

COVID-19 Latest Statement – 12 June 2020

In our Crisis Management and Business Continuity activities during this pandemic OSRL are seeking to maintain a “Chronic Sense of Unease”; that is to say that we are constantly reviewing our assumption and actions as we endeavor to maintain our ability to deliver preparedness and response services to our Members. To that end, we would ask that you take part in a very brief survey here, in which we seek your feedback on the actions that OSRL have taken to date and the lessons that we can learn from each other.

This week has seen further scheduled passenger flight capacity returning to the market with, for instance, Emirates resuming flights to 29 destinations. The increase in passenger airline flights is starting to have a positive impact on the freight charter market. Freight forwarders are now increasing the amount of cargo being flown on scheduled services rather than relying on charter options. This trend of increasing capacity from passenger airlines is set to improve further over the coming weeks.

We continue to strongly encourage all our Members to develop and test their remote incident management processes and are happy to assist anyone in the development of remote IMS exercises. We have published lessons learnt from our internal and external exercises to date here and have published a recording of our webinar Lessons Learned from Establishing Virtual Response Management Teams presented by Daniel White; one of our most experienced Incident Managers. Next week we will follow this up with another webinar focusing on how to construct and deliver a remote IMS exercise: “A Virtual IMS - It's Easy, Isn't It?” on 17th June. Please click here to register for this and other upcoming webinars.

We would also draw your attention to a series of webinars to be hosted by the GI-WACAF project. This is a collaboration between the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and IPIECA to enhance the capacity of partner countries in West and Central Africa to prepare for and respond to marine oil spills. OSRL will be supporting a webinar series on oil spill preparedness and response commencing 24th June. You can book on to these webinars here.

Our popular Country Plan series now totals 49 plans available, with 6 more under development. New this week is a Japan Country plan as well as Spanish translations of the Argentina, Colombia and Panama plans and a Portuguese translation of the Angola plan. We have improved the navigation on our Country Plans page here to show clearly when each plan was last updated and whether we have a translation of that plan available. We have also published the latest of our Field Guide Appendices; this week's being for our Inland Response Field Guide, which can be found here.

OSRL's training team have now obtained further Nautical Institute accreditations for Remote On Scene Commander Level 2, Remote Oil Spill Response Management (IMO Equivalent) Level 3 and Remote IMS 300 for Expanding Incidents to add to our existing NI accreditation for our remote OPEP model courses. You can read more about this and book your courses here.

As always, we remain a phone call away, ready to virtually support you and your operations.

Should you have any questions, please email CMT@oilspillresponse.com or contact our Duty Managers.