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Welcome

What is the point, which is a question I have asked before – for a trade association, this needs to be asked frequently as we have to deliver more value for members than most...

UKSpill members get together to promote the industry and therefore themselves by organising events, which means domestic seminars, as in UKSpill17 recently, supporting joint pavilions at external events such as Seawork, and space at the Contamination Expo, and the main event – Interspill.

It is 20 years since the members of BOSCA, (to become UKSpill in 2004) with Nosca from Norway, and Sycopol, from France, got together to hold the first Interspill at Brighton in 2000.

This was in the days of mega spills, which in some years exceeded 3 million tonnes spilt at sea, the world cooperated and better ships were built, crews improved and surveillance by satellite oversaw world trade – from 2012, annual totals for spills at sea have hovered around 10,000 tons globally – an enormous success, but what does that

mean for Interspill, built on the interlocking interest of the spill industry, the oil industry and government and non governmental organisations.

By 2007, Interspill was an established event, and the trade associations were joined by EMSA and IPIECA, supported by OSRL, IMO, IOPC Funds and ITOFF. Later Cedre joined. Was this too late and typical, as the problem was on its way to be contained and therefore overtaken by other priorities for government and the oil industry.

The consensus is that Interspill as a Conference continues to have a role... albeit the question is the marine emphasis, does it now need to broaden to become a forum for on land spills as well as at sea.

This question is the platform for Interspill Plus, the UK Spill Association as host for Interspill 2018 is an organisation involved in both On Land as well as At Sea spill interests, and has taken an initiative to widen the involvement of On Land spills at Interspill.

This issue of SpillAlert contains the plans UKSpill has for Interspill Plus and an expansion of its base to reflect a changing world.

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A message from David Ince, Event Manager at Reed Exhibitions, and responsible for delivering Interspill 2018 on behalf of the Interspill Committee.

With 2018 fast approaching we are all looking forward to March when the Interspill Exhibition and Technical Conference returns to London's Excel and welcomes 1,200+ Conference Delegates and Attendees and over 100 Exhibiting companies.

I would like to invite you all to Interspill and certainly hope you will be able to attend and participate in this important industry gathering.

Reed Exhibitions are proud to have worked with Interspill over the last 11 years to help develop and grow the event to the world-class technical conference and exhibition it is today. We will be celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the formation of Interspill next year and I hope you are looking forward to an exciting week, where the global industry will come together to learn, network, do business and of course, socialise.

The Interspill community is a group of dedicated individuals and organisations who are all committed to this industry. One of the things that always shines through at each event is the close-knit nature of this community, something that as a professional event organiser always helps in terms of developing relevant content, engaging with the technology companies and solution providers and delivering a successful event.

New for 2018 is the development of Interspill+, a dedicated exhibition area and content stream that will be targeting the Inland / On land Spill sector that will sit seamlessly alongside the wide range of activities. We have a world class Exhibition, showcasing the latest technologies and solutions for International Spill Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Restoration This is in conjunction with a 3-day Technical Conference Programme, Spill Industry Seminars, Science Workshops, Poster Displays and Training Courses.

In 2018, Interspill will also be co-located once again along the Oceanology International Exhibition and Conference, attracting over 8,000 visitors, all united by their use and application of new technology in the worlds Ocean's. For the first time there will also be a cross-over conference stream, open to all attendees of both shows focused on Ocean Technology for Surveillance, Visualisation and Monitoring.

I look forward to seeing you in London, March 13-15 and to delivering another successful event that will be the focal point of the industry's calendar in 2018.



David Ince

Register to attend Interspill 2018

Interspill 2018 is the forum to showcase the wide range of leading-edge initiatives; improving global readiness, demonstrate why oil spill preparedness and response remains relevant to its multiple stakeholders and adding true value to those investing in it.

