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- ◆ The Cuyahoga County LEPC has requested the recommendation of the SCAA for a response contractor who is willing to serve a two-year term, ending August 2003, on this north central Ohio LEPC. Any SCAA member who is interested should e-mail a statement of interest along with information as to experience with regard to oil and hazardous materials response capabilities to Marc K. Shaye at marcs@scaa-spill.org.
- ◆ ***Congratulations!*** to Russ and Isabelle Blair of Slickbar, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 30th. (*Our thanks to Bill Katz for the information!*)
- ◆ Sorbent Products Company recently announced the latest addition to their product line, the Economy Spill Kit. The kit includes ten pads, two socks, gloves, instructions and a disposal bag packaged together in an attractive, yet highly visible yellow PVC bag with handles. For more information on this product or any other offered by the company, contact SPC's Jill Kelly at 800-333-7672, send a facsimile to 732-302-0969, or e-mail kellyj@sorbentproducts.com. You may also visit the company's web site at www.sorbentproducts.com.
- ◆ API's Spills Advisory Group ("SAG") met in Washington, DC on June 22, 2001. Items of interest from the meeting are outlined below.
 - 1.) The Coast Guard provided an overview of their recent activities, including: (A.) RADM Pluta has relieved RADM North. RADM Pluta will continue North's programs and partnerships, and will concentrate on the domestic agenda. (B.) With regard to Hazardous Material Response Plan Rulemaking, the interim final rule will likely be published by the end of this year. (C.) A memorandum is being circulated among National Response Team agency members on how to deal with the interface between agencies when investigators appear following an environmental incident. It's likely to take some time before all members are signatory to the memorandum.
 - 2.) A representative from the Civil Air Patrol ("CAP") discussed the potential use of the CAP for surveillance and tracking activities during the early stages of an oil spill. There is currently an agreement between the CAP's Louisiana Wing and the Eighth Coast Guard District for this activity. The CAP Headquarters and the U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters are currently working on the creation of a broader memorandum of understanding in this regard.

- 3.) The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA") is planning to add a depth dimension to its spill tracking models. It's expected to take about a year to integrate this feature into the existing models.
- 4.) The Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") reported on the following: (A.) The final rule on Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures ("SPCC") is at the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB"). An energy review may be required prior to its publication. (B.) The agency's Fresh Water Spills Symposium will be held on March 19-21, 2002 in Cleveland, Ohio. A call for papers and presentations will be issued. (C.) The Coast Guard and EPA are

consolidating the comments they received from last year's PREP workshop. They will be posted on the Coast Guard's web site in the near future. (D.) The EPA is working with API on revising testing procedures to evaluate the efficacy of dispersants.

- 5.) MSRC reported on their purchase of two 500' Elastec/American Marine water-cooled ISB Boom kits, which are located in Galveston and Pascagoula. MSRC has eight other "conventional" ISB kits in its inventory. The group also reported that they are continuing to relocate equipment from Port Hueneme to the Los Angeles/Long Beach area, and plans to convert the OSRB (which will remain in Port Hueneme) to a skimming platform.
- 6.) SUPSALV reported on the following: (A.) They are evaluating the necessity to maintain a large inventory of equipment in the U.S. and what inventory should be staged internationally. (B.) They noted that they are more active in overseas drills and exercises that are similar to those conducted under the PREP. (C.) SUPSALV will be providing support on the salvage effort involving the Japanese fishing vessel ESHIME MARU, and noted that dispersants would be instrumental to the response plan. Crowley Marine Services and Smit Tak are the prime contractors for the effort. (D.) Research and development funding for SUPSALV has been reduced. Projects that remain include a viscous oil transfer system, and a trajectory analysis planner.
- 7.) The Oil Spill Science and Technology Workgroup reported on the following: (A.) Their publication entitled "Effects of Oil and Chemically Dispersed Oil on the Environment" is currently at the printers; "Chemical Human Health Hazards Associated With Oil Spill Response" is being edited; "Identification of Oils that Produce Non-Buoyant In-Situ Burning Residues and Methods for Their Recovery" is being edited and should be published within a month or so; their "Marine Manual" is in the publication department. (B.) An in-situ burning evaluation project is in progress and includes a post burn analysis at several sites in Minnesota, Utah, and Louisiana. (C.) The Texas Shallow Water Dispersant Project will now seek a spill of opportunity to conduct fate and effects analysis of applying dispersants in shallow water. If there is no spill of opportunity during the next year, a planned discharge will again be considered.
- 8.) The next meeting of the SAG is tentatively scheduled for November 1, 2001 in Washington, D.C.

Our thanks to MSRC's Doug O'Donovan for representing SCAA at the SAG meeting and for providing us with his notes!

- ♦ **Work/Life/Health:** Following are a few suggestions for giving criticism to employees while motivating them to do a better job. (1.) **See yourself as a teacher** or coach, and as being helpful. Remember, you're trying to show the employee how to improve. (2.) **Show that you care.** Express your concern about showing ways the employee can boost his/her success. (3.) **Pick the right moment** to offer criticism. (4.) **Avoid giving the impression** that you are more concerned with seeing your recommendations implemented than helping the employee improve. (5.) **Show how the person will benefit** from taking the actions you suggest. (6.) **Give specific suggestions.** (7.) Finally, **be sure you can take criticism** yourself – if not, you may be not be perceived as a credible source. (Source: *Communication Briefings*)
- ♦ **Quote of the Week:** "I know of no more encouraging fact than the unquestionable ability of man to elevate his life by a conscious endeavor." – Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862), *Where I Lived and What I Lived For*