

WCSS YEAR IN REVIEW

WCSS Board of Directors

Larry Bell, Bell Energy and Chairman of the WCSS Board of Directors became an independent member and is replaced by Lois Garrett, Husky Energy, as one of the 3 CAPP representatives. Long standing Board member representing CAPP and former provincial chairman Jim Barbour retired and was replaced by Michael Gadde with Talisman Energy. The other Board members are:

- Dave Peterson, Dalpe Petroleum representing SEPAC
- Gary Beuk, Imperial Oil representing CAPP
- Dan O'Rourke, Kinder Morgan Canada Ltd. representing pipelines
- Richard Oleschuk, Enbridge representing pipelines
- Al McFadyen, WCSS

Cooperative Annual Training Exercises

The Oil Spill Cooperatives have one year under their belt to accomplish training objectives in the 5 year training plan. The training objectives include:

- In 2 of the next 5 years the Coop must hold an equipment deployment exercise on a small river.
- In 1 year they must have an equipment deployment exercise on a large river, a lake or water body with an ice sheet.
- 1 year they must hold a classroom session and present the Spill Responder training program.
- 1 year the Coop can select an exercise that focuses on spill preparedness issues in their area.

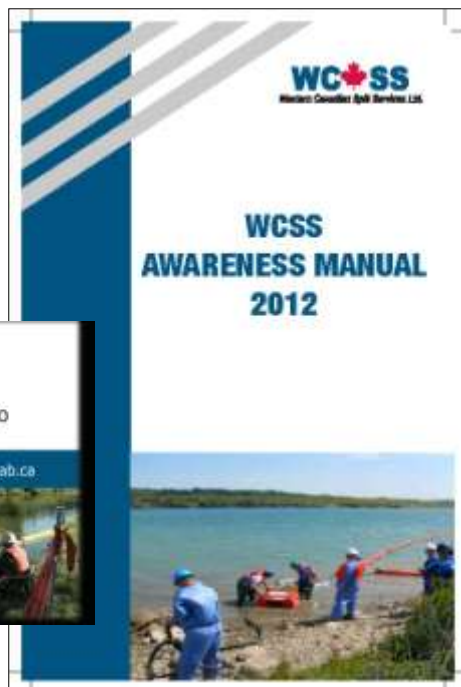
IMPORTANT NOTICE – 2012 is the last year that WCSS will attempt to track licensees in each Coop area and send them exercise notifications. The annual exercise schedule will be posted on the WCSS website and will be sent to all members with their annual membership invoice.

2012 OIL SPILL CO-OP EXERCISE SCHEDULE

| Zone | Coop Area | Exercise Type | Date |
|------|-----------|---|--------------|
| 1 | P | OSCAR Deployment in a Large River | September 13 |
| | Q | OSCAR Deployment on a Small River | September 18 |
| | S | Classroom: Spill Responder | March 28 |
| 2 | H | OSCAR Deployment in a Lake | May 30 |
| | M | OSCAR Deployment in a Small River | September 19 |
| | N | OSCAR Deployment in a Small River | June 20 |
| | O | Classroom: Spill Responder | March 28 |
| | U | Classroom: Spill Responder | October 3 |
| 3 | G | Classroom: Spill Responder | TBA |
| | I/J | OSCAR Deployment in a Large River | August 22 |
| 4 | D | OSCAR Deployment in a Large River | September 26 |
| | W | Winter Exercise: OSCAR Deployment in Ice | February 29 |
| 5 | VR-1 | Winter Exercise: OSCAR Deployment in Ice | March 7 |
| | VR-1 | OSCAR Deployment in a Small River | September 5 |
| | Y | OSCAR Deployment in a Small River | June 7 |
| 6 | A | Classroom: Spill Responder | May 2 |
| | C | OSCAR Deployment in a Small River (Fort St John) | August 29 |
| | C | OSCAR Deployment in a Large River (Fort Nelson) | October 3 |
| | T | Awareness Training: Dryland Deployment | October 10 |
| | E | Awareness Training: Dryland Deployment | May 30 |

WCSS Courses (see www.wcss.ab.ca)

WCSS offers a series of open registration spill training courses and can deliver contract training to your field employees. 2011 was a busy year where we conducted a number of oil spill equipment deployment exercises and boat handling courses for individual companies in addition to classroom sessions on land spills and the base-line "Spill Responder" training course.



In 2012 we are introducing the WCSS Awareness program which consists of a manual and video on equipment deployment. The package takes about 30 minutes to cover and is ideal for safety meetings and/or other in-house training sessions.

Equipment Report

- New Initial Spill Response Units (ISRT) – Brooks, Sundre and Rainbow Lake
- ISRT upgrades – Swan Hills, Fox Creek, Lethbridge and Fort Nelson
- ISRT relocations – equipment moved to Grassland, Whitecourt and Peace River
- Boats – Muskrats to Lethbridge and Fort Nelson; twin barge replacement is underway for Fort McMurray
- Wildlife hazing equipment – Fort St John
- Repair underway (new engine) – air curtain incinerator

Our 5-year capital plan objectives 2012- 2017 are as follows:

- Increase boom inventories
- Replace regional OSCAR's in Slave lake and Lloydminster
- Replace older boats
- Identify and procure equipment for sunken and submerged oil spills
- Purchase additional wildlife response equipment



Spill Statistics – To December 15th, 2011

- 13 spills with WCSS involvement; 14 in 2009 and 9 in 2010
- Number of WCSS response units used at spills - 22
- Days equipment used at spills 151
- 22 Cooperative exercises
- 24 response units used at training exercises
- 24 WCSS contract training courses
- 4 open registration training courses

Lessons Learned 2011

The following are our top 10 “lessons learned” linked to spill preparedness and response:

1. The Incident Command System is effective; for training exercises as well as a spill response.
2. Building relationships with regulators and key stakeholders prior to a spill pays off.
3. Public consultation and communication can make you or break you at a spill.
4. Knowing access points on rivers downstream from facilities is critical.
5. When it comes to a spill response “get big quick”
6. Responders’ innovation is a valuable spill response tool; keep your options open.
7. Having trained responders during a spill response is essential.
8. Getting directly involved in an oil spill cooperative pays off.
9. Keeping wildlife out of a spill is important; don’t forget to utilize WCSS’s equipment.
10. Plan for a worst case scenario; hopefully you will never have to go there.

WCSS would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers for the effort that goes into ensuring that our members receive the service and dedication that they deserve. We’d like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