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13 MARCH 2018

Conference Stream 1	Conference Stream 1
Effective Exercising #1: Planning and Delivery	Effective Preparedness
Surveillance in Practice	Offshore / E&P

14 MARCH 2018

Surveillance Technologies	Wildlife
Cross-Over Session with Oceanology International 2018	Dispersant
Making Training Work	Government: Industry Partnerships
Inland Spill Issues	Strategic Aspects of Preparedness

15 MARCH 2018

Effective Exercising #2: Working with Governments	Shipping & Salvage Risks
IMS and OOW	Case Studies

Spill Industry Seminars

Organised by the EuroSpill Association and comprised of a series of presentations highlighting the latest industry developments and technology, allowing delegates to engage with end users and for manufacturers to display their latest developments.

Science Workshops

Organised by CEDRE and ITOPF, these 1-hour workshops are focused on the latest scientific and industry developments such as Shoreline Survey, HNS Pollution, Response in Cold Environments and Marine Pollution Impacts.

Short courses

Aimed especially at young professionals and those new to the spill preparedness and response community, these courses are held on Monday 12th March and will offer an excellent introduction to Spill Preparedness and Response and Claims and Compensation.

Poster Exhibition

A dedicated area on the exhibition floor where selected participants will present posters covering a range of related subjects, across the full three days of Interspill.

Early bird rates are only available till the 31st of December, be quick as they are on a first come first serve basis!

The Exhibition

The place to network, do business and check the latest technology, with over 100 international exhibitors. Interspill brings together cutting-edge equipment and services to prevent and respond to oil spills. Explore industry trends, meet new suppliers and strength your relationships with existing stakeholders

Sample of 2018 Exhibitors

AllMaritim, Castalia, Chevron Services Company, Cooley Group, DESMI Ro-Clean, Fast Engineering, FLIR Belgium BVBA, Lamor Corporation, Laser Diagnostic Instruments, Le Floch Depollution, Miko Marine, MOST Maritime & Environmental, New Naval, NPS Spilfyter, NRC, Oceanpact, OPTIMARE Systems, OSCT Indonesia, Sajas Group, Selwood Pumps, SORBCONTROL, SpillConsult Limited, Vikoma International.

- Network with 1,300+ industry professionals
- A free to attend exhibition
- 100+ exhibitors bringing the latest technology and services
- 70+ countries represented, including 4 National Pavilions
- 85% of visitors agree that the conference programme succeeded in focussing on the current important technical industry issues
- 100% of exhibitors were somewhat, very and extremely likely to return to the 2018 edition

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ONLAND

From sea to land, Interspill has evolved to take the skill and expertise championed at sea and developed Interspill Plus - focussing on spill clean-up on land.

Interspill Plus is a special space in the exhibition focussed on spills on land, with seminars, demonstrations and presentations. The UKSpill pavilion will see a range of exhibitors from the land sector as well as organisations such as the EA, BERG, GDS, NCEC and others concerned with spills on land both in the UK and globally.



The Trade Associations



NOSCA has achieved international respect as an active player in R&D, oil spill prevention and response.

NOSCA is one of the three founding organisations of INTERSPILL in Europe and we also support and contribute to the successes of IOSC in the US and SPILLCON in Australia.

Norway is one of the few countries that has

the privilege to benefit from full scale, offshore oil-on-water exercises organised annually by NOFO (Norwegian Clean Seas Association for Operating Companies).

This gives NOSCA's members a unique knowledge base for testing, understanding and improving their products and oil spill preparedness in general.

www.nosca.no

SYCOPOL FRANCE

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SYCOPOL is a French organisation comprising equipment manufacturers and service providers engaged in pollution control.

SYCOPOL (OIL SPILL CONTROL ASSOCIATION) is a group of companies involved with the control of

water and ground pollution at an international level.

