

Oilspill Co-operative Member Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM AL MCFADYEN PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

2011 marks a new chapter in WCSS's history: our headquarters management team now works completely independent from Enform, the upstream industry's safety association. Enform does provide some services to WCSS (office space, HR support, etc) but have no governance role. The new headquarters management team includes the following personnel:

Al McFadyen, WCSS President and Chief Operating Officer
Mike Locke, WCSS Equipment Manager
Shiela Wooldridge, WCSS Accountant
Shannon Jarrell, WCSS Administrative and Training Coordinator

In addition to the manpower change, the Enform spill response courses were also gifted to WCSS as of January 1st. It is anticipated that WCSS will generate revenue from providing both open registration and contract training courses.

Contact information for the WCSS management team and course information can be found on our website www.wcss.ab.ca. The new office street address for WCSS is 5055- 11th Street N.E. Calgary.



2011 WCSS MEMBERSHIP FEES

WCSS has now distributed the 2011 membership fee invoices to all licensees of wells and pipelines in our jurisdictional area. This year the well status picks include gas wells that produce > 2m³ / hydrocarbon liquids per month. This change is to align the well status picks with Directive 071 and has been reviewed by provincial regulators whom are in agreement that those wells be included.

The 2011 membership fees are calculated on the well counts and pipeline data that we receive at January 1st of each year, Wells drilled or acquired in 2011 will be included in the well counts that we receive at January 1st, 2012. A company that acquires a well during 2011 in a new oil spill cooperative should register with the Cooperative Administrator and can wait until 2012 to pay the fee for that well or self-declare and pay the pro-rated membership fee for the well.

The good-news story in 2011 is that we are in a position to reduce both the flat fee (20% reduction \$500 to \$400) and cost/well fee (average approx 6% reduction). We rely on our members to pay their membership fees in a timely fashion; anything that you can do to ensure that your company is in good standing is appreciated. WCSS is required to report its membership standing to provincial regulators whom will follow-up with compliance for those licensees that are not WCSS members in good standing and do not have an approved plan. WCSS members in good standing can be found on the WCSS website www.wcss.ab.ca.

TRAINING

WCSS now offers the following spill response training programs:

- Spill Responder – self study and/or instructor led one-day course
- Land Spill Response – two-day course
- Incident Commander for Oil Spills – one-day course
- Marine Emergency Duties (MED A3) – two-day course
- Boat Handling: Recertification – one-day course
- Boat Handling: Oil Spill Containment & Recovery – three-day course
- Oil Spill Equipment Deployment – one-day field-based course
- Incident Command System (ICS) 100 and 200

These courses (exception Oil Spill Equipment Deployment and ICS 100 & 200; in-house only) are available on an open registration basis and can be held in-house for individual companies.

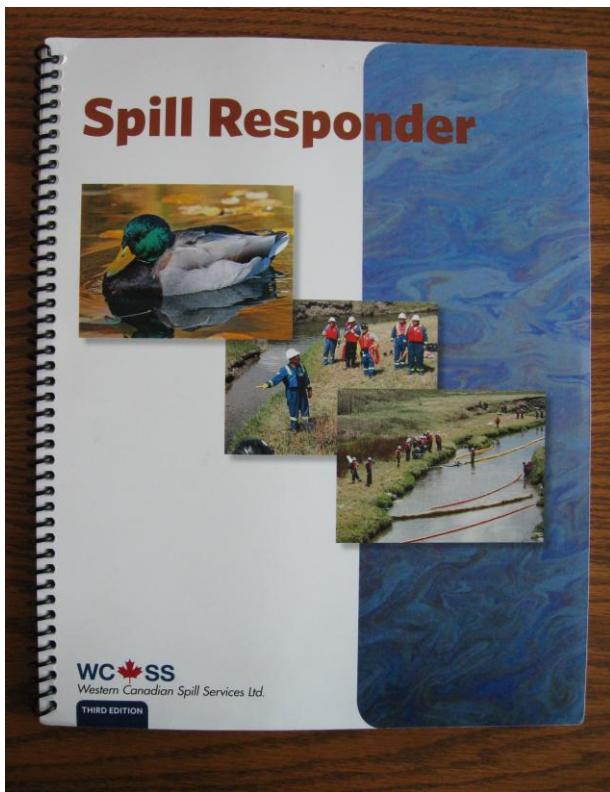
The newest program is the oil spill equipment deployment course designed for companies on an in-house basis. We have qualified instructors that work with a company's field personnel to deploy oil spill containment and recovery equipment in a small watercourse. At the end of the course students will be able to successfully contain and recover oil in smaller creeks and rivers. Attendees will also be in a position to effectively conduct an initial spill response on a larger river until subject matter experts arrive.



