



## N° 246 E – News from May 2016

### Emergency response

Throughout the month, Cedre received enquiries and call-outs from various stakeholders ([ONEMA](#), [DREAL](#), [SIRACED-PC](#), Total), in connection with decontamination operations in Sainte-Anne-sur-Brivet ([Newsletter n°245](#)), in order to monitor operations and analysis testing and to attend meetings. At the beginning of the month, the duty team was called upon following the discovery of a jerrycan of around 1 litre of an unidentified product in Porspoder (Finistère). The Yvelines Operational Fire and Rescue Centre ([Codis 78](#)) issued a contact request for the treatment of oiled ducks following a spill of 500 litres of fuel oil. Cedre took part in two [POLMAR](#) exercises on 10th and 24th-25th May, organised respectively by the French maritime authorities for the Channel and North Sea and for the Atlantic. The enquiries received related to oil weathering forecasts (IFO 180 with Adios 180) and the modelling of the behaviour of chemicals (ethyl acrylate and sulphuric acid). During the second exercise, contacts were established with the DREAL and the civil protection operational centre (COZ) for the south-west zone relating to upcoming contracts. The Marseille shipyard passed on a request for advice on the use of spill response equipment to recover spray from painting ships. The Antibes local authority request information on how to dispose of vials of ChloroP. The National Hunting and Wildlife Agency (ONCFS) for Corsica requested a sampling protocol for protected species, whose mortality could have been caused by plant protection products.

### Strategy Committee

The 43rd session of Cedre's Strategy Committee was held on 12th May, on the premises of Induslacq (Pyrénées-Atlantiques). This meeting was the opportunity for the members to discover the activities carried out by [SOBEGI](#) through a general introduction presented by the company's Deputy Managing Director Patrick Lalanne and a presentation by Jean-Marie Traquet and Olivier Malraux of the emergency response department's resources and the training centre's facilities. A joint SOBEGI-Cedre training course on chemical spill response is scheduled to be held in this training centre in late September (see below).

The Committee meeting was mainly devoted to Cedre's short and medium term priorities, in terms of investments, research projects and other activities funded by its members or liable to be proposed to external sponsors. The themes and locations of upcoming events organised by Cedre were also discussed and validated. The Technical Day is to be held at Cedre on 17th November and will be devoted to the behaviour of oil products. The Information Day will be held on 13th October in Brest as part of the Sea Tech Week. This year's theme will be "Remote Detection and Maritime Pollution" (see below). The 2017 Information Day, held in Paris, will be devoted to spills in ports.

The next Strategy Committee meetings are due to be held on 18th November 2016 at Cedre and on 17th May 2017 (venue to be defined). This session was marked by the announcement of two upcoming departures from the assembly. The President of the Strategy Committee and Cedre's Management thanked Mireille Ternois, representative of the Maritime Affairs Directorate (DAM), for the faithful and constructive support provided to Cedre for many years. This was also the last such meeting for Georges Peigné, Manager of Cedre's Scientific and Technical Department, who coordinated the preparation and running of the Committee from the onset.

### 21st Cedre Information Day

Initially scheduled in April, the [2016 Cedre Information Day](#) will finally be held on 13th October in Brest, as part of the [Sea Tech Week](#). The event has also been given a new theme and is now entitled: Remote Detection and Maritime Pollution.

Maritime activities cause approximately 20 % of pollution incidents at sea. For over 25 years, French Customs and Navy have been successfully involved in spill response at sea and the pursuit of offenders. This action is carried out on the European scale through various programs including [CleanSeaNet](#). Currently, research aims at optimizing and

### In short

#### Training courses

- ▶ On 18th, basic pollution response course as part of a training course organised by CEPOL, 18 participants
- ▶ From 23th to 27th, at-sea and shoreline response course, session 1, 17 participants

#### Dates for the diary

- ▶ [AMOP](#) from 7th to 9th June in Halifax (Nova Scotia), Canada.
- ▶ [Brest 2016: maritime event](#) from 13th to 19th July 2016. Cedre will be present for the entire duration of the event as part of the initiative baptised "[Quai des Sciences](#)".
- ▶ [Sea Tech Week](#) from 10th to 14th October 2016, Quartz Congress Centre, Brest.

defining new sensors for remote detection in order to increase maritime surveillance operations. It also attempts to estimate the potential of innovative vectors such as drones which provide access to areas which are hazardous for humans (e.g. presence of a toxic or explosive gas cloud). Several internationally recognized experts in this field will share their vision and experiences with the audience of this workshop. To register for this event, visit [www.cedre.fr](http://www.cedre.fr).

