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- ◆ ***A New Member!*** Please join us in welcoming Globemark Resources Ltd. to the Association. Globemark is a manufacturer/supplier of spill products located at 7 Collingwood Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, 45419. The contact there is Joannie Docter, telephone 1-937-643-1796, facsimile 1-937-643-1861, and e-mail fiddler656@earthlink.net. ***Thanks for your support, and Welcome Aboard!***
- ◆ The SCAA Board of Directors conducted a conference call this week. Highlights of the teleconference are as follows:
 - 1.) The Board discussed the Coast Guard providing industry training (e.g., Incident Command System, etc.) to other agencies and possibly the private sector, and how SCAA should respond/react to this issue. They further discussed the on-going issue of competition with the federal government on response actions.
 - 2.) The Board discussed the state of California, their oil spill prevention and response planning regulations, and the issues that various industry groups have with them. The Board also discussed the potential ramifications of the draft regulations that have been developed by the state that would allow them to drill state-classified OSRO's directly – at the OSRO's expense.
 - 3.) The new OSRO guidelines were discussed. While it is clear that the newly posted guidelines are “final”, the Board discussed the possibility of approaching the Coast Guard on clarifying some “gray” areas that still exist in the final classification guidelines.
 - 4.) During a recent meeting of Region III's Regional Response Team, a proposed document on “Guidance for Limited Jones Act Waivers During Pollution Response Actions” - developed by the Spill Response Countermeasures Workgroup – was discussed. The gist of the document are the circumstances under which foreign-flag vessels may be called in by an OSC or Unified Command to support a given response operation. While the waiver must be requested and would only be granted after certain criteria have been met, the implementation of this waiver format could set precedent and should be recognized by SCAA and its membership. EPA's Region III is accepting comments on the proposed document until July 6, 2001, and SCAA intends to submit comments accordingly.

- 5.) The Board discussed the idea of the "Contractor's Forum", which has been raised in past editions of this newsletter. The Board agreed that the Contractor's Forum would be held in conjunction with the Clean Gulf conference that will take place October 23-25, 2001 at the Mobile Convention Center in Mobile, Alabama. More information on the Clean Gulf conference can be found on line at www.cleangulf.org. ***Attention Members: Any input you may have regarding the Contractor's Forum is most welcome!*** Send your comments and/or suggestions to us at mikes@scaa-spill.org, marcs@scaa-spill.org, or fax us at 1-313-849-1623.

- 6.) There was some talk of SCAA's by-laws and the applicable requirements regarding the Board of Directors. The by-laws require that SCAA maintain ten (10) directors with voting status, and an additional four (4) "alternate" directors that have a "non-voting" status. The Board also discussed the notion of allowing outside entities (e.g., Coast Guard, oil company representative, etc.) to participate in part of the regularly scheduled conference calls.
- 7.) The Board discussed the status Dalton Scholarship. To date, \$9,850 in donations has been received, and an additional \$5,000 has been pledged but not received. ***If you have not made a pledge or donation as yet, please help us to reach our goal of \$25,000 by making one today! This is a very worthwhile cause, and we need to make it a reality!***
- 8.) The brochure for the 25th Annual Inland Spills Conference is being finalized, and should be available within the next few weeks. Exhibit space is already being sold, with 12 booths taken to date. The exhibition area and available booths are detailed on SCAA's web site at www.scaa-spill.org, as is other information about the conference. An excellent program has been developed for the event, including a number of daily outdoor demonstrations. ***Mark your calendars today to participate in this well-attended event, and call Marc Shaye at 1-313-962-8255 to secure your exhibition space if you haven't done so already!***
- ♦ The Coast Guard is seeking applications for appointment to membership on the Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee ("CTAC"). As you know, the CTAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on matters relating to the safe transportation and handling of hazardous materials in bulk on U.S.-flag vessels in U.S. ports and waterways. The applications are due by October 1, 2001, and can be requested by writing Commandant (G-MSO-3), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC, 20593-0001; by calling 1-202-267-1217/0081; or by faxing 1-202-267-4570. The application form is also available on-line at <http://dms.dot.gov> and at www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/ctac/ctac.htm. For additional information, contact CTAC's Executive Director CDR Robert F. Corbin or his assistant, Sara Ju, at the numbers provided above. (Sources: *Maritime Items* and *Federal Register*)
 - ♦ The U.S. Concept of Operations Plan ("CONPLAN") is available on the Internet at www.fema.gov/r-n-r/conplan/. The CONPLAN is designed to provide overall guidance to federal, state, and local agencies concerning how the federal government would respond to a potential or actual terrorist threat or incident occurring in the U.S., particularly an incident involving WMD. (Source: *Beacon*)
 - ♦ ***Work/Life/Health:*** One effective format for employee suggestions is to ask the employees to write the suggestion showing how it will improve quality *from the viewpoint of the customers*. Employees often focus on how a suggestion will make their jobs easier, but not how the suggestion might improve customer satisfaction. Since the customer ultimately judges quality, it only makes sense to consider their point of view. (Source: *Quality Manager's Alert*)
 - ♦ ***Quote of the Week:*** "This uneasy sense of battles won, only to be fought over again; of battles that should have been won, according to all the rules, and yet are not; of battles that suddenly one does not really want to win; and the weariness of battle altogether – how many . . . feel it?" – Betty Naomi Friedan, *The Second Stage* [1981] ***Correction: In last weeks' Quote of the Week, JFK's quote was wrongly attributed to his speech to the Massachusetts State Legislature. It was actually taking from his January 20, 1961 inaugural address.***