

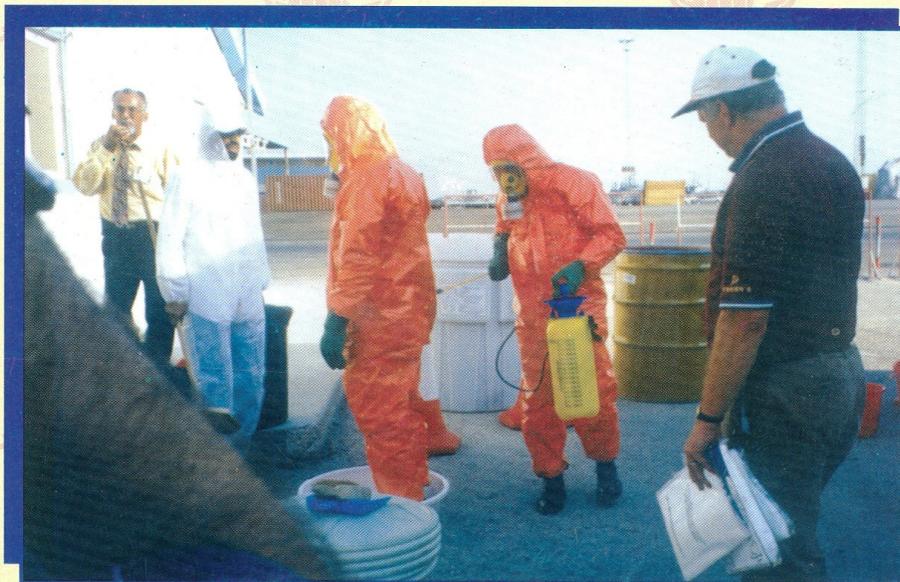
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TRAINING COURSE ON HAZARDOUS MATERIAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TECHNICIAN : LEVEL - 1



Kingdom of Bahrain, 18th – 19th October 2003

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with Decision CM12/18 of the Twelfth Meeting of the ROPME Council (September 2003) on the Development of Safety Programme for Harmful/Hazardous Substances, a Workshop on Chemical and Other Harmful/Hazardous Substances including Emergency Drill was convened in Bahrain during 18th – 19th October 2003 for Responder, Operator Level which is known as Level-1.



OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the Training Workshop were capacity building in the field of marine environmental protection and safety by introducing different ranges of chemical products and other harmful substances as well as combating and disposal techniques.

ATTENDANCE

The Workshop was attended by delegates from ROPME Member States, namely Kingdom of Bahrain, Islamic Republic of Iran, State of Kuwait, Sultanate of Oman, State of Qatar and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and representatives from oil companies. The Workshop was delivered by Senior International Experts Mr. Robin Perry and Captain John Dipple from O'Brien group and MEMAC professional staff.



