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TRAINING COURSE ON HAZARDOUS MATERIAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM LEADER : LEVEL - 2



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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 20th – 22nd October 2003 for Team Leader Level which is known as Level 2.



OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the Training Workshop were capacity building in the field of chemicals and other harmful/hazardous substances in order to undertake marine environment protection and personnel safety and in line with the previous workshop of Operator Level-2.

ATTENDANCE

The Workshop was attended by delegates from the ROPME Member States, namely Kingdom of Bahrain, Islamic Republic of Iran, State of Kuwait, Sultanate of Oman, State of Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates as well as representatives from oil industries, desalination plant and the United States Coast Guard. The Workshop was delivered by O'Brien group's specialists Mr. Robin Perry and Captain John Dipple and MEMAC professional staff.



OPENING OF THE COURSE

The Team Leader Level – 2 Workshop which is a continuation of the previous workshop on Operator Level -1 commenced at 09:30 a.m. Monday the 20th October 2003.

The main objectives of the Course schedules and the exercise drill were introduced by Mr. Robin Perry.

CONTENTS OF THE WORKSHOP

The Workshop contents were covered theoretically and practically by the Experts and MEMAC Professional Staff. The exercise drill took place in Mina Sulman Port and MEMAC Regional Training Centre.

Special equipment belonged to MEMAC Training Centre and Bahrain Civil Defence, were used beside the equipment brought by the Experts from the UK for the purpose of drill exercise.



The Team Leader workshop (Level – 2) was held for Supervisors and Managers who were acquainted with Workshop (Level – 1) which had been mainly for technicians. After this acquaintance, the participants went through the theoretical sessions which lasted for two days. These sessions focused on different high level matters including industrial hygiene and toxicology of hazardous materials; identification of chemical substances and sources of incidents; site safety; work practices and access control; risk assessment and levels of protection; donning and doffing techniques; inspection care and maintenance; selection and use of combating and safety equipment; methods and procedures of decontamination; and incident response plans and incident management.



The third day was fully dedicated to the practical aspect of the workshop which was convened at the MEMAC Training Centre at Mina Sulman port. This practical session started with demonstration of combating and safety equipment introduced by the Civil Defence and Fire Services (CDFS) Directorate, Kingdom of Bahrain. The equipment included different extinguishers, booms, skimmers, sorbents and a shallow-water hover-boat besides two relevant vehicles to deal with different disasters. The participants gained useful information on the equipment by raising questions to the CDFS staff who had attended for this purpose.

In the practical drill of the workshop, the participants exercised combating and safety issues on several scenarios dealing with different matters such as pipe leakage, drum patch, overpack and drum transfer.



CLOSURE OF THE COURSE

In his closing speech, Captain A. M. Al-Janahi the Director of MEMAC on behalf of Executive Secretary of ROPME Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Awadi, thanked the participants for their active participation in both the theoretical and practical sessions of the workshop. He expressed his deep thanks and gratitude to the Civil Defense and Fire Services (CDFS) Directorate - Kingdom of Bahrain for their cooperation with MEMAC in providing the workshop with the needed equipment as well as for the demonstration of CDFS equipment and apparatus used for combating hazardous material during the drill exercise.

He also thanked BAPCO, Kingdom of Bahrain for the active role played by BAPCO staff and delegates during the workshop. He expressed his appreciation to the BAPCO staff for the equipment provided for demonstrating beach cleaning up exercise.

Then Captain Al-Janahi presented the course certificates to all the participants.



Before the closure of the Workshop, the delegate of Royal Oman Police, being attended such a training course for the first time, presented a Memento of the Royal Oman Police to Captain A. M. Al-Janahi as a token of appreciation and gratitude.

The Workshop was declared closed at 16:30 hours on Wednesday, 22nd October 2003.



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