SYCOPOL FRANCE brings together:

- equipment manufacturers
- chemical producers
- service suppliers

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SRGH

The Spill Response Group Holland (SRGH) represents a selection of private companies, governmental, research, and academic organizations active in the maritime sector with a focus on spill prevention, preparedness, response and control for all aspects of marine, inland waters and coastal pollution control worldwide. In recent years Spill Response Group Holland members

have proven their skills across the globe and have become international leaders in their fields of expertise. Members include manufacturers of spill response equipment and materials, spill response organizations, oil disposal contractors, consultancy companies, R&D institutes, training providers, salvage companies, contractors and shipbuilding companies.

www.srgh.nl



UK SPILL ASSOCIATION

UKSpill is the national body for the UK Oil Spill Industry. Its four key purposes are:

- Establishing service benchmarks and raising industry standards principally through managing the UK Spill Contractors Accreditation Scheme
- Sharing information amongst its members by providing networking opportunities through regular meetings, events and seminars, held across the UK, and also in Europe
- Building business for its members through

a comprehensive online directory of members' products and services, and links to their websites

- Promoting the industry through organising national and international exhibitions and conferences to the industry, government, and the public through this website and through organising national and international exhibitions and conferences.

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The Oil Industry Connections



IPIECA is the global oil and gas industry association for environmental and social issues. We have been championing best practice in environmental and social performance for over 40 years.

IPIECA is the only global association involving both the upstream and downstream oil and gas industry. It is also the industry's principal channel of communication with the United Nations.

www.ipieca.org



Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL) is the largest international industry-funded cooperative which exists to respond to oil spills wherever in the world they may occur, by providing preparedness, response and intervention services. We are wholly owned by most of the environmentally responsible oil and gas companies, and our membership

represents the majority of global oil production. We currently employ 300 people across 9 locations around the world.

Our shareholders comprise of the most environmentally responsible oil and gas companies.

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Adler & Allan expands its environmental consultancy offering

The Adler & Allan Group is pleased to announce the further expansion of its range of value-added services through the acquisition of specialist environmental consultancy OHES Environmental (OHES).

OHES' consultancy-led approach covers a broad range of specialist and technical areas, including environmental pollution claims, managing the incident from response to remediation; geotechnical and contaminated land assessment to reduce risk and deliver value in land acquisition, M&A, development and industrial operations; 24/7 spill response, managing incidents; water quality monitoring programmes and investigations; ecology and fisheries surveys, studies & management; and the provision of specialist client training to minimise the risk of environmental pollution.

OHES will continue to be led by its current management team as an autonomous business within the A&A Group and operate from its existing locations across the UK, providing comprehensive national coverage and service provision for its broad client base across a diverse range of industry sectors.

Henry Simpson, Commercial Director of A&A Group, said: "OHES is a highly respected environmental consultancy that has built a

fantastic breadth of client-focused services over the past 15 years to help businesses tackle, overcome and resolve environmental challenges in specific markets and sectors. Many of its consultants and specialist teams are already well known to us and we're delighted to welcome them into the A&A Group, where together we can offer clients a greater range and depth of resources than ever before."

Dan Jones, Operations Director at OHES, said: "Having known and worked with the team at A&A Group for many years, as both supplier and customer, we're excited by the great fit our businesses represent. As a multi-disciplinary environmental consultancy, with a broad client base across many industry sectors, OHES has a plan for strategic growth that will be well supported by being part of a wider environmental services group. A&A is a natural home for our business and we look forward to building on our success as part of the Group."



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Reports on UK Events

UKSPILL17
THE FUTURE OF SPILL
 @ OSRL SOUTHAMPTON / 8 NOV 17

The event was hosted by OSRL at Southampton on 8 November 2017 and attended by over 40 members, and visitors.

Keynotes were made by Mark Kirby of CEFAS, Florent Poncet of Cedre, Jon Burton of Oracle, Steve Giles of OAMPS and Ben Salau of BLM.

Extracts below from the presentations illustrate the breadth of interest and expertise in UKSpill, which will back up developing Interspill Plus.

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1. Introduction

Pollution Incident Summary

EA Pollution Incidents Data for 2012

In 2012 the EA reported that they received reports of ~22,000 pollution incidents each year

In 2012, ~3% (617) of all reported pollution incidents in England and Wales were serious or significant in that they caused significant harm to people or the environment (i.e. Cat 1 and Cat 2)

Year	Category 1 Serious	Category 2 Significant
2000	99	1193
2005	108	882
2008	79	644
2012	617	617

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 Recent experience in the UK inland spill sector: Changes, influences, accreditation and the future!

