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## MEMORANDUM

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From: LCDR C. J. Graham  
Executive Director, Interagency Coordinating  
Committee on Oil Pollution Research

To: Members, Interagency Coordinating Committee on Oil Pollution Research (ICCOPR)

Subj: FY 2021 FIRST QUARTER ICCOPR MEETING MINUTES DAY TWO

General: ICCOPR members and member agency representatives met via Microsoft Teams on December 10, 2020. LCDR Cliff Graham (USCG) called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and it continued until 2:30 pm. LCDR Graham (USCG) reviewed the agenda (Enclosure 1).

Representatives of ICCOPR agencies that were in attendance via phone and/or video were:

CAPT Ricardo Alonso, ICCOPR Chair, USCG  
Mr. Bill Vocke, Acting ICCOPR Vice Chair, BSEE  
LCDR Cliff Graham, Acting ICCOPR Executive Director, USCG  
Mr. William Carter, USCG  
Mr. Alex Balsley, USCG  
Mr. Marion Lewandowski, USCG  
Dr. Benedette Adewale, USCG  
Ms. Karin Messenger, USCG  
Mr. John Tarpley, NOAA  
Dr. Lisa DiPinto, NOAA  
Dr. Robyn Conmy, EPA  
Ms. Kiara Lech, EPA  
Mr. Joseph Mullin, BSEE  
Ms. Kristi McKinney, BSEE  
Ms. Karen Stone, BSEE  
Dr. Jay Cho, BSEE  
Mr. Carlos Cedeno, USN SUPSALV  
Dr. Walter Johnson, BOEM  
Dr. Zhen Li, BOEM  
Ms. Susan Zaleski, BOEM  
Ms. Melanie Demour, BOEM  
Dr. Auad Guillermo, BOEM  
Mr. Bipin Patel, BSEE  
Mr. Paul Schwing, BSEE

Mr. Barry Forsythe, USFWS  
Ms. Elena Melchert, DOE  
Mr. Robert Smith, PHMSA  
Ms. Jo Ellen Hinck, USGS

Welcome and ICCOPR Opening Remarks

- a. CAPT Ricardo Alonso (USCG) and Bill Vocke (BSEE) opened the meeting and welcomed both ICCOPR members and guests.
- CAPT Alonso expressed his gratitude towards yesterday's speakers and excellent topics. Additionally he provided the following CG-MER updates; ICCOPR FY2022-2027 Research & Technology Plan development continues, SONS ESC 2020 after action report almost complete and SONS 2022 planning starts early next year, and upcoming IOSC meeting that was postponed from 2020 will potentially be virtual in May 2021.
  - Mr. Vocke passed his appreciation for everyone participating in the last two meetings. He announced an R&D position vacancy at BSEE, and an update that OHMSETT is operating under COVID guidance and remains open under some restrictions.

General Updates/Announcements

- a. LCDR Graham (USCG) provided general updates to ICCOPR on the following topics:
- There will be upcoming ICCOPR R&T Plan deliverables such as Federal SME standing research area (SRA) evaluations, public data call, and upcoming public listening sessions.
  - USGS Membership has been voted on and approved by ICCOPR Membership. Membership package is being completed and under review by CG Legal.
  - Reminder to everyone that the Biennial Report to Congress will begin this spring and discussed at the business meeting in March.

ICCOPR Agency Representatives that provided R&D updates on the teleconference included (See Enclosure 2):

- USCG: Alex Balsley and Karin Messenger
- NOAA: John Tarpley and Dr. Lisa DiPinto
- DOE: Elena Melchert
- BSEE: Dr. Jay Cho, Ms. Karen Stone, Ms. Kristi McKinney
- BOEM: Dr. Zhen Li
- EPA: Dr. Robyn Conmy
- USGS: Jo Ellen Hinck

BSEE- OASIS Research Project

- a. Dr. Guillermo Auad (BSEE) provided overview of the BSEE OASIS Research Project (See Enclosure 2). OASIS Project - Offshore Analysis of Seafloor Instability and Sediments. Collaboration between Interagency and National Academy of Sciences.

EPPR PAME Project Overview

- a. Dr. Robyn Conmy (EPA) and Doug Helton (NOAA) provided background on EPPR/PAME project on “new, low sulfur fuels, fate and behavior in cold water conditions.” (See Enclosure 2). Focus will be integrating project results into response, preparedness, and prevention activities. Seeking further US collaboration on project, if interested or have further questions contact Ms. Conmy and Mr. Helton.

Closing Comments and Meeting Adjournment

- a. CAPT Alonso (USCG) and Bill Vocke thanked ICCOPR representatives for participating in the meeting and encouraged ongoing collaboration among agencies.
- b. The next ICCOPR portion of the ICCOPR meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2021. The format will likely be virtual due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

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Enclosures: (1) Meeting Agenda  
(2) Master Presentation Slide Deck