE) are very pleased to announce that the training on “Readiness Evaluation Tool for Oil Spills (RETOS)”; will be held on 15 June 2021; at Iberostar Averroes Hotel in South Hammamet-Tunisia. [More info in the May 2021 issue of the MOIG Newsletter](#)

## LINKS FOR DOWNLOADING AND READING OTHER PUBLICATIONS

<a href="#">AMSA Update</a>	Latest News from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority	Current issue
<a href="#">ATRAC Newsletter</a>	News from the Adriatic Training and Research Centre	October 2020
<a href="#">AUSMEPA Bulletin</a>	News from the Australian Marine Environment Protection Assoc’n	Summer 2020
<a href="#">BIMCO Bulletin</a>	Marine and shipping-related news from BIMCO	March 2021
<a href="#">Newsletter from George Holliday</a>	News and commentary on HSE issues from George Holliday	Free on request
<a href="#">Cedre Newsletter</a>	News from Cedre in Brittany, France	March 2021
<a href="#">EMSA Newsletter</a>	News from the European Maritime Safety Agency	May 2021
<a href="#">Environmental Expert</a>	Environmental News from Environmental Expert	Current issue
<a href="#">GDACS Newsletter</a>	Daily alerts for natural disasters – earthquakes, floods, typhoons, etc.	Free on request
<a href="#">GEF Newsletter</a>	Monthly Newsletter from the Global Environment Facility	Subscription
<a href="#">GESAMP</a>	Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection	Latest news
<a href="#">GISEA Quarterly Newsletter</a>	News from Global Initiative for South-East Asia	Q3 2020
<a href="#">IMO News Magazine</a>	News from the International Maritime Organization	Autumn/Winter 2020
<a href="#">IMO Publishing Newsletter</a>	New and forthcoming IMO publications	September 2020
<a href="#">ITOPF Ocean Orbit</a>	News magazine from ITOPF with interesting spill response articles	February 2021
<a href="#">JOIFF Catalyst Newsletter</a>	Int’l Organisation for Industrial Hazard Management	Latest issue
<a href="#">Maritime Executive Magazine</a>	Often contains articles of interest to the spill response community	Current issue
<a href="#">MED News</a>	UNEP / MAP Barcelona Convention News	April 2021
<a href="#">MOIG Newsletter</a>	News from the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group	May 2021
<a href="#">NCEC Newsletter</a>	News from the National Chemical Emergency Centre	December 2020
<a href="#">Navigate Response</a>	Global crisis communications network for shipping & marine	Current issue
<a href="#">NOAA OR&amp;R</a>	Weekly round-up of news from NOAA’s Office of Response & Restoration	Latest issue
<a href="#">Oceanbuzz</a>	Newsletter giving news on the Ocean Technology Industry	Current issue
<a href="#">OCIMF Newsletter</a>	News from the Oil Companies International Marine Forum	Current issue
<a href="#">OHMSETT Gazette</a>	Oil Spill Response Research & Renewable Energy Test Facility Quarterly	Autumn 2020
<a href="#">Oiled Wildlife Log</a>	Bi-annual Newsletter from Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research	May 2021
<a href="#">OSPAR Newsletter</a>	Protecting & Conserving the N.E. Atlantic and its resources	End of year 2019
<a href="#">PEMSEA Newsletter</a>	Healthy oceans, people and economies in the East Asian Seas	Current issue
<a href="#">Pollution Online Newsletter</a>	News for pollution prevention & control professionals	Current issue
<a href="#">Salvage World</a>	Quarterly Newsletter of the International Salvage Union	Current issue
<a href="#">Sea Alarm Foundation Newsletter</a>	Oiled wildlife Preparedness and Response news from Sea Alarm	Current issue
<a href="#">Society of Maritime Industries</a>	News from the UK’s maritime engineering and business services sector.	April 1, 2021
<a href="#">Spill Alert</a>	Quarterly Newsletter from UK & Ireland Spill Association	December 2020
<a href="#">Technology Innovation News Survey</a>	News from US EPA – Contaminated Site Decontamination	March 16-31, 2021
<a href="#">The Maritime Advocate</a>	Maritime News from Sandra Speares	Current issue
<a href="#">UNEP News</a>	Latest News from United Nations Environmental Programme	Latest News
<a href="#">USA EPA Tech Direct</a>	Remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater	May 1, 2021
<a href="#">USA Federal Contract Opportunities</a>	The authoritative source for federal contract opportunities	April 25–May 2, 2021
<a href="#">Water Pollution &amp; Flood News</a>	Monthly round-ups of UK & Worldwide Spill and Flood News	Free on request