OPENING OF THE COURSE

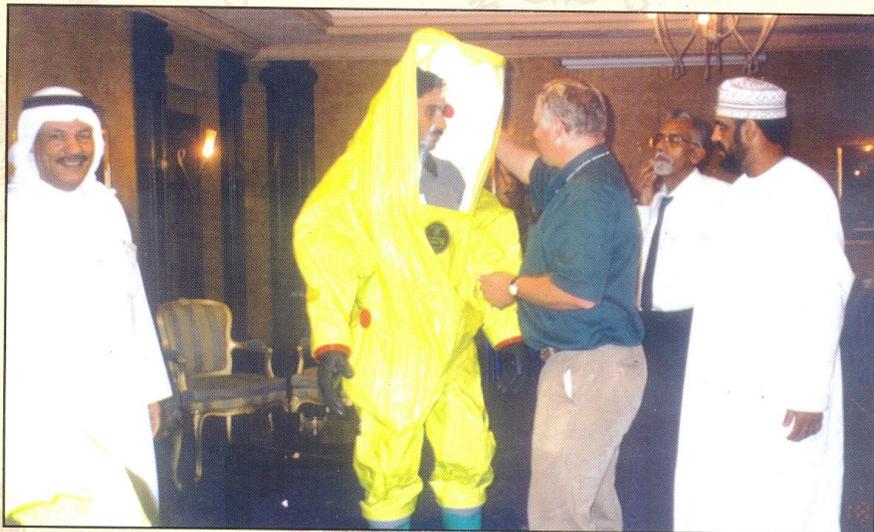
The Workshop was opened at 08:30 a.m. on Saturday 18th October 2003 wherein on behalf of H.E. Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Awadi, Executive Secretary of ROPME, Captain A. M. Al-Janahi, MEMAC Director, welcomed the participants to the workshop. He stated that in accordance with the rapid development towards the investment in the chemical and petrochemical industries and the increase in the chemical shipment traffic in the region, it has become definite for us to be prepared for any incident occurs. He emphasized on the potential hazards which chemical substances could cause when accidentally released into the water to human beings, organisms as well as explosion hazards, fire hazard, air toxicity, corrosiveness and radioactivity. He introduced the workshop in general as it is aiming for the awareness towards the chemical and physical characteristics, safety of personnel and different techniques of response, combating and disposal. Then he wished all the participants a fruitful result of the workshop and a pleasant stay in Bahrain.

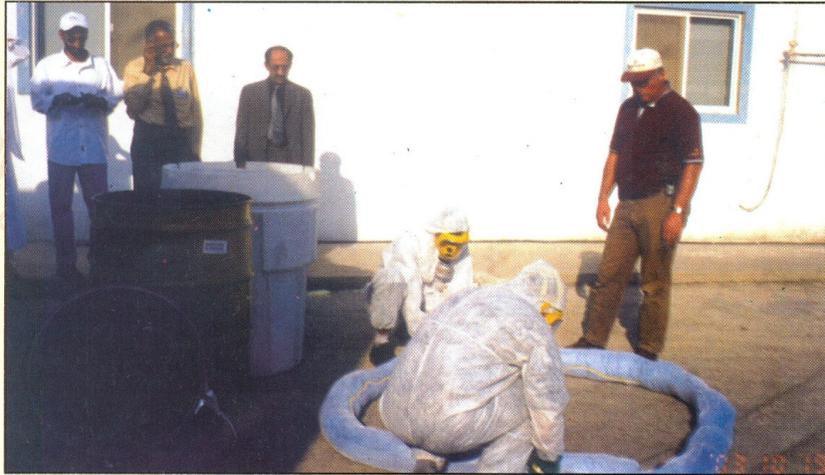
CONTENTS OF THE WORKSHOP

The Workshop contents were covered theoretically and practically by the Experts and MEMAC Professional Staff where the exercise drill took place in Mina Sulman Port and MEMAC Regional Training Centre. Special dedicated equipment belonged to MEMAC Training Centre and Bahrain Civil Defence, were used besides the equipment brought by the experts from the UK for the purpose of drill exercise.



The two day workshop at the technician level was to raise awareness of chemical incidents. The workshop covered all aspects of toxicology, chemical hazards and identification to enable the responders to ensure their own personal safety and evaluate the hazards presented by the chemicals. The theoretical session was followed by a mixture of practical and theoretical session on personal protection decontamination and operational safety. The workshop culminated in a practical chemical spill exercise to practice all of the lessons learnt during the course.





CLOSURE OF THE COURSE

On behalf of H.E. Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Awadi, Executive Secretary of ROPME, Captain A. M. Al-Janahi, MEMAC Director, presented the course certificates to the participants and wished them all the success in their future work. He expressed the Organization's appreciation for the lecturers and the participants for their work and the spirit of cooperation which led the workshop and its exercise drill to a successful conclusion.

The Workshop was declared closed at 16:45 hours on the 19th of October 2003.



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