



Newsletter

REGIONAL WORKSHOP-TIER 2 OIL SPILL RESPONSE EXERCISE, BIZERTE TUNISIA

On the 25th May 2016 MOIG held a Regional Workshop Conference at Bizerta Resort Hotel in Bizerte-Tunisia, This workshop was under the high patronage of the Minister of Energy and Mines. Following the workshop, on the 26th May a Tier 2 Oil Spill Response exercise and Emergency Evacuation Drills were jointly organized by the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG), the Tunisian Refining Industries Company (STIR), the Merchant Marine and Port Office (OMMP), the National Office of Civil Protection (ONPC). The event technical partners were the Oil Spill Response Alliance International (OSRA Int.) and DESMI Ro-Clean.



Opening Workshop-Exercise



ESC Meeting N°2-STIR



ESC Meeting N°4-OMMP

To oversee the management of the exercise, an Exercise Steering Committee "ESC" was formed composed of representatives from STIR, OMMP, ONPC, OSRA Int. and MOIG.

The "ESC" held a series of committee meetings alternating between STIR and OMMP facilities to define the exercise scale, objectives, scenario, designation of the exercise management team and track the progress of the exercise development.

During the first workshop session, the event participants gave a brief introduction on their company background and activities. Each participant illustrated their individual Tier 1 capabilities and strategies for combating the oil spill and evacuations of injured persons during the exercise. MOIG delivered a presentation on the organizations framework and methodology developed by the MOIG Management Committee for evaluation of exercise Bizerte. During the afternoon session, participants were afforded the opportunity to attend seminars on awareness on Oil Spill Preparedness and Response and modern combating technology animated by OSRA International and DESMI Ro-Clean. The event gathered national and international attention with over 200 personnel from various Ministries, Agencies, Oil, Gas and Shipping companies, responders, experts and associations from the civil society, who actively participated in the event.

The second day was dedicated to a deployment exercise (live event). The exercise scenario was selected from OMMP-STIR Oil Spill Contingency Plan and consisted of a simulated failure between the loading arm and the manifold during the discharging operation of an oil tanker alongside STIR Jetty.



Exercise Observation Point 1 - OMMP Site

The exercise comprised a full scale oil spill response equipment deployment of STIR and OMMP such as: fence and inflatable booms, skimmers, fastanks etc...from three different locations: STIR Jetty, servitude quay and Rafraf tug. At the same time, three emergency evacuation drills of injured persons were performed by ONPC and STIR from the Rafraf tug, the Channel and the Jetty. The exercise management was performed at the OMMP Harbor Muster Control Room.

Notification-OMMP ICC



Boom Deployment-STIR Site

About 50 delegates from Tunisia and the Mediterranean Region observed first hands the action-packed oil spill exercise and Emergency Evacuation drills. The general feedback was highly positive and the participants are to be congratulated for their effort and professionalism. In general most objectives were achieved however there is room for improvement.

Evacuation Drill-ONPC



Boom Deployment-OMMP Site

The MOIG Management Committee Members would like to thank STIR for its warm welcome and kind hospitality, OMMP and ONPC for mobilizing their resources to assist STIR during the exercise as well as OSRA International and DESMI Ro-Clean for providing Technical Support to STIR through the MOIG.



Lessons Learned Meeting



Evaluators Briefing

ANNUAL HSE 2016 CONFERENCE

09th-11th May, The MOIG was invited to the 2nd Annual Health Safety and Environment Conference 2016 titled "HSE & Risk Management: For sustainability of the company" held in Carthage Thalasso Resort Hotel in Gammarth, Tunis-Tunisia.

The event gathered more than 100 participants from the active Oil and Gas Industry in Tunisia, National Agency of Environment Protection, Work Safety and Health Institute, engineering firms, services providers and experts to discuss many topics related to Health, Safety, Environment and CSR.

The MOIG Director was designated by the HSE Steering Committee to chair and animate the session N°3 titled HSE & Risk Prevention and Health. The MOIG Management Committee Members would like to thank the HSE Steering Committee for its confidence in MOIG.



Group photo: Chairpersons-Speakers



Meeting MOIG-Eni Tunisia

MEETING BETWEEN MOIG-ENI TUNISIA

12th April, A meeting was performed at Eni Tunisia ETAP Headquarter in Tunis between MOIG Director and Eni Tunisia HSE Team.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the results of the Audit Report performed by the International Spill Accreditation ISAA "ISAA" last January 2016.

This meeting was also a good opportunity to undertake fruitful discussions on Oil Spill Preparedness and Response in Tunisia and the Mediterranean Region that pave the way for enhanced cooperation between Eni Tunisia and MOIG.

MOIG SUPPORTS FOUNDING MEMBER ETAP



25th April, As previously announced, the Tunisian National Oil Company (ETAP) shall establish a credible and practical Tier 2 oil spill response coordination system in Tunisia in the form of Public Private Partnership "PPP". To ensure all options past and present are considered, ETAP performed many visits to various Tier 2 facilities throughout the region and Europe covering various facilities in the UK, Greece and the Middle East.

As an ETAP secondee, the MOIG Director was invited again by ETAP to accompany the ETAP delegation for the visit to a government owned Tier 2 Coordination Center located in Sherm El Sheikh, managed by the International Environmental Marine and Services Company, commonly known as "IEMS".

The main purpose of the visit and scheduled meetings were to exchange information and knowledge on Oil Spill Preparedness and Response with Government authorities and industry Tier 2 experts and also see firsthand the operations, planning, management, resources of personnel and equipment, infrastructures and architectural aspects of an operational Government endorsed Tier 2 response centre.



Meeting ETAP-MOIG-IEMS



Mme Lamia Benmime (ETAP) - Onboard Egyptian Tier 2 Centre Support Vessel

The delegation were afforded an escorted tour of the equipment warehouse and the opportunity to observe various types of Oil Spill Response Equipment stockpiles and response packages such as : shoreline and offshore booms, skimmers, fast and inflatable tanks, inland spill response packages, support boats, boom cleaners and dispersants etc.

The delegation had also the opportunity to see the maintenance and training areas, the emergency operations center and observe in real time an Oil Spill Response Exercise performed in the Ras Mohamed area of the Red Sea. During the communications and visit, we were able to observe the IEMS response center model, giving the delegation the options to further support the successful development of the Tunisian Tier 2 coordination project and explore various ways to provide an appropriate level of technical assistance to ETAP for the project development.



27th April, A meeting was also performed in the Egyptian Environment Ministry between ETAP delegation and the Egyptian Environment Affairs Agency "EEAA" representatives, which was a great opportunity for the delegation to discuss tiered response and sensitivity mapping as well as to explore the operation, communication and interaction modes of the various parts of EEAA organizational structure which are activated in the event of emergency situations with oil spills and other potential hazardous and emergency situations.

The ETAP delegation would like to thank both EEAA and IEMS representatives for their warm welcome and hospitality, the high cooperation and the abundant information they have provided on the development of the Tunisian Tier 2 Center Coordination system.



Meeting ETAP-MOIG-EEAA-IEMS

The MOIG Management Committee Members would like to thank IEMS, MOIG Member, for facilitating meeting between EEAA and ETAP.