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## NEW PUBLICATIONS

### NEW ISSUE OF OILED WILDLIFE LOG

Download at - [https://tristatebird.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Oiled-Wildlife-Log\\_Volume-4.pdf](https://tristatebird.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Oiled-Wildlife-Log_Volume-4.pdf)

## INCIDENT REPORTS

### USA: NOAA OR&R – SUMMARY OF INCIDENT RESPONSES FOR APRIL 2021

Every month our [Emergency Response Division](#) provides scientific expertise and services to the U.S. Coast Guard on everything from running oil spill trajectories to model where the spill may spread, to possible effects on wildlife and fisheries and estimates on how long the oil may stay in the environment.

This month OR&R responded to 13 incidents in April, including oil discharges, grounded vessels, and other pollution-related incidents. Click on the links below for detailed information.

- [Hilcorp Natural Gas Pipeline Leak](#)
- [M/V Round III Chandeleur Islands](#)
- [Diesel Spill Cockler Point](#)
- [Gray whale carcass](#)
- [SEACOR Power Response](#)
- [M/V Carolina Dock & Marine](#)
- [F/V Pacific Cloud](#)
- [70ft Wooden Hulled Vessel, Norwester, near Stuart Island, WA](#)
- [M/V Pepin Express](#)
- [MV TIRANNA Vessel Grounding, Cape Charles, Virginia](#)
- [F/V Tiffany](#)
- [CFV GOL TIRANT Fire and Grounding](#)
- [Cox Well P&A Release](#)

### CHINA: 'A SYMPHONY' CARGO REMOVED

May 7 - Cargo onboard a tanker that leaked oil off China has been removed and preparations are underway so the vessel can sail to a Chinese repair yard, the ship's manager said on Wednesday. The A Symphony was anchored roughly 40 nautical miles (74 km) off the coast of Qingdao when it collided with the bulk carrier Sea Justice in dense fog on April 27. The collision ruptured A Symphony's cargo and ballast tanks, causing it to leak roughly 400 tonnes of its bitumen mix cargo. [gCaptain](#) / [Read more](#)

### NEW ZEALAND: URGENT ACTION NEEDED ON NAPIER'S URBAN WATERWAYS TO PREVENT 'POINT OF NO RETURN'

May 8 - A comprehensive survey of urban waterways flowing through Napier has been undertaken, and the results aren't pretty. A paper going before the regional council next week says there was "an urgent need to implement waterway treatment" and continued degradation of the popular Ahuriri estuary "could result in the system reaching an ecological point of no return". The survey, part of a project to improve the socially and ecologically important estuary, has revealed extremely high levels of phosphorous, nitrogen and very high levels of faecal coliforms and zinc. [Stuff NZ](#) / [Read more](#)

### USA: CYBERATTACK ON U.S. PIPELINE LINKED TO CRIMINAL GANG

May 10 - The operator of a major U.S. pipeline hit by a cyberattack said Monday it hopes to have service mostly restored by the end of the week. Colonial Pipeline offered the update after revealing that it had halted operations because of a ransomware attack the FBI has linked to a criminal gang. The ransomware attack on the pipeline, raised concerns that supplies of gasoline, jet fuel and diesel could be disrupted in parts of the region if the disruption continues. At the moment, though, officials said there is no fuel shortage. The pipeline carries gasoline and other fuel from Texas to the Northeast; its pipeline system spans more than 8,850 kilometres, transporting more than 380 million litres a day. It delivers roughly 45 per cent of fuel consumed on the East Coast, according to the Georgia-based company. [CBC News](#) / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Dr Merv Fingas Hon.FISCO, Member of ISCO Council for Canada]

### UK: ANGLERS' GROUP CALLS FOR 'LESSONS TO BE LEARNED' AFTER TOXIC SPILL KILLS FISH IN FIFE RIVER

May 11 - An anglers' club has told how years of hard work and investment was "wiped out" when a Scottish Water worker accidentally leaked about 90 gallons of a toxic chemical into a Fife river.