Oil Spill Equipment Deployment

OPEN-REGISTRATION 2011 SCHEDULE

Name of Course	Date Offered	Location of Training
Land Spill Response	April 6 – 7	Enform Nisku Training Centre
Marine Emergency Duties (MED A3)	June 6 – 7	Enform Nisku Training Centre
Boat Handling: Recertification	June 6 and 7	Enform Nisku Training Centre / Devon Boat Launch
Boat Handling: Oil Spill Containment & Recovery	June 8 – 10	Enform Nisku Training Centre / Devon Boat Launch
Spill Responder	November 15	Enform Nisku Training Centre
Incident Commander for Oil Spills	November 16	Enform Nisku Training Centre



The Spill Responder course has been updated and new content added; this program is recommended as the base-line spill response course for oilfield workers (TFOSP 1990). WCSS have qualified instructors that can deliver the course or it can be taken on a self-study basis. Students that successfully complete this program will receive certification and will be in a good position to play an active role in a spill response. WCSS recommends that students that complete this program also participate at equipment deployment exercises at their annual Oil Spill Cooperative exercise.

Spill Responder manual

OIL SPILL COOPERATIVE TRAINING EXERCISES – 2011 SCHEDULE

Zone	Coop Area	Exercise Type	Date
1	P	Classroom: Awareness Training	September 13
	Q	Classroom: Awareness Training	May 11
	S	Equipment Deployment	August 31
2	H	Classroom: Awareness Training	May 25
	M	River Exercise	September 7
	N	Spill Responder	June 22
	O	Equipment Deployment	September 14
	U	Equipment Deployment	June 16
3	G	Fast Water Exercise	October 5
	I/J	Classroom: Awareness Training	March 10
4	D	Spill Responder	April 12
	D	Shallow Water or Lake Exercise	September 27
	W	Classroom: Awareness Training	June 14
5	VR-1	Winter Exercise	February 16
	VR-1	Classroom: Awareness Training	October 12
	Y	Spill Responder	June 2
6	A	Reservoir	June 9
	C	Muskeg Spills (Fort Nelson)	June 1
	C	TBA (Fort St John)	September 21
	T	TBA	June 29
	E	TBA	August 24

EQUIPMENT REPORT



Inflatable River Boom

New WCSS Equipment

- 1000 meters of inflatable river boom is stored with our regional equipment at Acheson in an 8-meter Featherlight trailer
- The second wildlife response unit is stored with our regional equipment in Calgary.



Wildlife Response Unit

Equipment Moves

Area N initial spill response unit (ISRU) moved to Whitecourt; Area D (Mitsue) ISRU moved to Grassland; Area D (Evie) ISRU moved to Peace River and VR1's Bonnyville ISRU moved to La Corey.

ISRU Replacements

Area M (Sundre) and Area A (Rainbow Lake) completed and will be delivered this spring prior to open water season.

WCSS Equipment Coverage

Did you know that WCSS's spill equipment coverage is likely one of the best in the world; if you draw a circle with a radius of 170km from each of our regional equipment locations we cover almost 100% of our jurisdictional area. In addition we have initial spill response units scattered throughout providing overlapping coverage.