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4. The future?

For UK Spill:

- Increase in range of module types for responders to stay relevant
- Working with other trade associations: (e.g. BDMA, ISAA)
- Increase in UK Spill accredited training?
- Increasing visibility on international stage (e.g. Interspill)

Logos: bdma, BSIF, UKSPILL Approved Training

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Insurance Covers for Spill Responders

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 Insurance cover for Spill Responders

Developments in Northern Ireland

Kerry Anderson
 North and West River Basin District Manager
 Northern Ireland Environment Agency

NIEA Northern Ireland Environment Agency
 An Agency within the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

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 Developments in Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland Environment Agency

Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs – 8 May 2016

All functions of old DARD (minus Rivers Agency)
 Environmental functions from DOE
 Inland Fisheries functions from DCAL

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Surface Water Objectives 2021

NIEA Northern Ireland Environment Agency
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Tackling Pollution

Confirmed pollution reports 2005 - 2016

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Interspill and Reed Exhibitions Partnership

- **2006** co-located with Oceanology International, London
- 2009 no involvement with Reed Exhibitions - MARSEILLE
- **2012** co-located with Oceanology International, London
 - 353 Delegates (combined 3 and 1 day)
 - 1,373 m² Exhibition Space
- **2015** stand alone event at the RAI, Amsterdam:

OSRL Oil On Water Exercise

Exercise Stakeholders



Key Exercise Information

- » Marine Management Organisation marine license
- » Practice exercises
- » SW of the Isle of Wight, UK
- » 13th June 2017
- » 0650 BST oil release
- » 500 litres weald basin crude oil
- » Vessel dispersant spraying with standby C&R equipment + prop washing



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World Catalog of Oil Spill Response Products

S.L. Ross Environmental Research has recently completed work on the Eleventh Edition of the World Catalog of Oil Spill Response Products, the single most important reference in the oil spill business.

The World Catalog started out as a basic listing of equipment specifications in 1986, and has since evolved to be a useful reference book with descriptions of how equipment works, how to select equipment for different applications, and summaries of field and tank tests. As always, it includes comprehensive data listings with information on containment booms, skimmers, sorbents,

oil/water separators, pumps, oil/water separators, dispersant application equipment, and temporary storage devices. It is a fundamental resource for oil spill contingency planning.

The Catalog is available in its usual hard-copy form as well as a USB version. A smart-phone app for Android phones/tablets and for iOS are available now.

The price of the Catalog, as a book or on USB, is \$275 USD, plus shipping and handling. The price of either app is approximately \$300 USD. More information on the Catalog is available at: OilSpillEquipment.com

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International News

Lamor Corporation, an Environmental Solution Provider Investing in Sustainable Soil & Water Treatment

The application of soil and water remediation after effective oil spill response operations restores affected ecosystems back to health. This has been put into practice during on-land spill response operations in the Amazon, where oil pipeline spills have contaminated areas of several hectares.

Due to the remoteness of the area, high levels of rainfall and difficult access, clean-up operations were very demanding. Lamor combined mechanical clean-up and soil remediation to optimize remediation of the area. The remediation treatments included pressure washing and mechanical removal of the contaminated vegetation and EKO/GRID™ treatment to oxidise the remaining hydrocarbons in the soil.

“As a customer-driven company, we have identified the significant need for soil and water treatment. Today our portfolio of environmental solutions contains these solutions, and we can offer a wide range of soil and water treatment technologies and applications,” says Fred Larsen, CEO of Lamor Corporation.

“One of our most effective treatment methods is the patented EKO/GRID™ technology for the in-situ treatment of polluted areas. The technology can be applied to a wide range of soil and fluid types, ranging from mildly polluted industrial sites to tank bottom sludge,” Larsen explains.*

Safety and sustainability is paramount at Lamor. Therefore the utilization of low voltage and no chemicals with any harmful or hazardous effects on humans and wildlife is incorporated. The low energy demand for this innovative system offers possibilities to use alternative energy sources, i.e. wind or solar power.

