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- ◆ We are very happy to report that development of the SCAA web site has begun, and a meeting was held this week with our web site developer to finalize plans for its content and format. Our home page will be at www.scaa-spill.org, and will include SCAA's mailing address and contact details. We also anticipate offering advertising space to our paid members wherein they can purchase "clickable" banners that will link directly to that members web site. The home page will also provide visitors with several page options, including (1.) **About SCAA** – this page will provide history on the association and its perspectives, along with a letter from the president of SCAA; SCAA's guiding principles; a listing of SCAA board members and SCAA staff (including photos and contact details); a photo library (photos taken from spills on which SCAA members participated); and an awards history that will provide an overview of past Stanfield Award recipients and recipients of the Dr. Tom Dalton Scholarship, along with industry awards that have been received by our members. (2.) **Membership** – this section will list paid members by category, along with a description of their business. (3.) **Meetings and Events** – which will provide an updated schedule of upcoming industry conferences. (4.) **Links** to other web sites, such as the U.S. Coast Guard, OSHA, EPA, and much more. (5.) **Join SCAA**, where those interested in membership can download a membership application. (6.) **Spill Hotline** – this section will provide the latest news on current spill events, and links to other places on the web that can provide more information on the spill. It will also provide a link to the products and services available from SCAA members. (7.) **Newsroom** – this section will include the current edition of the "Spill Briefs" newsletter; an archive of previous editions of the newsletter; press releases from SCAA and its members; and other relevant industry information. (8.) **Partnership Action Team ("PAT")** – this page will be dedicated to providing information about the PAT and its activities. (9.) **Employment Opportunities** – this section will be used to post employment opportunities within companies that are members of SCAA. Those seeking employment can also post their resumes in this section.

In keeping with the plans outlined above, we need to obtain some information from our paid members. This information includes: (A.) A one-line description of the services/products your company offers (e.g., *SPC - Sorbent Products Company, Inc.* – worldwide leading manufacturer of sorbent materials used for environmental and industrial clean-up.) (B.) Contact name, address, e-mail, phone, and fax number, along with your company's logo and web site address. (C.) The category your company falls within – contractor, qualified individual/spill manager, manufacturer/supplier, governmental, training institution, corporate

consultant, publication, corporate, or international. (D.) If you have photos from a spill incident on which your company worked and would like them posted in the photo library, send them to us along with the name and/or a brief description of the incident. (E.) If your company or one of your employees has been presented industry awards, provide us with the appropriate details if you'd like them posted in the awards section of the web site. Information should be sent to us at 8631 W. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48209-2691, Attn: Mike Snyder, telephone 1-313-849-2649, facsimile 1-313-849-1623, and e-mail mpcenvir@aol.com. ***Please respond promptly to ensure you take full advantage of this opportunity and help us to accurately promote your company on the SCAA web site!***

- ◆ The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region V will be conducting free one-day seminars to discuss Facility Response Plans and related issues. The seminars are designed to provide an update on the implementation of, and changes to, the Facility Response Plan ("FRP") requirements established by OPA '90. Topics that will be discussed include the FRP review process, enforcement/legal issues, 5-year review process, response strategies, unannounced drills, vegetable oil and animal fat regulation changes, and DOT and EPA jurisdiction. The seminars will take place as follows: Indianapolis, Indiana - February 21; Ann Arbor, Michigan – March 6; Minneapolis, Minnesota – March 21, and Green Bay, Wisconsin – April 4. For more information on the physical location of each seminar, visit the EPA's web site at www.epa.gov/region5superfund/seminar_frp.html

- ◆ Following the April 7, 2000 oil spill from a pipeline owned by PEPCO into the Patuxent River and its tributaries, Maryland Governor Parris N. Glendening commissioned an Oil Spill Prevention Advisory Committee on July 7, 2000 to review and assess the adequacy of state and federal laws regarding oil transport, oil spill response, and the protection of Maryland's natural resources. The Committee was also asked to assess the adequacy and preparedness of government agencies, the oil industry, regional organizations, and private oil spill response contractors to prevent and respond to oil spills; identify and prioritize sensitive areas of risk that require immediate improvement; and provide recommendations to the Governor regarding these issues. The Committee completed its tasks and published its final report in December 2000. Of particular interest in the report is the summary of Emergency Response issues, which include: (1.) While the report states that local and state resources are usually able to respond to the scene of a spill prior to the RP's contracted response organization, the Committee also recognized that the six Hazardous Materials Specialists on the Maryland Department of Environment's ("MDE's") Emergency Response Team are not adequate to cover the entire state. The Committee recommends that the State evaluate the status of the MDE Emergency Response Division and determine whether additional personnel, equipment and materials are needed to address the number of spills in Maryland. (2.) The Committee recommended that State and Federal agencies should evaluate the need for additional response requirements, which could include the additional staging of equipment at high-risk areas. (3.) The Committee recommended that the MDE review its emergency response contractor lists and the methods used to evaluate the capabilities and qualifications of those contractors. The report further suggests that the state evaluate the contractors who can't perform as they have stated and to determine whether a penalty system should be initiated for those contractors who fail to perform. A complete copy of the December 2000 report can be found on line at http://www.mde.state.md.us/press/chlkpt_oilspill_govreport.pdf (Source: *Maritime Items and World Wide Web*)

- ◆ **Work/Life/Health:** Team members and/or employees can often blame failures on a lack of communication. Unfortunately, this communication failure is sometimes deliberate, and it can prove costly. Some of the "benefits" of poor communication include: (1.) It allows people to hide poor planning. (2.) It makes it easier for a person to later deny what he/she said. This person can then change his/her mind without appearing inconsistent. (3.) Poor communication is a good way to mask true intent and keep agendas hidden. (4.) If the message is not clear, there will be little opposition or criticism. (5.) People can say two things at once. (6.) The poor communicator doesn't have to share credit for good ideas. **Remember – bad communication is the best way for poor performers to hide their incompetence!** (Source: *Team management Briefings*)

- ◆ **Quote of the Week:** "But the bravest are surely those who have the clearest vision of what is before them, glory and danger alike, and yet notwithstanding go out to meet it." – Thucydides (c. 460-400 B.C.), *Peloponnesian War, bk. II (Funeral Oration of Pericles)*