

National OPRC Level 3 Training Workshop on Oil Spill Preparedness and Response at Karachi, Pakistan – From 9th to 11th December 2003

The International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation, 1990 (OPRC) called upon the International Maritime Organization along with relevant international, regional organizations, oil and shipping industries to develop a comprehensive training program in the field of oil pollution preparedness and response including the availability of expertise for the development and implementation of training programs.

In this regard, IMO decided to develop three model training courses aimed at the following:

LEVEL ONE	First Responder
LEVEL TWO	Supervisors and On-Scene Commander
LEVEL THREE	Administrators and Senior Managers

The Level Three Course (Response to Marine Oil Spills Seminar for Administrators/Senior Managers) is designed to be conducted as an intensive two day seminar.

The objective of the seminar is to inform senior officials on the responsibilities of the members of an oil spill response team organization to effectively respond to an oil spill through the deployment of equipment and resources at the national level. The seminar focus, therefore, is on the operational management and policies involved in responding to oil spills. These procedures represent the critical delivery element of any national contingency plan and must include all of the key players from government, industry and the other interested parties.

In response to SAS's & Government of Pakistan's request to IMO, a National OPRC Level 3 Training Workshop on Oil Spill Preparedness and Response for Pakistan was held from 9 – 11 December 2003 in Karachi.

The inauguration ceremony of the workshop was held at Beach Luxury Hotel from 10.00 to 12.00 in the morning. Many top-level government officers attended to the inauguration and all of them highlighted the importance of the workshop and it is the best time to conduct such training course, because of recent Tasman Spirit incident. Director General (SACEP) also delivered a welcome speech on behalf of SACEP and SAS.

The technical sessions were held at Karachi Port Training Institute immediately after the inauguration. There were 25 participants representing government, private sector, NGOs participated at the workshop. The participants who attended the Workshop actively followed the training course. The initial programme (copy attached) had to be changed slightly due to unexpected long inauguration and the closing ceremony. However, resource persons were able to manage the time well and completed the all contents of the programme except for one exercise.

A closing ceremony was organised at the completion of the workshop with the attendance of top-level government officers and certificates were given to the participants.

Participants expressed their satisfaction with the course contents and the resource persons.

RESOURCE PERSONS:

From IMO

1. Mr. John Ostergaard (Senior Advisor on Marine Pollution- Marine Environmental Division, IMO)
2. Mr. Kevin O'Connel (Director, Oil Spill Training Company Ltd, UK)
3. Mr. Rob Self (Global Initiative Consultant, IPIECA, UK)
4. Mr. Sean Ng (Team Leader, Training & Consultancy East Asia Response Pte. Ltd. Singapore)

From SACEP

5. Mr. Mahboob Elahi (Director General, SACEP)
6. Mr. W. K. Rathnadeera (Programme Officer, SACEP)

IMO MODEL TRAINING COURSE ON OIL POLLUTION PREPAREDNESS RESPONSE and CO-OPERATION

PROGRAMME

Level 3, Senior Managers And Administrators Seminar

Day 1

08:00 - 17:00	Arrival of participants
17:00 - 19:00	Registration
19:00 - 22:30	Pre-seminar introduction / dinner / case study - guest speaker

Day 2

08:30 - 09:30	Causes, fate and effects of spilled oil
09:30 - 10:30	Contingency planning <i>Refreshment</i>
11:00 - 12:00	Oil spill response strategies <i>Lunch break</i>
13:30 - 14:30	International Co-operation & the legal framework
15:00 - 16:00	Liability, compensation and cost recovery <i>Refreshment</i>
16:00 - 17:00	Spill management
17:00 - 18:00	Communication and media issues

Day 3

08:00 - 09:00	Measures of success
09:00 - 10:00	Termination of response, case study <i>Refreshment</i>
10:30 - 13:00	Simulation exercise <i>Lunch break</i>
14:30 - 15:30	Action list development <i>Refreshment</i>
16:00 - 17:00	End of seminar, presentation of certificates
17:00	Departure of participants