

## PAJ Oil Spill Workshop 2025

### “Threats to Major Oil Spill Response Regime”

Date : February 18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 2025

Venue : Keidanren Kaikan

1-3-2, Ohtemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0004

Format: Virtual on line with limited physical attendance

Objective : Each year Petroleum Association of Japan brings new and interesting topics to the workshop to illustrate the development of response and preparedness strategies based on the lessons learned from major incidents such as “Exxon Valdez” 1987, “Gulf War Oil Spill” 1991, “Nakhodka” 1997, “Deep Water Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico” 2010 and other notable events. This year Petroleum Association of Japan plans to hold the 12th Oil Spill Workshop to discuss the “Threats to Major Oil Spill Response Regime”.

One of the major concerns to all aspects of the oil industry currently is the rise in the incidents concerning the “Dark or Shadow Fleet” of tankers that are transporting sanctioned oil around the globe in inadequately insured tankers which are invariably old and not robustly or efficiently inspected, using unregulated sea routes to avoid detection. This fleet employs an estimate 600 plus vessels and there have been many incidents in the last 2 years that have caused great concern with the community that a major risk of multiple incidents in the future will not be properly insured and hence lead to major environmental and financial damage to the world community. Our workshop will highlight this situation and you will hear from all aspects of this issue, including the concerns of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund ( IOPCF) with regards to the insurance aspect of the problem, from the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in regards to the steps they have taken to alert the members states to the problems, from the International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation (ITOPF) on the technical aspects of dealing with these incidents and from a response organization who have had to respond to these incidents.

After all presentations have been given, the session will be opened to the audience of this Workshop for free discussion with each presenter to deepen and confirm understanding of the issues raised and to answer any questions that the audience may have.

Language : English & Japanese (with simultaneous interpretation)

Organizer : Petroleum Association of Japan (PAJ)

Participation fee: free

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Program:

- 13:30 (JST)      Opening Workshop
- 13:35            Opening Address  
**Mr. Yasuhiko Oshida**  
Senior Vice President, ENEOS Corporation  
Chairman, OSR Measures Committee, PAJ
- 13:40            Speech by Honorable Guest  
**Mr. Takuma Hori**  
Fuel Supply Infrastructure Policy Division  
Natural Resources and Fuel Department  
Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, METI
- 13:45            Keynote speech  
**Mr. Gaute Sivertsen**  
Director  
The International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds)
- 14:30            **Mr. Richard Johnson**  
Technical Director  
International Tanker Owners' Pollution Federation (ITOPF)
- 15:10 – 15:20    Break
- 15:20            **Ms. Patricia Charlebois**  
Deputy Director of the Marine Environment Division  
International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- 16:05            **Mr. Josh Clifford**  
Operations Manager  
QT Environmental, Inc.
- 16:50            Open Session with Speakers
- 17:20            Closing Remarks  
**Mr. Shinya Okuda**, Senior Managing Director, PAJ

Please note that the program is subject to change without prior notice.

**For details, please see our website. (to be updated)**

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