

COVID-19 Update (9th July 2021)

Sri Lanka update

We continue to provide technical advice and support to the X-Press Pearl container ship response activities.

The new team of six from across the Bahrain, Singapore, and UK bases are now in-country and have completed quarantine. Following a handover, all personnel on the first rotation have left the country.

Our personnel continue to be extensively involved in shoreline management activities across multiple beach sites, predominantly dealing with the debris and plastic nurdles impacting the shorelines.

As per the shoreline response plan, we are currently developing protection booming plans for several areas. Additionally, OSRL equipment offshore containment & recovery has arrived in-country and is presently awaiting customs clearance.

We continue to observe both OSRL's own and the Sri Lankan government's Covid control measures in managing this incident.

Exercises

Two Fort Lauderdale staff attended a joint training in-situ burn exercise with Clean Gulf Associates (CGA) off the coast of Galveston, Texas. As a result, the staff were able to deploy fire boom in very realistic conditions and concluded the exercise safely, testing relevant Covid-19 protocols, without incident.

OSRL and CGA have historically collaborated in joint field exercises; as things open up, we expect to take up more of these opportunities. CGA expressed a strong appreciation for the level of interaction and historical engagement with OSRL.

The UK team held a major offshore dispersant application exercise during the week of 25th June. This exercise utilised our B727 wide area dispersant platform, the UKCS surveillance aircraft and vessel-mounted dispersant application and effectiveness monitoring technologies. Following a theory day for all personnel, teams rotated through roles over the next three days and completed with an assessed real-time drill on the final day. All exercise objectives were met and the exercise was completed safely within OSRL's Covid-19 procedures.

This week we have a shoreline exercise taking place in the UK and our Bahrain base participated in a deployment exercise with one of our Members in Saudi Arabia. We look forward to sharing lessons learned from these exercises in our next update.

As a reminder, you can find all OSRL's Field Guides which explain our Covid-19 protocols for response activities [here](#)

SWIS Maintenance

Last week we completed capping maintenance in Singapore. Completing the maintenance was an important milestone for the company as we utilised local resources provided through Trendsetter instead of centrally from Houston. As part of the maintenance, the HC / H4 connector was removed from the capping stack for recertification by Cameron. We greatly appreciate the Singapore team for all their hard work, diligence and support.

Global Oiled Wildlife Response Service

We are pleased to share [a short video](#) explaining the new proposed Tier 3 Global Oiled Wildlife Response Service (GOWRS) – A guaranteed 4-person Tier 3 Assessment Team provided collectively by some of the world's leading wildlife response organisations. We hope to launch GOWRS as a Supplementary Service next year and [seek expressions of interest from our Members](#).

To launch the GOWRS service, we need to assess the level of interest. If you would like to know more, please email Paul Kelway, Wildlife Preparedness and Response Manager, paulkelway@oilspillresponse.com. All discussions are non-binding at this stage and just helping us gain an insight into potential interest for the service.

For a more in-depth overview of GOWRS and our partners in wildlife emergency preparedness and response? Watch the '[Report of Activities](#)' video shared recently at our AGM

Latest blog – Q& A with Rosie Buse, OSRL's Crisis Management Story

Rosie Buse, Principal Consultant, talks about OSRL's crisis management services story and why structure, skillset and mindset are fundamental to effective crisis management.

She discusses why offering crisis management services isn't new to OSRL, how OSRL can help organisations and a free initial crisis preparedness assessment tool. [Read here](#).

Seminar recordings

Four new seminar recordings are now available on our website

Beyond visual line of sight UAV operations exploring the applications of UAVs in oil spill response, specifically in the area of beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS). [View here](#).

Common Questions about Dispersants which answered the questions we are commonly asked about dispersants. [View here](#).

Use of oil spill modelling in support of planning and response activities: learn more about how OSRL uses oil spill modelling to support both preparedness and response activities in the Asia-Pacific region. [View here](#)

Wildlife Response in the Incident Management System: bringing together emergency managers from leading wildlife response organisations and from the industry to explore the theory and structure behind the Wildlife Branch, how it has been applied in various incidents around the world and the importance of pre-planning in successful incident response. View [here](#).

