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INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATION – “OIL POLLUTION
PREPAREDNESS RESPONSE AND COOPERATION--LEVEL-II
POLLUTION RESPONSE TRAINING” (OPRC IMO LEVEL-II)

22nd August to 26th August, 2022



PERSONNEL WHO ARE TRAINED AND EXERCISED IN THEIR ROLES FORM THE
ESSENTIAL COMPONENT FOR AN EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO OIL SPILLS

**INDIAN COAST GUARD AND AMET UNIVERSITY PROUDLY
ANNOUNCE THE CONDUCT OF 17th OPRC - IMO LEVEL II
POLLUTION RESPONSE COURSE FOR SENIOR & MIDDLE LEVEL
MANAGERS OF THE OIL INDUSTRY AND THE PORTS**

Following the successful conduct of several “IMO Level II – OPRC training programs” since year 2009 and in response to the resounding feedbacks and requests from the stake holders, the Indian Coast Guard and AMET UNIVERSITY are pleased to announce the Next OPRC – IMO Level II program scheduled to be conducted between 22nd Aug to 26th Aug, 2022.

The Indian Coast and the Indian Ocean rim had witnessed serious pollution threat incidents in recent years. Wakashio spill, X-press Pearl breaking up and MT Diamond towing off are stark reminders on the need of resource mobilization at short notice where all stake holders need to play a part.

This course offers a golden opportunity for the stake holders in the Oil Industry to arm themselves with requisite knowledge for oil pollution response. Having personnel in their employ who have the requisite know-how on pollution-defense is a key element in mitigating environmental damages and also a pre-requisite in claim defense. Considering that this course, if taken abroad, comes at very high cost and inconvenient logistics, it makes us doubly happy that our IMO Level II-OPRC course is pegged at a moderate cost and had overwhelming participation in the last 14 years. We are certain that regular conduct of these courses will spread the spill response awareness to a wider base thereby helping the cause of our nation.

We are happy to note that ever since the conduct of this course, the strategic Spill-Response preparedness amongst the stakeholders has steadily improved, both in terms of awareness and capability, "as evidenced by active participation of several Agencies during National level Spill response exercises and the recently conducted "Regional co-operation exercise" where several friendly nations participated."

The Level II course is an intensive 5-day course conforming to the IMO guidelines and fine-tuned to Indian Coastline and topography. The course is a comprehensive overview of each component, no less significant than the other, of its very title, viz **OIL POLLUTION PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE and COOPERATION.**

The International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation 1990, mandates that all stakeholders in the oil and allied Industries have responsible designated persons in their employ, at each location, fully capable of appreciating the complexities involved in containing and mitigating the effects of a spill. IMO has developed three model training courses aimed at the following:-

- Level I : First responder (Operational).
- Level II : Supervisors and On-Scene commanders (Tactical).
- Level III : Administrators and Senior Managers (Strategic).





