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**March 9, 2001**

- ◆ The SCAA Board of Directors conducted a conference call this week. Topics of discussion included:
  - (1.) The SCAA Annual Meeting – an update on the planning for this event was provided, as was an overview of responses (attendees) received to date. Capt. Dave Westerholm will be the keynote speaker for the Stanfield Award dinner and cocktail reception, and the program for Monday's general meeting is being finalized. ***We expect the meeting (as well as Sunday's golf outing!) to be very well attended, and encourage all members to return their registration forms ASAP! If you need more information on the Annual Meeting or golf outing, contact Mike Snyder (313-849-2649) or Marc Shaye (1-313-962-8255).***
  - (2.) The Board was provided an update/summary of the recent meeting of the CTAC Subcommittee on Hazardous Substance Response Standards. Representatives from SCAA members Marine Pollution Control Corp. and Garner Environmental Services attended the meeting, and we will keep you informed of any pertinent developments in the Subcommittee through this newsletter.
  - (3.) An update was provided on the development of SCAA's web site. ***Attn. Members: Be sure to return your company listings for inclusion on the web site!*** (See February 16, 2001 Spill Briefs [07-01]).
  - (4.) The SCAA Steering Committee Survey was discussed, and the board was informed that 38 responses had been received thus far. ***If you haven't completed and returned your survey yet, please do so at your earliest convenience.*** If you haven't received a survey, contact Jim Weber Jr. (phone 1-850-234-8428, e-mail [weberjr@swsefr.com](mailto:weberjr@swsefr.com)) or Mike Snyder (phone 1-313-849-2649, e-mail [mikes@scaa-spill.org](mailto:mikes@scaa-spill.org)).
  - (5.) The exhibitor's brochure and announcement for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Inland Spills Conference are available. The event will take place September 24-26, 2001 at the Kings Island Resort and Conference Center in Kings Island (near Cincinnati), Ohio, and its programming is nearing completion. Contact Marc Shaye (1-313-962-8255) for more information.
- ◆ Late last month, the Supreme Court unanimously rejected a challenge as to how the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency implements the Clean Air Act. In short, the ruling upholds the EPA's authority to set limits on smog and pollution, and rejects industry's claim that the agency must balance compliance costs against the health benefits of cleaner air. However, the court did

order the EPA to reconsider the standards it set for ozone, stating that their interpretation of a section of the CAA was unreasonable. Attorneys representing industry argued that compliance with the CAA would cost businesses about \$50 billion annually – a financial factor never considered by the EPA. (Source: *MSNBC*)

- ◆ The European Shipper's Council ("ESC") recently called on the European Community (Brussels) to introduce a financial liability on ship owners whose vessels are involved in maritime pollution, which would mirror OPA '90. The recommendation of the ESC was made to the European Community ("EC") after the ESC reviewed a proposed European "third tier" fund that would be financed entirely by oil receivers. The ESC contends that the proposed scheme would not help

prevent maritime pollution and would not prevent ship owners from operating substandard vessels in European waters. It further states that the EC would be better served by adopting legislation comprising both financial liability and a compensation system in the event of marine pollution. The ESC's recommendations also suggest that the EC adopt protocol's forbidding vessels access to European ports unless they can demonstrate that they have the financial capability to cover the environmental risks posed by the cargoes they carry. (Source: *Lloyd's List*)

◆ **WMD Related News . . .**

- (1.) The Texas A&M Texas Engineering Extension Service has cancelled its National Workshop on Domestic Preparedness and Counter Terrorism that was scheduled for March 19-22, 2001 in New Orleans. (Source: *The Beacon*)
  - (2.) The International Conference on Disaster Management has been scheduled for August 6-10, 2001 at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida. The conference is seeking to bring together all disciplines involved in emergency response. For more information, contact David Tait at 1-850-906-9221, or visit the conference web site at [www.disastermeeting.com](http://www.disastermeeting.com) (Source: *The Beacon*)
  - (3.) Rep. Wayne Gilchrest (R-Maryland) has introduced a slightly modified version of a bill passed by the House of Representatives last year (H.R. 4210) to reorganize the U.S. Domestic Counter Terrorism program and place it under a new office in the White House. Former President Clinton opposed moving the program to the White House, and the fate of the proposal now lies with President Bush. The new bill, H.R. 525, is known as the Preparedness Against Domestic Terrorism Act. The Act would create a new President's Council on Domestic Terrorism Preparedness, which would be chaired by the President. The President's Council would take over leadership of the counter terrorism program from the Department of Justice. The bill could face an uphill battle: While the House approved last years' version of the bill, the Senate did not consider any plan to shift the domestic preparedness program to the White House. Instead, the Senate Health and Education Committee approved legislation to move the program to a new office in the Department of Justice. (Source: *Emergency Preparedness News*)
- ◆ William O'Neil, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization ("IMO") recently announced his intention to commence an assessment of the impact of the International Safety Management ("ISM") Code since it became mandatory for passenger ships, oil and chemical tankers, gas carriers, and bulk carriers on July 1, 1998. Compliance with the ISM Code will become mandatory for all other cargo ships of 500 gross tons or more on July 1, 2002. Relative to that, The Swedish P&I Club has reported that ships complying with the ISM Code have made significant claim improvements as compared to those who do not comply with the code. (Source: *Maritime Items and IMO Briefings*)
- ◆ **Work/Life/Health:** Good customer service is much more than a catchy slogan or formula. When it comes to customer service, your employees will deliver the best if they remember the five "P's": (1.) **Be Proud** – employees should have confidence in themselves. Customers see them as experts that are ready and able to deliver solutions. (2.) **Be Professional** – always put the customer first. (3.) **Be Polite** – customers always deserve your respect and consideration. (4.) **Be Prompt** – never keep a customer waiting. (5.) **Be Personal** – customers want to be treated as individuals, not the next person in line. (Source: *Team Management Briefings*)
- ◆ **Quote of the Week:** "History is the witness that testifies to the passing of time; it illumines reality, vitalizes memory, provides guidance in daily life, and brings us tidings of antiquity." – Marcus Tillius Cicero (106-43 B.C.), *Pro Publio Sestio*, sec. 45