

‘Workshop addressing the Use of Oil Spill Dispersants  
following the Deepwater Horizon incident’

26-27 November 2012, EMSA premises, Lisbon

Final Agenda

26 November (Day 1)

08:30 Registration & coffee

09:00 Welcome address & workshop objectives – B. Bluhm, EMSA

09:10 EMSA’s role and activities regarding oil spill dispersants - L. Xirotiyri,  
EMSA

Session 1: Operational aspects of the DWH dispersant applications

09:15 DWH spill – The facts and operational remarks from the US Coast  
Guard perspective - R. Pond, US Coast Guard

09:45 Operations, logistics, technology used and limitations/challenges of  
dispersant applications on the sea surface and sub-surface during  
the DWH spill response – A. Ahnell, BP

10:15 Value of dispersants for offshore oil spill response following the  
DWH incident – T. Coolbaugh, ExxonMobil

10:45 Discussion on Session 1

11:00 Coffee Break

Session 2: Current status regarding the DWH spill environmental impacts

11:20 Sampling techniques and the modelling used to support and direct  
the sampling efforts, including lessons learned from the modelling  
analyses – D. French McCay, RPS ASA

11:50 Current status of the analysis and on-going assessment of the  
dispersed oil monitoring and DWH oil spill impacts- D. French McCay,  
RPS ASA

12:20 Discussion

12:30 Lunch Break

14:00 What could have happened if dispersants had not been used in the  
DWH spill? – A. Lewis, Oil Spill Consultant

14:30 Discussion on Session 2

Session 3: Regulatory developments following the DWH incident

14:45 Regulatory and policy concerns and developments regarding surface and sub-sea dispersant application in the US - R. Pond, US CG

15:15 Global dispersants regulations – A. Lewis, on behalf of IPIECA

15:45 Coffee Break

16:05 National developments in regulations and requirements regarding dispersant use and product approval in the EU Member States

Brief presentations on relevant national regulatory developments will be made by the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Norway and Italy

17:35 Discussion on Session 3

18:00 End of day one

27 November (Day 2)

08:30 Registration & coffee

09:00 Recap of Day 1 proceedings – B. Bluhm, EMSA

Session 4: Relevant DWH studies & research

09:15 Main results of DWH-related research and current priorities and projects in the US - R. Pond, US Coast Guard

09:45 Current status of industry led dispersant research activities – Presentations, by T. Coolbaugh, ExxonMobil / A. Ahnell, BP / N. Passade - Boupat, Total Petrochemicals France

10:30 Subsurface releases of oil – Results from experimental basin studies of oil releases and injection of dispersants – P. J. Brandvik, SINTEF

11:00 Review of recent DWH-related dispersant studies and their relevance for Europe (presentation on the status of the work of the Technical Correspondence Group on Dispersants) - F. Merlin, Cedre

11:20 Discussion on Session 4

11:30 Coffee Break

Session 5: Panel discussion

11:50 Main 'lessons learned' from dealing with large scale dispersant applications, such as the DWH spill – Discussion moderated by W. Nordhausen, EMSA, with the participation of all workshop participants

12:50 Discussion on Session 5

13:00 Workshop Conclusions and Meeting close - EMSA