[The Scottish Government agency was this week fined £6,700 for pouring coagulant Zetag into the Eden near Cupar, killing off at least 500 salmon and trout.](#) Dundee Sheriff Court heard that the fish died within hours, after the jelly-like substance – used in the water purification process – sucked oxygen out of the river. Prosecutors said the accident was "entirely avoidable" and the effects of the spill could last for several years. [The Courier](#) / [Read more](#)

### USA: MICHIGAN - DETAILS EMERGE OF MAJOR WASTE SPILL INTO CREEK, RIVER FROM OCEANA COUNTY FOOD PROCESSOR

May 11 - About 200,000 gallons of wastewater and sludge from an Oceana County food processor escaped from an unpermitted lagoon last month, polluting a nearby creek and the Big South Branch of the Pere Marquette River, a tributary to Lake Michigan, the Free Press has learned. The largely organic material that spilled appears to have posed no public health threat, but Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) officials say they expect the pollution harmed fish, insects and other aquatic life in the creek. [Detroit Free Press](#) / [Read more](#)

### ISRAEL: FIRE CONTINUES TO BLAZE AT ASHKELON'S TRANS-ISRAEL PIPELINE

May 12 – Firefighters are still working to control the large fire blazing the Trans-Israel energy pipeline in Ashkelon, after a rocket from Gaza hit a container at the plant during the rocket fire Tuesday evening. It is believed that the blaze, whose flames rose hundreds of feet into the air Tuesday night, may take several days to completely extinguish. Millions of gallons of oil are believed to be held in the container, and the Home Front Command Center has called on residents nearby to avoid leaving their homes, to avoid breathing the toxic chemicals in the air. [The Jerusalem Post](#) / [Read more](#)

### USA: NEW JERSEY - COAST GUARD, ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES RESPOND TO CUMBERLAND COUNTY WATERWAY FOR FUEL SPILL

May 12 - The Coast Guard and environmental agencies are monitoring a marine diesel fuel spill from an off-shore supply vessel anchored in the Maurice River. The spill, just south of Leesburg, was reported about 9 a.m. Wednesday, said Lt. Cmdr. Fredrick Pugh, chief of incident management for Sector Delaware Bay. The Coast Guard, the state Department of Environmental Protection, and Cumberland County environmental representatives responded to area. An oil spill response organization focused containment and cleanup in the affected area. The Daily Journal / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Ed Levine FISCO]

### USA: GEORGIA - FIRE BREAKS OUT DURING GOLDEN RAY SALVAGE OPERATIONS



May 14 - A fire broke out at the salvage site of the Golden Ray near Brunswick, Georgia at mid-day today. The St. Simons Sound Incident Response Unified Command is reporting that all non-essential personnel has been safely evacuated and that at this time there are no injuries. The cause of the fire is unknown as firefighters and the fire suppression systems installed on the wreck were being used to fight the blaze. Smoke can be seen billowing from the site while water is being sprayed onto the fire. Firefighting vessels are on scene and safety personnel are conducting air monitoring. The Maritime Executive / [Read more and watch video](#)

## HISTORY

### THE JUDICIAL LABYRINTH OF THE 'PRESTIGE'

May 14 - Almost 19 years after the oil spill of the Prestige, the old monohull continues its judicial journey. His journey has not only been erratic and suicidal at sea, but it has also lurched in court. Issued at the end of 2018 the criminal responsibility Due to the greatest environmental disaster that occurred in Spanish waters, with the condemnation of the ship's captain, Apostolos Mangouras, to two years in prison, the payment of the bill that left the spill of more than 66,000 tons of fuel has not yet been resolved.

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