

The Thirteen Oil Spill Response Officers Virtual Meeting

Twelfth OSRO Meeting Recommendations

As a result of the previous Twelfth OSRO Meeting discussions, MEMAC proposed the following training programme for the upcoming period, which will be submitted to the Council for approval.

Organizing Training Workshops as follows:

It's been over ten years since the last Council, and there have been tremendous changes in all Member States cadres; accordingly, MEMAC is considering several training workshops.

The Regional and National Contingency Plans

- i. To convene a training workshop, IMO Levels 2 and 3 on oil and OPRC–HNS in cooperation with IMO and IOPC Fund.
The workshop should cover the Training Workshop on the protection of Desalination and Power Plants, Fish farms, Mangroves and other coastal installations from Oil and other Harmful Substances.
- ii. To convene further Training Workshop as follows:
 - a) Training Workshop in ICS 100 and 200 (Virtual)
 - b) Training in ICS 300 Three Days Course
 - c) Training in ICS 402 One Day generic Workshop dedicated to Senior Staff.

Implementation of Regional Guidelines for Pollution Damage Assessment and Regional Manual for Compensation Claims

- i. MEMAC to convene a Training Workshop on the Damage Assessment, evidence and sample collection and Claims procedures in cooperation with the IMO, IOPC Fund, ITOPF, and the P and I Club Members.
- ii. In cooperation with the INTERPOL, MEMAC to convene a 5 day Training Course on the investigation of ship pollution violations.

Overview of the Incident Command System (ICS) Training Courses

The ICS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System provides the foundation for higher-level ICS training. It describes the history, features, principles, and organizational structure of the system.

The ICS This course is designed to enable staff to operate efficiently during an incident or event within the ICS. ICS-200 provides training and resources for personnel who are likely to assume a supervisory position within the ICS.

The ICS-300 Intermediate Incident Management System: This 3-day course is designed for those emergency response staff who would function in a Command or General Staff position during a large, complex incident.

The ICS 402 Incident Command System for Executives. This course provides training for personnel who are expected to perform in a management capacity in a complex incident environment. It provides the foundation for executive understanding and participation in the ICS.

Online Portal

The ICS 100 and 200 courses are hosted on the online designated e-learning platform.

The course will cover:

- The Purpose and History of ICS
- Key Features and Principles of ICS
- Command Roles and Functions
- The General Staff Roles and Functions
- The incident Facilities that may be used

ICS 200 course will cover:

- Initial Incident Actions
- Deciding to Scale up the Response
- ICS Management Features
- Leadership and Management
- Briefings
- Transfer of Command

ICS 300

The course should be hosted face-to-face in a classroom environment. Certificates are issued upon successfully completing the training.

ICS 300 Course Description

This course provides participants with an in-depth understanding of the key roles within an ICS structure. Over three days, the delegates will be taken through the lifecycle of an incident from the initial response through the transition and into an expanded Incident Management Team (IMT). All steps of the process, from initial response through to the proactive planning phase and the production of an Incident Action Plan (IAP), are covered. Providing participants with an in-depth understanding of the key roles within an ICS structure.

The course will cover:

- Overview of command and ICS structures
- Incident assessment and situational awareness
- Incident objectives and operational periods
- The planning ‘P’ process
- Developing strategies and tactics
- Span of control
- Information management and communications
- Resource management
- Conduct of meetings and briefings
- Transfer of command
- The Incident Action Plan (IAP)
- Demobilisation and closeout

ICS 300 Course Timeline

Day 1: Scenario-based interactive learning sessions covering the key features of ICS and how these may be of benefit during a response.

Day 2: Scenario-based interactive sessions and demonstration-driven learning on the benefits of ICS for proactive incident management.

Day 3: The scenario continues with all participants taking over the roles of an IMT in a coached table-top exercise.

ICS 402

Overview for Executives/Leadership (Awareness). This is a short ‘awareness’ level course, usually for senior policymakers or managers who would not normally manage the incident itself. It outlines the incident command system being used by the Incident Management Team (IMT) and how the senior people interact with the IMT and manage their part of the overall response.

Typically, this course is held over one day. It is a structured session but highly flexible to Accommodate specific delegate needs.

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Retrieval of the Twelfth and Eleventh OSRO Meeting Recommendations

1. AGENDA ITEM 6 :

Review, Discussion and Update the Status of Member States' Oil and Chemical Spill National Contingency Plans and Related Elements

By the Protocol's Provision, the Meeting urges the Member States and the OSRO Members to communicate all the required updates about the NC, Chemicals, and HNS Plans along with their Manuals' main elements. The elements should include the List of Contacts during the Emergency, oil spill Stockpile, Chemical and HNS Stockpile, Status of the Conventions in progress, Laws and Regulations and Directives....etc.

2. AGENDA ITEM 7: Enhancing the Preparedness Level Through the Following:

7.6 Periodical Reports on Marine Emergency

Eng. Hassan Marzooq (Bahrain) and Capt. Nader Pasandeh (Iran) recommended that MEMAC reconsider and study the Protocol regarding the reporting system and its mechanism. (Given as Doc OSRO 12/13)

MEMAC would like to bring to the Committee's attention that MEMAC proposed to the Council the Amendments to the Protocol since the Tenth Council Meeting up to the Fifteenth Council that as of 28th Oct. 1998 till 12th Jan. 2011 (Council: 10th up to 15th). And the last one is the Council 15 /19: MEMAC to retain the Protocol as it is to present.

7.8 Marine Environment High Risk Areas (MEHRAS)

The Meeting requested MEMAC to urge the Member States to update the Data frequently, as it is highly critical and essential towards the strategy of marine environment protection.

7.9 Status of the Master Plan Implementation

As the Master Plan is the umbrella for all of the International Regional Conventions, Protocols and MEMAC activities programmes, the Meeting recommended the utilization

and implementation of the Master Plan Information and Data at the National and Regional levels. The Meeting also recommends establishing the Master Plan Committee Members by the Member States.

7.10 The Draft of the Guidelines for the Establishment of the Regional Maritime Casualty Investigation Board

The Meeting agreed with Mr. Ahmed Al Babteen (K. Saudi Arabia) to request the Member States to nominate the Investigations' officers as per the Council Decision to commence the INTERPOL training.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Other Matters

Eng. Hassan Marzooq, Bahrain OSRO, brought to the meeting and stated that several programmes and projects had been repeatedly over the past ten years. We need to find the reasons and obstacles that delay those programmes.

Captain Al Janahi totally agreed with the statement and stated the following:

- All those Programmes and projects were prepared by OSRO Meetings and by MEMAC based on the lessons learned from the different incidents,
 - From MEMAC's point of view, the issue is not purely within the marine environment sectors, and it's widely connected with many other authorities. A need for enhancing the cooperation and coordination among the different authorities within the Member States to implement the various instruments.
 - MEMAC already prepared earlier the Master Plan study, which the Council already approved for implementation. The Master Plan is a useful tool for cooperation and coordination and bridges the gap among the different parties within the authorities at the national and regional levels.
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