

OPA 90 Forum

Issues for Potential Discussion/Consideration

Background:

The following topics have been suggested for potential consideration for the OPA 90 Forum to consider as the organization develops its plan for 2022 and beyond. Some of the topics included below were presented by federal regulatory agencies in initial meetings and we have included them for discussion purposes.

It is important to note that the Forum will consider all topics brought to the Board and Membership for consideration but will only act on those topics that conform to the Vision and Mission statement of the organization.

Proposed Issues:

- Sector changes (e.g., larger vessels)
- Erosion of corporate knowledge at agencies
- Erosion of corporate knowledge within industry
- Evaluation of operating areas and response requirements
 - Alaska
 - Hawaii
 - Puerto Rico
 - More than 60 nm from CONUS COTP ports
- Inconsistent mandates/directives among FOSCs
- Alternative Compliance Programs
- VRP activation
- Industry involvement in Spills of National Significance (SONS) exercises
- Review and improve the curriculum of the On-Scene Commander Crisis Management Course at the Coast Guard Safety School in Yorktown, VA.
- Oil Spill Liability Fund Use
- Offshore Testing of response capabilities oil (as in Norway)
- Hazardous Substance discharge planning