



1600-1700	Cocktail Reception / Registration / Check-In
1700-1745	<p>National Impact: The Key Bridge Collapse and OPA 90's Impact on Emergency Management <i>Overview:</i> 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul F. Hankins, Director, Salvage Operations & Ocean Engineering, USN SUPSALV (Moderator) • Captain David E. O'Connell, Sector Commander, USCG Sector Maryland-National Capitol Region • Colonel Estee S. Pinchasin, Commander & District Engineer, Baltimore District, USACE • James Harkness, Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA)
1745-1800	Reception / Networking Break
1800-1845	<p>Evolving Preparedness: PREP Drills & Exercises Looking Forward <i>Overview:</i> This panel discussion will explore the National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP), 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Allen, retired, former Executive Director, Spill Control Association (Moderator) • Fred Dolbow, Port Security/Recovery Specialist, USCG Sector Maryland-National Capitol Region • Mike Gallagher, Senior Managing Director, Witt O'Brien's • Mike Dean, Executive Director, American Salvage Association • John Witte, President, International Salvage Union • Chaz Comerford, Gulf of Mexico Regional Manager, National Response Corporation
1845-1900	Chairman's IAP (Initiative Action Plan) – Doug Martin
1900-2015	<p>Awards dinner, honoring the first ever recipients of the OPA 90 Forum's PREP, COFR and VRP Awards.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Award recipient details on following page...</i></p>
2015-2100	<p>Environmental Protection (OPA 90) in Alaska and Beyond <i>Overview:</i> 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dennis L. Bryant, CAPT, USCG (ret), (Moderator) • Quinton Ford, Senior Analyst, PCCI • Rob McClellan, U.S. Navy SUPSALV Pollution Response PM
2100	Closing Remarks – Richard Fredricks

AWARDS PROGRAM

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.

WINNER

Unified Command for the Ever Forward Response
USCG Sector Maryland-National Capitol Region
Responsible Party, Evergreen Marine Corp & Witt O'Brien's
State of Maryland

Champion Of Future Readiness (COFR) Award

This award recognizes 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.

WINNER

Carleen Lyden Walker, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of NAMEPA

Visionary in Response and Prevention (VRP) Award

This award honors 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 recognizes those who go above and beyond in planning and preparedness to safeguard our seas from potential hazards and pollution.

WINNER

Dennis I. Bryant, CAPT, USCG (ret)