### New training course offered by Cedre

A new training course is scheduled for September 2016 on the theme of "Response to chemical spills at industrial plants and in rivers". The aim is to provide concrete, practical knowledge of procedures, techniques and equipment to respond safely and as close as possible to the leak, in order to contain and recover spills of hazardous substances within an industrial site (ground, water networks, basins) or in the surrounding area (watercourse). This course will be held at the technical facilities of the **SOBEGI** safety training centre, near Pau (Pyrénées-Atlantiques).

### Development of a contingency plan for EPG (*Entrepôt pétrolier de la Gironde*)

In late 2015, the EPG oil storage facility in Ambès (Gironde) contracted Cedre to revise its **OSCP**. Once the document had been validated, two engineers from Cedre conducted an on-site visit, from 30th May to 1st June, to raise awareness of the management and application of the plan among the EPG management team and operators. This visit was the opportunity to present the materials produced (in printed and electronic format) and to run two half-days of hands-on sessions to put into practice the spill response strategies described in the OSCP.

### ORSEC-POLMAR Land training course for the Landes and Pyrénées-Atlantiques areas

On 24th and 25th May, upon request by the South-Atlantic **DIRM** and the South-West Defence Zone, Cedre together with **CEREMA** and the Verdon **CISIP** (Interdepartmental POLMAR Storage and Response Centre) jointly ran a training course for the local authorities of the Landes and Pyrénées-Atlantiques areas near Capbreton (Landes). The 27 participants were able to put into practice the principles discussed during the theory lectures presented on the first day, at five practical workshops organised on the beach on the themes of: worksite organisation, surveys, manual collection, containment and recovery techniques and hard substrate clean-up.

### BAWG-OTSOPA meeting

The Bonn Agreement Working Group on Operational, Technical and Scientific Questions concerning Counter Pollution Activities (OTSOPA) met from 24th to 26th May in Scheveningen in the Netherlands. The meeting was chaired by Alexander von Buxhoeveden (Sweden) and gathered delegations from all the member states as well as observers from the **EC**, **EMSA** and **SASEMAR**. The points on the agenda covered the action plan, research and development, technical and operational resources, aerial surveillance, guidelines and manuals, exercises and the activity schedule, information on incidents and international networks. Each of the points addressed generated interest and discussions. The group will be chaired by the United Kingdom for the next two years. The next meeting is scheduled from 23rd to 25th May 2017 in Norway.

### MARPOCS meeting

On 11th and 12th July, a two-day meeting will be held at Cedre on the **MARPOCS** (Multinational Response and Preparedness to Oil and Chemical Spills) project and its progress. The main aim of the project is to develop and implement an integrated operational framework for preparedness and response to oil and HNS spills in marine waters. All the partners are invited to the meeting and will present the work conducted since the project began in January 2016. The experimentation conducted by Cedre on the behaviour of chemicals spilt at sea will be presented.

### GESAMP meeting at the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), Berlin

From 23rd to 27th May, Cedre attended the 53rd meeting of the **GESAMP** expert group during which a dozen chemicals submitted by industry were assessed to determine their potential hazard according to MARPOL 73/78, Annex II. As with previous meetings, this work will be promoted by the **IMO**.

### Oil pollution in Madagascar

Oil pollution was detected on 29th May by the **EMSA** satellite, off the seaport of Mahajanga, in the north-west of Madagascar. The slick was reported to be some 100 km wide. The coasts of Soalala, Katsepy and Mahajanga were threatened. No shipping accidents had been reported and the origin of the pollution remains undetermined. A case of illegal discharge at sea is suspected and investigations into the cause are being opened.

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