The cleaning effect is based on a 100% eco-friendly oxidation process initiated by electro-kinetic and electro-osmotic principles. Results from field tests in Brazil show that the total amount of PAH (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons) was reduced by 91 % during the first 30 days and to undetectable levels after 90 days.

“Since our clients have a wide range of needs for different types of sludge recovery, we have developed the most efficient recovery process combined with a suitable treatment and disposal technique at the lowest possible cost,” says Mika Pirneskoski, who is in charge of the new technologies portfolio at Lamor and heads the operations of Lamor Brazil.

“Both mechanical and chemical separation technologies are utilized for effective recovery. Treatment technologies for the remaining non-recoverable material include chemical oxidation and enhanced bioremediation,” Pirneskoski continues and high-lights a case in Ecuador where the remediation method used was electro-kinetic enhanced bioremediation:



“A pipeline diesel spill was identified in the Amazon, and Lamor responded and remediation activities of the affected area began in 2016.

The highest level of total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) of the soil contamination was 13,000 mg/kg and the water contamination base line consisted of a highest TPH contamination of 1,370 mg/ml.

The scope of work was two-fold; firstly, the recovery of the oil from the affected area and secondly, the remediation of the subsoil, from the pipeline break site, through the hill and to the river. The remediation work, which consisted of electrokinetic reactions (EKO/GRID®) and microbiological augmentation, included deployment of grids and trenches, together with permanent sampling points and EKO/GRID anodes and cathodes, to ensure that contamination from the affected area would not spread to the nearby river and the surrounding national park.

Test samples taken in April 2017 from the soil at 3 meter’s depths show that the remediation process is well underway; the results show TPH values in the range of 70 - 447 mg/l depending on the test site. Water samples indicate that the target limit (<20 mg/l) was not achieved yet; however, 25 mg/l for several test sites was a very positive result. The remediation process continues, and a 12-month remediation period is estimated,” Pirneskoski concludes.

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Maritime & Coastguard Agency appoints new SOSRep



The Maritime & Coastguard Agency has made a new appointment to the vital role of Secretary of State's Representative (SOSRep).

The Maritime & Coastguard Agency has made a new appointment to the vital role of Secretary of State's Representative

(SOSRep) Maritime Salvage & Intervention, which oversees the response to accidents at sea. Les Chapman has been appointed to the role and will join the Agency on Monday 21 August. He will work alongside the existing SOSRep Hugh Shaw OBE for several months, to allow a substantial transition period in this important role, and will not assume the role and responsibilities of the SOSRep until an agreed time later on in the year.

The SOSRep is responsible for reducing the risk to safety and the environment arising from accidents at sea. Recent incidents which were overseen by the current SOSRep Hugh Shaw include the Transocean Winner rig grounding off the Isle of Lewis in 2016 and the Hoegh Osaka car carrier incident in the Solent in 2015. Mr Chapman is no stranger to the maritime world, having graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada and served in both the UK's Royal Navy and the Royal Canadian Navy – as part of the former, he qualified for nuclear submarine command and held four command appointments. Over the course of a career spanning the maritime, security and transportation industries, Les has also worked with a number of commercial maritime organisations including Associated British Ports Ltd, DNV and The Maritime Group. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology, the Institute of Civil Protection and Emergency Management and the Nautical Institute, a Liveryman of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners, The Worshipful Company of Arbitrators, The Worshipful Company of Shipwrights and a Younger Brother of Trinity House. Les Chapman said: "The SOSRep role can be a difficult but very rewarding one as it's all about providing protection and safety in the maritime world. I'm looking forward to working alongside Hugh Shaw as I familiarise myself with all aspects of the job."

Sir Alan Massey, Chief Executive of the Maritime & Coastguard Agency, commented: "We are committed to safety of life and the environment at sea through safer lives, safer ships, cleaner seas. As we have seen from many serious incidents in UK waters over recent years, the SOSRep has a unique and critical role in rapidly and effectively marshalling the resources of all parties to achieve the best possible outcomes. I am delighted we have appointed Les Chapman as our new SOSRep. Les brings highly relevant skills and experience with him and I am sure he will be an excellent successor to Hugh Shaw OBE, who has done a superb job over the years in growing the effectiveness and influence of the SOSRep role."

