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- ◆ SCAA's Contractor's Forum was held this week during the Clean Gulf conference, and took place on Thursday, October 25. The forum was well attended, and the Coast Guard's Capt. Dave Westerholm was invited to participate. During the forum, an open and extensive discussion was had regarding AMPD coverage and the OSRO Classification program, followed by discussions on issues surrounding Weapons of Mass Destruction. ***We'd like to extend our thanks to Capt. Westerholm for his participation, and to everyone else who attended and participated in the Contractor's Forum!***
- ◆ As you recall, we asked a question in the October 12 edition of this newsletter [40-01] regarding relief from DOT regulations as they relate to the hours worked by a driver during an emergency response action. As it happens, there is an exception in 49 CFR §390.23 "Relief from regulations." This information can be found on-line at the following web address: <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rulesregs/fmcsr/regs/390menu.htm>. In short, this section states that the requirements shall not apply to any motor carrier or driver operating a commercial motor vehicle to provide emergency relief during an emergency, subject to certain time limitations. An "emergency" is defined in 49 CFR §390.5 "Definitions", which can also be found at the link provided above. ***Our thanks to Larry Halda at IMS Environmental Services for providing us with this information!!***
- ◆ The Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee ("CTAC") and its Subcommittees will meet November 27-29, 2001 to discuss various issues relative to the marine transportation of hazardous materials in bulk. These meetings were originally scheduled for September 12-14, 2001, all are open to the public, and all except the Subcommittee on Vessel Cargo Tank Over Pressurization will meet at the Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC. The CTAC will meet in Room 2415 on Wednesday, November 28 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Subcommittees on Prevention Through People ("PTP") and Hazardous Materials Response Standards will meet on Tuesday, November 27 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in rooms 5303 and 2415, respectively. The Subcommittee on Vessel Cargo Tank Over Pressurization will meet at the Department of Transportation Headquarters, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC in room 3328 on Thursday, November 29 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact CDR James Michalowski, CTAC's Executive Director, or Sarah Ju (his assistant) at 1-202-267-1217. (Source: *Federal Register and Maritime Items*)
- ◆ The Centers for Disease Control recently issued an official health advisory on how to handle anthrax and other biological agents. The advisory includes information about anthrax, what precautions to take if you think you've been exposed, procedures to prevent contamination from

spreading throughout a building, and how to identify suspicious packages and letters. The group's web site, found at www.bt.cdc.gov, also has information on recommendations for the selection and use of protective clothing, summaries of confirmed cases of anthrax, facts about various biological agents, and more. (Sources: *Environmental Protection E-News* and CDC web site) ***It's interesting to note that the protocols many contractors have developed for addressing biohazards such as anthrax seem to be more comprehensive than those we've seen posted on the CDC web site and other locations. This is a further testament on the dedication of the private sector for ensuring personnel safety during biohazard and other hazardous material response incidents.***

- ◆ Another interesting web site you might want to visit for information on homeland security issues is www.homelandsecurity.org. This web site is for the ANSER Institute for Homeland Security, whose parent organization - Analytical Services, Inc. - is a nonprofit public services organization that has been serving national security interests since 1958. Education is one of the Institutes primary missions, and the web site is loaded with information on recent news and events regarding homeland security issues. This group should not be confused with Tom Ridge's new Office of Homeland Security, and they have no formal relationship with the federal government. The Institute publishes a free weekly newsletter that highlights recent news in homeland security, and users can subscribe to it through the web site. ***Our thanks to Dan Sheehan for sending along this information!***
- ◆ A recent edition of *The Kiplinger Letter* reports that there is little need to worry about terrorism exclusions in insurance. While general liability, auto liability, and business interruption policies will include terrorism exclusions in the wake of the September 11 attacks, their effects are expected to be minimal. In fact, some states will ban such exclusions, while others are expected to ensure that any exclusions are narrow and will put the burden or proof on the insurer. One caveat – transportation and real estate are possible exceptions, and will likely need special terrorism insurance that is currently under development. The size and scope of such coverage will depend upon what Congress does to back up insurers.
- ◆ Port officials throughout the U.S. have urged lawmakers to provide federal funding for the implementation of planned security measures in the wake of the September 11 attacks. The request was issued at the 90th Annual Convention of the American Association of Port Authorities (“AAPA”) that was held in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. U.S. Port members are expected to take a lead role in discussions with Washington on ways to protect the nations ports from terrorist acts while ensuring safe and efficient cargo movement for consumers, manufacturers, and the military. Many legislative measures have already been introduced in Congress, including the Port and Maritime Security Act of 2001. The AAPA represents more than 150 public port authorities in the U.S., Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean. (Source: *Lloyd's List*)
- ◆ Last week, Hong Kong's Marine Department conducted its annual oil pollution combating exercise, code named “Kingfisher 2001”. The event was carried out at Pearl Island in Tuen Mun on Thursday, October 18. The exercise – a simulated response to a grounded vessel leaking oil – included the deployment of oil containment booms, deployment of shoreline booming, oil recovery by skimmers, dispersant application, and shoreline cleanup. Four government departments and six private companies participated in the exercise. (Source: *Press Release* and *Maritime Items*)
- ◆ Kenneth O. Burris Jr., Chief Operating Officer of the U.S. Fire Administration, has been appointed director of Region IV for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”). The agency's Region IV is located in Atlanta, and oversees agency operations in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. (Source: *FEMA Press Release*)
- ◆ ***Work/Life/Health:*** When helping a subordinate with a new task, be careful of the phrase and resulting action of “let me show you how”. It's tempting to demonstrate performance of the task rather than providing supportive direction when you're in a rush. However, this tact is usually taken just to get the work done rather than helping the employee learn the task. It may boost short-term performance, but long-term proficiency will suffer. Before demonstrating a task, ask yourself the following questions: Am I being supportive or helping myself? Will my demonstration increase or decrease the employee's independence? (Source: *Team Management Briefings*)
- ◆ ***Quote of the Week:*** “A democracy – that is a government of all the people, by all the people, for all the people; of course, a government of the principles of eternal justice, the unchanging law of God; for shortness' sake I will call it the idea of Freedom.” – Theodore Parker (1810-1860), *The American Idea* [May 29, 1850]