

Dear Colleague,

Emergency Response to Oil Chemical and Inert Pollution from Shipping (EROCIPS) Northern Ireland Seminar, 19 October 2006

I would like to invite you to a seminar to be hosted by the Environment and Heritage Service (EHS) under the auspices of the EROCIPS Project, on 19 October 2006 at Crawfordsburn Country Park.

Europe is the world's largest market in crude oil imports and ninety percent of oil and refined products are transported to and from Europe by sea. Accidents resulting in massive spills such as the Presige and Erika demonstrate the enormous demands placed on national authorities responsible for response and clean up. Such incidents show the clear need for high quality effective contingency plans. Within Northern Ireland the Civil Contingencies Framework has placed an onus on public service organizations to develop and maintain contingency plans.

Environment and Heritage Service is the body responsible for co-ordinating the response to pollution incidents which affect the coastline of Northern Ireland and in view of this became a partner in the EROCIPS Project. However, many other organizations such as local councils, port authorities, other government bodies along with clean-up contractors and waste management companies also have a key role to play in the response to a large incident.

EROCIPS (Emergency Response to Coastal Oil, Chemical and Inert Pollution from Shipping) is a three-year transnational project involving partners from the United Kingdom, France, Spain and Portugal. All partners have some role within their national jurisdictions in the field of coastal pollution incident planning and/or response. Jointly funded by Interreg IIIb of the European Union and the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, it aims to develop *"a transferable methodology that communicates relevant information to responders and decision-makers involved in shoreline counter pollution operations following a shipping incident."*

In this context, a shipping incident is considered to be the large-scale accidental discharge of hydrocarbons, chemicals, or inert material (timber, plastics, etc) carried as cargo, into the coastal marine environment. The incident may result in contamination of coastal habitats and/ or pollution damage to the natural, human and built resources they support.

Part of the work of EROCIPS is to bring together relevant stakeholders in order to disseminate the outcomes of the work carried out under the project and to display and promote the results obtained. Therefore the seminar at Crawfordsburn will be an opportunity to hear and discuss the outcomes from the project to date not only with those directly involved, but also with others who have an interest in the work being carried out. It will give interested parties the chance to raise questions and concerns and to see how these can be addressed through initiatives like EROCIPS. Therefore I extend this invitation to you or your representative to join us for this important event.

The draft programme for the seminar is attached overleaf. The event is free and lunch will be provided. Should you or a colleague wish to attend please complete the registration form and fax it back to my colleague Nicola Byers at 02892 623011. If you require any further information then please contact Nicola by phone on 02892 623238.

I look forward to seeing you at Crawfordsburn on 19 October 2006.

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EROCIPS NI SEMINAR

Crawfordsburn Country Park

Thursday 19 October 2006

Draft Programme

0930 Registration and Coffee

Setting the Scene

- 1000 Welcome by the EHS Director of Environmental Protection – Dr Roy Ramsay
- 1005 Overview of NI Civil Contingencies Framework – Ms Judith Brown - Central Emergency Planning Unit
- 1030 Questions and Discussion
- 1035 The Sea Empress – A Responders Perspective - Mr Barry Davies - Pembrokeshire County Council
- 1100 Coffee

What is EROCIPS About?

- 1115 Overview of EROCIPS – Ms Mel Parker - Devon County Council
- 1145 EROCIPS the NI View – Mr Kerry Anderson - EHS

EROCIPS Results

- 1155 Shipping and Risk Assessment Study - Mr Ali MacDonald - Anatec
- 1225 The NI Coastal Contingency Plan - Ms Gail Nxumalo - Oil Spill Response Limited
- 1300 Questions and Discussion
- 1315 Lunch
- 1400 The NI Shoreline GIS Mr Dillan McBurney - ESRI/BIC
- 1420 Modelling and Command and Control – Mr Alan Hutchings and Mr Andy Prowse – Dorset County Council
- 1450 Coffee
- 1500 Waste Issues - Mrs Kelly Reynolds - MCA
- 1530 Beach Clean Up Plans – Mr Conor Symington - EHS
- 1550 Establishing an Environmental Baseline – Mr Hugh Edwards - EHS

The Future

- 1610 Future Work Plans
- 1620 Discussion
- 1700 Close



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If you have any special dietary needs please outline below what they are.

Space may be a limiting factor so please return your completed nomination forms as soon as possible.

Completed nominations should be returned by fax to 02892 623011 or by post to:

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