



08-02

www.scaa-spill.org

February 22, 2002

- ◆ ***A New Member!*** Please join us in welcoming the Water Quality Insurance Syndicate (WQIS) to the Association. As most of you know, WQIS is the largest underwriter of pollution liability insurance for the marine vessels in the U.S. They are located at 80 Broad Street, New York, NY 10004, telephone 1-212-292-8700, facsimile 1-212-292-8719, and the contact there is Richard Hobbie III. ***Thanks for your support, and Welcome Aboard!***
- ◆ ***If you haven't done so already, please return your registration forms for attending SCAA's Annual Meeting to Marc Shaye at your earliest convenience, as we need this information for planning purposes.*** Marc's fax number is 1-313-962-2937, and e-mail marcs@scaa-spill.org. Copies of the registration form are available on SCAA's web site (www.scaa-spill.org). Alternatively, we can provide them to you if you don't have immediate access to the web. ***Also, be sure to make your hotel reservations for the event (Palms Casino Hotel, 1-866-942-7770 or 1-702-942-7777).*** (Note: The number listed on SCAA's web site for reservations at the Palms [1-866-725-6773] is being checked for trouble. The numbers listed above are working!)
- ◆ We are in the process of compiling a more extensive mailing list in order to promote the upcoming Inland Spills Conference in September. Ideally, we'd like to e-mail the conference information to as many companies/contacts as possible. With that, we request that our members forward any contacts/e-mail addresses they may have for companies that would be interested in receiving information on this annual event. Of course, we recognize that the contact information is likely considered protected by our members. ***Rest assured that the information we receive from our members will be used solely for conference-related mailing purposes.*** Please forward the information to Marc Shaye at facsimile 1-313-962-2937 or e-mail marcs@scaa-spill.org. Questions or concerns can also be faxed or e-mailed to Marc, or you can call him at 1-313-962-8255.
- ◆ ***We wanted to offer our sincere congratulations to Jack Salmon, Jr.,*** who has accepted a position with the Department of Commerce (NOAA) as the Chief of Acquisition Management for the Eastern Administrative Support Center in Norfolk, Virginia. As many of you know, Jack is currently Chief, Emergency Response Contracting, Maintenance and Logistics Command Atlantic, U.S. Coast Guard. Jack will be leaving his current position on March 8, 2002, and as yet, no replacement has been named. Over the years, Jack has been very active in

responding the BOA-related concerns that have been raised by our membership, and was a participant in the Partnership Action Team's work group that focused on BOA issues. ***We appreciate Jack's input on Association issues over the past several years, and wish him the best of luck and continued success in his new position!***

- ◆ This week, SCAA representatives participated in the ASTM meeting (February 19-21, Port Hueneme, California) and the Spill Advisory Group meeting (February 21, Washington D.C.). Members attending the ASTM meeting included Dave Usher (Marine Pollution Control Corp.), Larry Doyle (Cliff Berry, Inc.), Dave Devitis (Mar, Inc.), and Doug O'Donovan (MSRC). John Parker (IMS) and Dan Sheehan attended the SAG meeting. While we don't have the minutes

from the meetings as yet, it is worthwhile to note that the issue of the public sector's involvement in homeland security/WMD issues was raised at the ASTM meeting by Dave Usher, as well as the potential for the future development of standards relating to WMD response. Highlights of both meetings will be outlined in this newsletter once the minutes have been received.

- ◆ Peter Lane of Applied Fabric Technologies made us aware of a new product on the market that we wanted to pass along to our membership. It is called the Eventank™, a flexible fabric container capable of holding up to 35 gallons of potable water. It is equipped with a 25-foot hose and a 12v pump (plugs into a cigarette lighter) that is capable of delivering water at up to 700 gallons per hour. The Eventank™ weighs 12 pounds empty, and folds to 15" x 17" x 8" high. Originally developed for use on a farm, it can also be used as a field decontamination tool. More information on this product can be obtained on-line at www.eventstuff.net (click on "Products", and then the Eventank™ link). You may also send e-mail to eventstu@buffnet.net, or call 1-716-662-0632.
- ◆ Sorbent Products Company ("SPC") recently announced that the MRO 555 has been added to its product line. The MRO 555 is a heavyweight, dimpled material with a new, light spunbond polypropylene bottom layer and is used for the cleanup of oil and water-based liquids. It also features the new, stronger SPC perf. This low-linting MRO is gray to help mask dirt, and has an incineration residue of less than 0.02 ash. The product is available in rolls 15" wide and 150' long, perfed in two directions. More information on this product or any other produced by SPC can be found on-line at www.sorbentproducts.com, or by calling Cheryl Blicharz at 800-333-7672, e-mail cblicharz@sorbentproducts.com.
- ◆ Brazilian oil giant Petrobras announced this week that it would appeal a \$180 million court award to fishermen following a major oil spill occurring in Guanabara Bay, Rio de Janeiro, in January 2000. As you may recall, some 340,000 gallons of crude oil spilled into the bay through a ruptured pipeline. A state court made the ruling in favor of the Fishermen Federation of Rio de Janeiro, who was seeking additional compensatory damages. Petrobras had already been fined \$30 million in total for the spill, and said that it had already paid nearly 10,000 fishermen a total of \$2.8 million, and distributed food to them after the spill. (Source: *Reuters*)
- ◆ **Work/Life/Health:** While most people are aware that positive thoughts and actions can help lower stress, they can also boost your efficiency. Here are some examples: (1.) React with optimism when a mishap occurs – find the silver lining and emphasize it. By not turning setbacks into catastrophes, you can avoid bouts of stress and irritation that can derail your progress. (2.) Spur your employees to raise their productivity by doing high-visibility favors for others – when employees see your selfless acts, they will be uplifted and strive to mimic your behavior. (3.) Find humor in sadness, where appropriate. By maintaining some levity when besieged by crises or struck with tragedy, you will become more resilient. (Source: *Communications Briefings*)
- ◆ **Quote of the Week:** "The whole history of the progress of human liberty shows that all concessions yet made to her august claims have been born of earnest struggle . . . If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground, they want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters." – Frederick Douglass (c. 1818-1895), *Speech at Canandaigua, New York [August 3, 1857]*