<p>Who should attend?</p>	<p>The IMO LEVEL II - OPRC course is meant for senior officials of the stake holding Industries at their various sites and includes all those involved in marine oil - from exploration, drilling, transporting, handling, refining to distributing. It is recommended for those likely to be “On-scene commanders” who are required to manage, combat and coordinate a spill response effectively and safely and also to mitigate its impact on coastal waters, harbors or any other sensitive areas either stranded ashore or afloat.</p>
<p>Brief outline of what to expect</p>	<p>The course is interspersed with syndicate exercises, table top exercises, site visits, sensitivity mapping and a brief overview of Level I contents as well. The topics cover all the essential elements involved in management, command and control of oil spills. The fundamental component of any spill response is to have an effective contingency plan and periodic mock drills. The course contains guidelines for drawing up such a contingency plan, the inputs required at the user level and the various considerations that must be given effect to.</p> <p>The course also deals with practical aspects of spill quantification, assessment, containment, recovery and dispersal and use of both custom-built equipment such as booms, skimmers as well as effective use of locally available materials.</p> <p>The course further deals elaborately with key aspects of legislation at the national and international level, legal implications, financial liability on direct, indirect and cross claims, and lists out the various Agencies involved in an efficient spill response, the need for mutual coordination and protocol.</p>
<p>IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVES of the Level II course</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ To make the participant aware of his responsibilities and equip him with sufficient knowledge to understand the complexities in a spill response and to effectively lead a spill response team on scene. ■ To appreciate local sensitivities at various regions and effectively overcome any such mitigating factors through pre-planning and to finally effect a successful spill response. ■ To identify and garner support of other local and regulatory Agencies with different areas of expertise, deployment of Equipment's and efficiently coordinates a spill response. ■ To be able to build a local oil spill response strategy on the most probable case spill scenario.
<p>LONG TERM OBJECTIVES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ To build a base of knowledge workers with sufficient expertise at strategic locations along the coastline. ■ Development of the local area objectives, response priorities, and logistics requirements. ■ Development of an oil spill response strategy for worst case spill in the local area. ■ Development of local oil spill planning committee processes. ■ Development of local oil spill response strategies for other areas within the country, promoting integration of these local strategies into the national contingency plan.

ELIGIBILITY	<p>Since the course is intensive and exhaustive the participants must have previous basic knowledge of oil spills, response resources and ecological impacts etc. Keeping the course objectives in mind, it is essential that participants meet the following eligibility: a) must have done OPRC Level-I course OR b) must have acquired an equivalent knowledge in their field of operations on oil spill response, resources, and combat methods. Please refer recommendations of IMO on Participant's qualification/experience essential for this course. Please visit www.ametoprc.blogspot.com</p>
CERTIFICATION	<p>Indian Coast Guard and AMET University will jointly issue a certificate to those candidates successfully meeting the objective of the course.</p>
VENUE, Date / Timings	<p>The course will be conducted in air conditioned state-of-the-art classrooms at the premises of AMET UNIVERSITY, 135, Kanathur, East Coast Road, Chennai – 603112.</p> <p>The dates are 22nd August to 26th August, 2022 (5 days), each day between 0900 and 1830 hours. The timings for field exercise days may be extended. The course involves some very useful brainstorming exercises that are best done through AOH interactions. Participants must report at 0830 hours on the joining day to facilitate registration formalities.</p>
Registration, course fees and accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The course fees is Rs.46200/- plus 18% GST i.e. Rs.54516 /- rounded off to Rs.54500 /- per participant. The fees include Lunch and Tea/Snacks. ✓ Registration will be on first come first served basis due to the limited number of seats available. The Registration forms are available www.ametoprc.blogspot.com. Duly filled in Registration forms may be sent at an early date to Capt.I.V.S.RamaKrishna at his email address ugcactivities@gmail.com. The course fees may be sent earliest possible to confirm booking. AMET University / Indian Coast Guard reserve the right of accepting / rejecting nominations. ✓ Mode of payment:- Details are available in www.ametoprc.blogspot.com. Kindly keep the course coordinator Capt.I.V.S.RamaKrishna informed on email with respect to payment details. ✓ Boarding and lodging arrangements may kindly be done directly by participants. AMET UNIVERSITY, if required, can assist you in locating and obtaining concessional tariff in nearby 4-star Beach Resorts where AMET's International Visitors are usually accommodated, subject to seasonal availability. However all transactions to be done directly by the participants. Kindly indicate <u>in advance</u> if you require assistance for same. ✓ Capt.I.V.S.Rama Krishna, Course coordinator may be contacted on his mobile through whatsapp 9840094973 for any queries. (0930 – 2030 hrs) Mon-Sat.



THIS COURSE AIMS TO HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION TO BE TECHNICALLY GEARED UP FOR COMBATING ANY UNFORTUNATE SPILL EVENTUALITY. THE INDIAN COAST GUARD AND AMET UNIVERSITY ARE COMMITTED TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE OBJECTIVES OF NOS-DCP OF OUR NATION.