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- ◆ At this week's meeting of INTERTANKO's Associate Members Committee in London, Dave Usher raised the issue of utilizing spill contractors in potential Weapons of Mass Destruction ("WMD") circumstances aboard/involving vessels. The purpose of raising the issue was ultimately to ensure that INTERTANKO members are aware that the private sector response community is also very well equipped to respond to WMD incidents in addition to oil and chemical spills. INTERTANKO is concerned with the issue of maritime security and the response to WMD incidents, and are very interested in continuing a dialogue in this vein.
Editor's Note: Clearly, this is an area where our membership can be of great assistance to the maritime industry, and SCAA is dedicated to continuing our efforts to educate the public on the significant and professional resources available from the private sector. More than ever, your support of these efforts is crucial to our success!
- ◆ The California Office of Spill Prevention and Response ("OSPR") recently issued its final rule on Oil Spill Response Organization ("OSRO") Rating, which can be found on line at www.dfg.ca.gov/ospr/regulation/osrofin.pdf. As you know, ship and facility owners and operators that are required to submit response plans to the state of California must identify and ensure the availability of spill response capability. Plan holders that list state-rated OSRO's don't have to demonstrate the OSRO's response capability; those that list OSRO's that haven't been rated by the state must prove the response capability. (Source: *Maritime Items*)
- ◆ The Society of Maritime Industries is hosting a one-day seminar entitled "Spill contracting in the 21st Century – The Contractor's Accreditation Scheme", which will take place on Friday, November 8, 2002 at the Hilton Hotel Warwick in London. The purpose of the seminar is to present the oil spill response accreditation scheme, which is designed to assess a given contractor's capability to respond to different types of spills in different environments. Similar seminars will be held in Northern Ireland and Scotland later in November and early December. For more information, contact events manager Richard Sherwood at +44-20-7928-9199, facsimile +44-20-7928-6599, e-mail events@maritimeindustries.org
- ◆ The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (H.R. 3210/S. 2600) will likely pass during the current Congressional session. The act is a bill designed to help cover insurance costs against future terrorist attacks. It essentially calls for a three-year \$100 billion package that would have the

government cover some 90% of all terrorist-caused losses after insurance companies pay for an initial \$10 billion. (Source: *Emergency Preparedness News*)

- ◆ A Notice of Availability of the revised 2002 Guidelines for the National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program ("PREP") was recently issued by the U.S. Coast Guard, Research & Special Programs Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, and Minerals Management Service. The revised guidelines can be found on line at www.uscg.mil/hq/nsfcc/nsfweb/download/PREP/PREP_GLNS_Aug_02_Draft_7-24-02%203.pdf. As you may recall, a public meeting to discuss the revised guidelines will be

held in Galveston, Texas on November 7 following the Clean Gulf conference. (Source: *Maritime Items*)

- ◆ The Coast Guard is seeking applications for membership on the Towing Safety Advisory Committee ("TSAC"), which provides advice and recommendations to the Department of Transportation on matters relating to shallow draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety. Application forms must be received by December 23, 2002. Applications can be obtained by calling 1-202-267-0214, faxing 1-202-267-4570, or going on-line to www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/index.htm and clicking on "ACM Application". Completed and signed application forms should be mailed to TSAC Application, Commandant (G-MSO-1), Room 1210, U.S. Coast Guard, 21200 Second Street SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001. (Sources: *Maritime Items* and *Federal Register*)
- ◆ Andreas Chrysostomu has been selected by the International Maritime Organization's Marine Environment Protection Committee to be its new chairman. Initially, Mr. Chrysostomu – who is replacing Michael Julian, who has chaired the committee since 1997 - will serve a one-year term. (Source: *Lloyd's List*)
- ◆ The Coast Guard recently issued Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular ("NVIC") 10-02 entitled "Security Guidelines for Vessels", which was developed to assist vessel owners/operators to align security arrangements to the requirements being developed at the International Maritime Organization. The guidelines provide for appointing company and ship security officers, performing security assessments, establishing protective measures, preparing vessel security plans, and coordinating security arrangements with waterfront facilities. NVIC 10-02 can be found on-line at www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nvic/10-02.pdf. (Source: *Maritime Items*)
- ◆ Two weeks ago, we reported that the insurer of the tanker "Jessica" – which grounded and spilled oil in the Galapagos Islands in January 2001 – had been ordered to pay \$10 million in damages. The insurer, Terra Nova, will appeal the judgment under the premise that they were no longer the insurer of the vessel when the incident occurred. (Source: *Lloyd's List*)
- ◆ **Work/Life/Health:** It's not unusual for employees to know what their company charges customers for the services/products they offer, and they know that their pay is only a fraction of that cost. The CEO of one company wanted his employees to understand that the difference between invoice prices and their pay wasn't all profit, and thus treated them to a demonstration of the company's expenses, illustrated as portions of a hypothetical \$100 order. As the presenter explained where the money was going, different departments came forward to claim proceeds of the sale. The \$100 was whittled down as claims were made by rent, health and business insurance, taxes, and other fixed and operating expenses that many employees don't think about. In the end, only \$5 remained. The demonstration improved morale by giving workers an understanding of the company's expenses, and challenged them to look for ways to save the company money. (Source: *The Motivational Manager*)
- ◆ **Quote of the Week:** "Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes time. Vision with action can change the world. A true leader must first see an idea as opportunity, then choose to act upon it." – Joel Barker, American Businessman, Consultant, and Author