RAW Technology Limited features in 2016/17 Parliamentary Review

RAW Technology Limited (RAW) features in the environment edition of the 2016/17 Parliamentary Review. RAW appears alongside the Prime Minister and a small number of outstanding organisations in a document that looks back on the year in industry and Westminster.

Established by former minister The Rt Hon David Curry in 2010, The Parliamentary Review aims to showcase best practice as a learning tool to the public and private sector, and the articles in the Review act as both a blueprint for success and a template for reform.

As an innovative and progressive business in the environmental sector, RAW pushes forward a comprehensive, effective and specialist response to pollution incidents and longer term contaminated sites. RAW's Managing Director, Neil Stothert, said *'The Parliamentary Review provides a great opportunity to drive innovation forward and share best practice with like-minded progressive businesses, to the benefit of business and industry UK wide.'*

The Prime Minister commented that *'This year's Parliamentary Review follows a significant year in British politics'* and this is reflected in the articles from leading journalists and best practice representatives alike.

The PM's former cabinet colleague, Sir Eric Pickles, who was recently appointed Chairman of the Review, said *'it has never been more important for government to hear the views of business and the public sector in a constructive forum. It is also a vital time to share best practice and progress.'*

The Parliamentary Review's director Daniel Yossman concurred, saying *'RAW Technology Limited and other hardworking organisations from across the country have come together to make this year's Review possible. Sharing knowledge and insight with both peers and government is essential work and I am delighted that this year's Review will reach every corner of the British economy. It's always a real joy to hear from policymakers who tell me that something they have read in the Review has had an effect on their thinking. It is my belief that innovation is contagious, if only it is given the platform to spread. It is the Review's purpose to provide this platform and I am confident we are fulfilling it.'*

An e-copy of The Parliamentary Review can be viewed here: <https://www.theparliamentaryreview.co.uk/editions/environment/environment>



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FASTANK Man Overboard Recovery System.

Oil Spill Response involves a lot of on water work from boats with the attendant risk of someone falling overboard. If they fall into oil it is an even bigger problem. To recover a casualty from water is challenging and difficult, as anyone who has been involved can testify.

Fast Engineering who are known for their innovation have developed a simple solution in conjunction with their local inshore rescue service to address the problem. A short video of the rescue system in operation can be viewed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/i6Tv8HnKtTI>

The innovation consists of two mesh stretchers which can be clicked together. One edge is attached to the boat and the other to a flotation pole. Due to the mesh the stretcher will partially submerge and the casualty can be pulled over it, then rolled into the boat with minimal risk or strain on the rescuers in the boat. When at the dock the double stretcher can be unclicked and a single unit used to carry the casualty ashore.

Casualties with injuries or broken bones are cradled by the soft stretcher and held firmly without pressure concentrations on the

body. The mesh also affords high friction to prevent the casualty slipping on the stretcher for example when going up steps.

If the casualty has to be decontaminated, the mesh, again, has the advantage that wash water will not pond around the body, but flow away through the mesh.

The system has been tested to 200 kgs. (440 lbs.). It packages to a small volume which can easily be stored on board a vessel and weighs only 2.20 kg. (5 lbs.). The materials used are corrosion resistant, hygienic and easily cleaned, ideal in a marine environment.

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A changing world is the challenge for the UK Spill Association

The success in controlling oil spills in the marine environment has over 20 years has seen annual quantities of oil spilt at sea fall from peaks of over 3 million tonnes, to current levels of less than 10,000 tonnes, GLOBALLY.

This does not mean that spills that happened in the Old World have vanished, but they have become smaller and more diffuse, with major organisations such as ITOPF, the International Tanker Owners Federation, adapting to the New World and remaining fully utilised.

As the last decade has sped by, what was taken for granted was that another big spill would occur, which it did with the Macondo offshore spill. But... The last big oil spill from a tanker was in 2002 from the Prestige off the coast of Spain.

