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- ◆ This week, SCAA's Board of Directors conducted its regular bi-monthly meeting via teleconference. Highlights from the meeting include:
- 1.) The board briefly discussed H.R. 5005, the Homeland Security Act of 2002, and the language that was included in the Act as the result of SCAA's lobbying efforts, which show a preference to private sector resources for emergency response actions.
- 2.) An overview was provided on the planning for SCAA's upcoming Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. At this point, we are looking at late February for the meeting time frame, and are talking to various hotels in Vegas for the venue. The general consensus was that the venue should be a hotel located on the strip, and we are focusing our efforts in that regard. We'll keep the membership updated on our planning efforts through this newsletter. As always, any suggestions you may have for programming ideas are encouraged and welcome. Send them to us at [marcs@scaa-spill.org](mailto:marcs@scaa-spill.org) or [mikes@scaa-spill.org](mailto:mikes@scaa-spill.org).
- 3.) The Board discussed the Inland Spills Conference and the possibility of changing the name of the conference to make it more reflective of the conference programming. The tentative dates for the next conference are August 24-27, 2003 in the Sandusky, Ohio area. As you recall, the OHIO EPA will no longer co-sponsor the event, and it was mentioned that the University of Findlay and U.S. Coast Guard would help support the conference next year. That notwithstanding, SCAA would like more support from its membership in ensuring the continued success of the conference. Please contact Marc Shaye at 313-962-8255, e-mail [marcs@scaa-spill.org](mailto:marcs@scaa-spill.org), for more information.
- 4.) An overview was provided of the companies that have paid their membership dues thus far. ***It was noted that the membership dues for oil spill contractors can be paid quarterly – if you'd like to take advantage of this payment plan, please contact Marc Shaye at the numbers/e-mail listed above.***
- 5.) The list of nominees for the SCAA Board of Directors was discussed, as was its development by the nomination committee. The ballot for the Board of Directors will be sent to members in good standing sometime in January/February.

- 6.) A proposal SCAA received from a publication company for the development of an association magazine was discussed. The Board will review the proposal in more detail, and report back to the membership at large in due course.
- ◆ This week, the fifteen nations comprising the European Union ("EU") agreed to ban single hull tankers carrying heavy fuel oil through their waters in an attempt to prevent future environmental disasters like that caused by the sinking of the "Prestige". The ban will take effect next month as part of a package put together by EU transport ministers, which also includes: (1.) a total ban on all single-hulled vessels over fifteen years old will be phased in, likely to become effective in 2010. (2.) safety zones will to be set up that will be off-limits to

“dangerous” ships. (3.) a \$1 billion fund will be set up to help areas stricken by oil slicks. (4.) EU enforcement of a blacklist of 66 ships judged to be particularly dangerous that will be immediately prohibited from entering EU ports. (5.) the acceleration of the creation of a Maritime Safety Agency to better monitor ships. (Source: *AP*)

- ◆ The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has announced that it will postpone the deadline to implement its revised oil spill containment rules, although no decision has been made on how long the enforcement suspension would last. As you may recall, onshore and offshore oil production facilities were required to amend their Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures (“SPCC”) Plans by February 17, 2003. The EPA issued the suspension following its receipt of numerous written and verbal requests from industry, and will use the time for “fact finding”. As you know, SPCC plans are designed to prevent oil from entering navigable waterways. (Source: *OA Online News*)
- ◆ Once hailed as the most polluted square mile in the United States, the Rocky Mountain Arsenal in Colorado— a former production facility for chemical weapons and pesticides – will likely be designated as a national wildlife refuge in 2011 after cleanup efforts at the site have been completed. This federal Superfund site is undergoing a \$2.2 billion cleanup, of which \$1.4 billion has already been expended. Cleanup workers have used an underground incinerator to destroy 11 million gallons of hazardous waste collected from ponds on the property, and have demolished 200 buildings deemed contaminated or of no use. 100 more structures are being razed, with hundreds of tons of contaminated soil being transported to hazardous waste landfills. Even though the cleanup is yet to be completed, some 300 animal species of wildlife - including white-tail and mule deer, bald eagles, and coyotes – reside on the site. Critics of the long term plan for the property say that turning the site into a national wildlife refuge saves the Government and Shell Chemical company - the responsible parties - from cleaning up the property as much as they would have had to for other uses, such as residential or commercial development. (Source: *USA Today*)
- ◆ This week, SCAA member Clean Harbors Environmental Services responded to a traffic accident in Braintree, Massachusetts resulting in the release of some 3,000 gallons of heating oil into a nearby marshland, and threatening several waterways in the area. The light oil, dyed red to distinguish it from diesel fuel, floated in local streams and in places, over a layer of ice. Environmental analysts from the state say that long-term damage from the spill is difficult to judge at this point. (Source: *The Boston Globe*)
- ◆ **Work/Life/Health:** If you want your team to reach its peak performance level, it’s important to set goals and develop a plan for reaching them. The key to achieving goals is to be sure they are **SMART**, that is (1.) **S**pecific – they must be focused and precise; (2.) **M**easurable – you must be able to tell when the goal has been reached; (3.) **A**ttainable – while goals must be challenging, they must also be achievable; (4.) **R**elevant – goals should be tied to personal and professional motivators; and (5.) **T**ime-bound – the goals should be achievable within a reasonable time frame. (Source: *The Selling Advantage*)
- ◆ **Quote of the Week:** “And he gave it for his opinion, that whoever could make two ears of corn or two blades of grass to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to his country . . .” – Jonathan Swift (1667-1745), *Gulliver’s Travels*