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- ♦ The SCAA Board of Directors conducted a conference call this week. Some notes of interest include:
 - 1.) In his capacity as President of SCAA, Dave Usher will be participating in panel discussion chaired by NRC's Steve Candito on "Surviving in Today's Marketplace" during the Clean Gulf Conference. ***During the conference call, Dave asked the participating board members to send along some notes on the things their companies are doing to remain viable in today's economy, and is requesting the same type of information from the SCAA membership.*** Please send along your notes and/or comments via e-mail (mikes@scaa-spill.org) or fax (1-313-849-1623) at your earliest convenience!
 - 2.) As you know, the Inland Spills Conference is taking place September 30-October 2, 2002 at the Columbus Marriott North in Columbus, Ohio. ***Exhibition space for the event is still available.*** If you haven't reserved your booth space yet, or if you need a conference program, contact Marc Shaye at 313-962-8255 or send him e-mail to marcs@scaa-spill.org.
 - 3.) After this year, the OhioEPA will no longer be a sponsor of the Inland Spills Conference, although they will continue supporting the event by providing papers and session speakers. ***We truly appreciate the efforts and dedication of the OhioEPA over the years in supporting this endeavor, and look forward to their future participation.*** In conjunction with this, the Board of Directors voted unanimously for SCAA to continue successfully sponsoring and promoting the Inland Spills Conference in the years ahead.
 - 4.) Plans are underway for the Annual Meeting, and venues for the event are being investigated in New York City and the Washington DC area. Las Vegas also remains an option for the meeting. ***As always, your comments and/or suggestions for the Annual Meeting, its location, programming, etc. are encouraged and welcome.*** Send them to us via e-mail (mikes@scaa-spill.org) or fax (1-313-849-1623).
 - 5.) The Board discussed federal training programs for public sector employees involved with spill response, and the possibility of SCAA developing module that could be presented by a SCAA representative during such training. Among other things, the module would assist in educating public sector responders on the response resources available from the private sector. The Board agreed that this initiative should be discussed during the next meeting of the Partnership Action Team ("PAT")
 - 6.) This year, a new Board of Directors must be nominated and voted upon. Once the Board of Directors has been elected, they in turn nominate and vote for SCAA officers. Further to this,

SCAA has formed a nomination committee to field nominations for appointment to the Board of Directors. They include Mark Miller (mmiller@millerenv.com) of Miller Environmental Group, Les Stanfield (brian@acmeboom.com) of Acme Products, and Jim Weber Jr. (weberjr@swsefr.com) of Southern Waste Services. ***Anyone interested in serving on the Board of Directors must submit his/her name for consideration to any of the three***

committee members listed above by October 1, 2002. Once all of the nominations have been received, a ballot will be developed and distributed to the membership for an official vote. **Only representatives from members in good standing are eligible for positions on the Board of Directors, and only members in good standing will be eligible to vote for the Board of Directors.** Please contact us if you have any questions or comments on this process.

- ♦ **Congratulations and Best Wishes!** to John Prokop, who we understand has retired from the Independent Liquid Terminals Association (“ILTA”). John was a participant in the RegNeg process, and has been a part of our industry for many years. **We wish John fair winds and following seas in his retirement!**
- ♦ We’d also like to note that David “Zack” Zachary recently left his position as Vice President of Operations of ASCO Environmental Services, Inc. and formed his own company – ZESCO, LLC – to primarily function as an independent consultant for crisis management teams. **We know that many of our members know Zack personally, and will join us in wishing him all the best in his new endeavor.** If you’d like to contact Zack, he can be reached via phone at 1-337-625-9226, or via e-mail at kdzzack@aol.com.
- ♦ Last week, Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta commissioned the U.S. Coast Guard’s newest anti-terror team at the Coast Guard base on Terminal Island, California. The Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST) 91103 is a specialized fast-response unit created in response to the attacks of September 11. The 100-member team is patterned after existing Coast Guard Port Security Units and Law Enforcement Detachments, and will provide a fast deployment response to enhance the Coast Guard’s homeland security efforts along the West Coast. The MSST 91103 is multi-mission capable, and can also perform search and rescue and law enforcement actions. (Sources: *Maritime Items* and *Coast Guard Press Release*)
- ♦ The State of Oregon has filed a motion to amend its original lawsuit against the owner of the *New Carissa*, wherein the state is now seeking \$50 million in punitive damages for the owner’s alleged obstruction of the salvage operation. The state claims that the vessel owner – Green Atlas Shipping – tried to prevent the salvor (DonJon/Devine joint venture) from starting work on removing the stern of the wreck from Coos Bay in May of 2000 so it could save \$3 million. The state has also claimed a storage fee of \$1,500 per day for the remaining stern section of the vessel, beginning from February 4, 1999. (Source: *Lloyd’s List*)
- ♦ **Quick definitions . . .** The terms “Homeland Defense” and “Homeland Security” have been used a lot over the last year – both correctly and incorrectly - and we thought it might be a good idea to pass on the U.S. Joint Forces Command definition of these terms: (1.) *Homeland Defense* is the protection of a U.S. territory, domestic population and critical infrastructure against military attacks emanating from outside the U.S. (2.) *Homeland Security* is the prevention, preemption and deterrence of, and defense against aggression targeted at U.S. territory, sovereignty, domestic population and infrastructure, as well as the management of the consequences of such aggression and other domestic emergencies. (Source: *The Military Engineer*)
- ♦ **Work/Life/Health:** As a manager, you may at some point lead your staff through a brainstorming session to improve quality, service, increase market share, etc. Remember – the first idea is rarely the best idea, and here’s why: Because it was so easy to come up with, there’s a good chance the competition has already thought of it. Make sure that you leave the meeting with at least four or five solid ideas so that you have some flexibility in deciding which to use. (Source: *The Motivational Manager*)
- ♦ **Quote of the Week:** “When in despair I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won; there have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time they can seem invincible, but in the end they always fall.” – Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)