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WORKSHOP ON NATIONAL AND REGIONAL CONTINGENCY PLANS, INCLUDING OIL SPILL EMERGENCY DRILL AND OIL SPILL RESPONSE AT THE MANAGERIAL, SUPERVISOR AND OPERATOR LEVELS



Bahrain, 6 - 10 April, 2002

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with Decision CM11/15 of the Eleventh ROPME Council Meeting (Jeddah, October 2000), a training Workshop on National and Regional Contingency Plans, including Oil Spill Emergency Drill and Oil Spill Response at the Managerial, Supervisor and Operator Levels was held in Bahrain during 6 - 10 April 2002, in co-operation with IMO.



The Workshop consisted of three different levels conducted in the same period in different meeting rooms. The aim was to maximize benefits of gathering of the three different levels during the drill exercise as it takes place during the real oil pollution incidents, enriching the discussion and exchanging experiences.



ATTENDANCE

The Workshop at three different levels was attended by delegates from all of ROPME Member States, namely Bahrain, I.R. Iran, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and UAE as well as representatives from Oil Companies such as BAPCO, Kuwait Oil Company, Saudi ARAMCO, Qatar Petroleum and Saudi Saline Water Conversion Corporation Plant. PERSGA Member States such as Egypt, Eritrea, Sudan and Yemen, sponsored by IMO and Experts from International Maritime Organization, The International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation Ltd and Ceto Environmental Ltd. (U.K.) also attended the Workshop.

OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

On behalf of H. E. Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Awadi, Executive Secretary of ROPME, Captain Al-Janahi, Director of MEMAC opened the Workshops

In his opening speech he welcomed all the participants from different

States and Organizations. Further he explained the aim of gathering the three levels jointly and the attendees from different organizations in order to maximize benefits and exchange experience. Then he briefed the participants about incidents which had occurred in the Region, focusing on the "STENA KING" as the largest incident in the history to take place in ROPME Region.

He concluded his speech by thanking all the participating Organizations in the Workshop and extended his appreciation to IMO for their continuous support to the ROPME Region, the International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation Ltd (ITOPF) and Ceto Environmental Ltd. for their kind participation. He then wished all the experts and participants a successful workshop at all levels and pleasant stay in Bahrain.

THE WORKSHOP CONTENTS

The Workshop for each level introduced the following:

Level - 1 (Operator Level - First Responder)

The level tackled the Contingency Plan which concentrated on the





practical side explaining the Administration Overview of Oil Spill Responses, Physical Properties, Health and Safety, Response Organization and Control Strategies, etc.

The classroom lectures were followed by site visit to the equipment stock pile and to the beach.

Module test was also given during the course.

Level - 2 (Supervisors & On-Scene Commanders)

This level introduced the strategies of Oil Spill Response, the Behaviour, Fate & Effects, Response Management, Spill Assessment, Operations Planning, Liability, Documentation to be collected for evidence, Relation with the media, etc.

Level - 3 (Administrators & Senior Managers)

The course introduced the National Contingency Planning with an overview of the existing plan in the Region, with an extensive discussion.



Oil Spill Strategies, Liability, Compensation, Legal Aspect, Media Relation along with Case Study and Table Top Exercise were carried out during the Course.

THE DRILL EXERCISE

The Drill Exercise took place on 10 April 2002 at Mina Sulman Port Anchorage. The exercise was attended by all the Experts and Participants of the Workshop.

Five different marine crafts involved for different purposes were utilized to carry out the drill exercise as follows:

- Supply Tug Boat "KHAFJI MARU" NO.5 for deploying oil booms and skimmers.
- Utility Tug Boat "SEA PRINCE" for Managerial level follow up and action.
- Small Tug Boat "DONA-1" assisting in boom deployment.
- Landing Craft "CLEAN SEA-1" specialized for dispersant application.



The Craft "CLEAN SEA-1" was offered by Bahrain Oil Company (BAPCO) as a contribution.

- Small support boats, specialized for booms deployment and other logistic were offered by Bahrain Port Authorities, Mina Sulman as a contribution.

Different combating equipment were utilized and operated by the Participants under the instructions of the Experts.

The combating equipment operated were:

- Slickbar Ocean Oil Boom from MEMAC stock
- Small Disk Skimmer from MEMAC stock
- Fast Tanks storage from MEMAC stock
- Oil Skimmer GT-185 from Bahrain Environmental Affairs stock
- DESMI Disk Skimmer from BAPCO stock
- Dispersant applications set from BAPCO stock



The drill concluded by classroom debriefing for each level.

Further, Level 3 followed the de-briefing by a table top exercise

CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP

On behalf of H.E. Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Awadi, Executive Secretary of ROPME, Captain A.M. Al-Janahi presented the course certificates to the Workshop participants at all levels. He further extended his sincere thanks and appreciation to International Maritime Organization (IMO), The International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation Ltd (ITOPF), Ceto Environmental Ltd. and other organizations for their contributions. He stated that the Experts had forwarded an excellent and more of an updated information which the IMO courses do not contain, as these courses are in progress of an update by IMO. He congratulated all the participants for their contributions towards the workshop at all levels and the exercise which resulted in a successful conclusion. At the end, he wished all the participants a pleasant journey back home.

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