

OPA 90 FORUM - MARITIME WEEK



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TIDES OF TOMORROW AGENDA 23 MAY 2024

Location:
101 District Square SW,
Washington, DC 20024

1600-1700	Cocktail Reception / Registration / Check-In
1700-1745	<p>National Impact: The Key Bridge Collapse and OPA 90's Impact on Emergency Management Overview: This panel will delve into the dramatic events surrounding the recent collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge following a ship collision. Experts will explore how the foundational principles of OPA 90, initially crafted to address oil pollution emergencies, have informed and structured the response efforts in this catastrophic event. The discussion will focus on the coordination between federal, state, and local agencies, the immediate actions taken following the incident, and the lessons learned in emergency management and response.</p>
1745-1800	Reception / Networking Break
1800-1845	<p>Evolving Preparedness: NPREP Drills & Exercises Looking Forward Overview: This panel discussion will explore the National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (NPREP), focusing on how it has shaped preparedness and response strategies in the maritime industry. Panelists will discuss current successes, challenges, and envision the future of drills and exercises to enhance collective response capabilities to oil spills and other hazardous substances incidents.</p>
1845-1900	Chairman's IAP (Initiative Action Plan) – Doug Martin
1900-2015	<p>Awards Dinner</p> <p><i>Honoring the first ever recipients of the OPA 90 FORUM's:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proactive Response & Execution Performance (PREP) Award • Champion Of Future Readiness (COFR) Award • Visionary in Response and Prevention (VRP) Award
2015-2100	<p>Environmental Protection (OPA 90) in Alaska and Beyond Overview: This panel explores the critical role of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) in safeguarding the unique and vulnerable Arctic environment, with a focus on Alaska. As climate change and industrial activities increase in the Arctic regions, the implementation of OPA 90 and other environmental protections becomes ever more crucial. This discussion will delve into the successes, challenges, and future directions of environmental protection efforts in these sensitive areas.</p>
2100	Closing Remarks – Richard Fredricks

AWARDS

Proactive Response and Execution Performance (PREP) Award

The Proactive Response and Execution Performance (PREP) Award is a prestigious recognition designed to honor teams and organizations that exemplify the highest standards of preparedness and response in the face of actual OPA 90 incidents. This award celebrates those who have successfully translated rigorous training, drills, and exercises into actual plan activation and rapid execution during real-life events, setting a benchmark for excellence in OPA 90 response.

Champion Of Future Readiness (COFR) Award

This award would recognize organizations, teams, or individuals who excel in preparing for the future through innovative practices, sustainability efforts, regulatory enhancements and/or strategic planning. It celebrates those who go beyond compliance to ensure industry is ready to meet future challenges, including environmental protection, technological advancements, and financial sustainability.

Visionary in Response and Prevention (VRP) Award

This award would honor organizations, teams, or individuals who demonstrate exceptional foresight and innovation in creating, implementing, or enhancing OPA 90 response planning that significantly improves the resilience and protection of the environment. It would recognize those who go above and beyond in planning and preparedness to safeguard our seas from potential hazards and pollution.