Since then, we, well to be precise, ITOPF, as they have kept very careful records and publish a very helpful annual report, www.itopf.org this telling us how few spills now occur.

However, reflecting the changing environment ITOPF services have expanded, and this is an example of how many different players are adapting to change.

Spill Response

ITOPF is available 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year to attend spills of oil, chemicals and other hazardous substances worldwide.

Claims Analysis & Damage Assessment

ITOPF gives advice on pollution damage caused by spills and assesses the technical merits of claims for compensation.

Information Services

ITOPF is a primary source of information on accidental ship-source pollution.

Contingency Planning & Advice

ITOPF regularly advises governments and industry on the preparation of contingency plans and other matters related to accidental pollution from ships. These activities give us an opportunity to pass on messages of good practice outside the pressurised environment of a real incident.

Training & Education

ITOPF runs training courses and seminars worldwide where we share our technical knowledge and first-hand experiences. These are often undertaken alongside our key governmental partners or industry bodies.

With any industry, it is normal to look at what has happened as a guide to the future, with some guesses as to what might disrupt our carefully laid plans. It is in the nature of man to prefer more of the same, and avoid change, but the reality it is a constantly changing world and this applies just as much to the oil spill industry.

In 1998, the three trade associations for Norway, France and UK, made plans for a new Exhibition and Conference for the oil

spill industry, initially to be called Eurospill, and then named Interspill. This launched in 2000 at Brighton, and is now on its 8th edition with this issue focussing on Interspill in March 2018.

BUT the world is changing, so the reason that supported Interspill in 1998, and it will be 20 years ago next March, may not be valid in future. Therefore, taking a view on the Old World, it is necessary to think carefully about the New World, and that means not 2018, but beyond. What do we want to see will reflect the needs of our industry in the second decade of this century. It will then be over 50 years since the Torrey Canyon oil spill, which effectively launched the spill response industry.

Over the last few years, with the fall in spills and oil price, so pressure has come on the spill industry to survive, which means adapting. It is this ability to adapt which is represented at Interspill, our Conference and Exhibition, the next edition is to be held in London, over 13-15 March 2018.

The major spill events that were the catalyst for so many changes ranged from the Torrey Canyon, to Exxon Valdez and most recently Prestige and Macondo.

What next is the BIG question, and as the spill industry players diversify in the face of changing markets, so must the Association, a first step is to launch Interspill Plus at next year's Interspill in London



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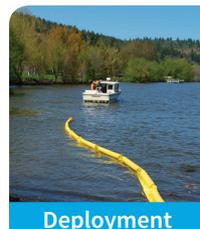
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At UKSpill17 in September, John Burton of Oracle presented some facts about oil spills over the last ten years

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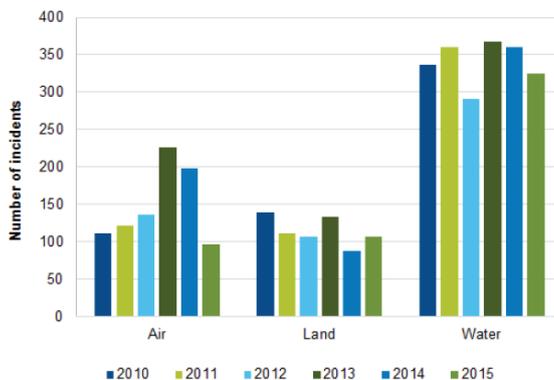
Main facts

Pollution Incidents Data for 2015

In 2015, there were 499 serious pollution incidents:

- 19% fewer than in 2014
- 42% fewer than in 2005
- 56% fewer than in 2000
- 325 (65%) affected the water environment, compared to 360 (59%) in 2014
- 97 (19%) affected air, compared to 199 (32%) in 2014

All serious pollution incidents affecting air, land and water in England, 2010 to 2015



INDUSTRY EVENTS: PREVIEWS

INTERSPILL 2018, CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

March 13-15, 2018 | ExCel, London

Details at www.interspill.org

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