



OPRC Level 3 Strategic Oil Spill Preparedness Training Course

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Course Overview

OPRC Level 3 Strategic Oil Spill Preparedness Training Course is a five-day strategic course for senior maritime decision-makers who leave with an Executive Oil Spill Preparedness Assurance File. Participants connect preparedness governance, risk-based capability, contingency assurance, authority coordination, mutual assistance, executive incident decisions, public communication, financial interfaces, exercises, and capability review. The course separates strategic oversight from tactical on-scene command. OPRC Level 3 strategic preparedness is taught by Agile Leaders Training Center.

Who Should Attend

- Senior management functions responsible for setting marine pollution preparedness policy and capability
- Maritime administration functions responsible for response systems, authorities, and contingency assurance
- Port and terminal leadership functions responsible for executive spill readiness and resource commitments
- Government-industry liaison functions responsible for cooperation, assistance, and stakeholder coordination
- Contingency planning functions responsible for exercises, evaluations, and preparedness improvement

The course assumes participants already oversee maritime operations or emergency arrangements and leaves out field tactics, equipment deployment, and on-scene command.

Departments and Industries

The course supports strategic oil spill preparedness across maritime administration, ports, terminals, offshore operations, shipping, and public emergency coordination.

- Maritime administrations and marine environment functions
- Port authorities and terminal operators
- Shipping and offshore operating organizations
- Emergency management and civil protection functions
- Government-industry coordination bodies

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Analyze strategic oil spill risk and required response capability
- Evaluate governance, authority, and contingency planning arrangements
- Build resource, cooperation, and mutual-assistance assurance controls
- Apply executive decision and communication protocols during escalation
- Prioritize financial, claims, exercise, and improvement actions
- Evaluate an Executive Oil Spill Preparedness Assurance File

Course Agenda

Day 1: Strategic Preparedness Governance

- OPRC 1990 Preparedness Obligation Map
- Strategic Response Governance Charter
- Authority and Accountability Matrix
- Government-Industry Coordination Framework
- Preparedness Assurance Scope Statement

Day 2: Risk and Capability Assurance

- Marine Oil Spill Risk Profile
- Response Scenario Severity Matrix
- Capability Requirement Assessment
- Resource Readiness Assurance Register
- Preparedness Gap Priority Grid

Day 3: Contingency and Cooperation

- Contingency Plan Assurance Checklist
- Strategic Notification and Escalation Protocol
- Mutual-Assistance Arrangement Map
- External Resource Mobilization Decision Guide
- Stakeholder Coordination Responsibility Chart

Day 4: Executive Incident Direction

- Strategic Incident Decision Log
- Executive Situation Assessment Board
- Public and Media Coordination Protocol
- Financial Authority and Cost Control Matrix
- Claims Interface Evidence Register



Day 5: Preparedness Assurance Practice

- Governance Assurance Review Exercise
- Capability and Resource Decision Simulation
- Contingency Cooperation Tabletop Exercise
- Executive Escalation and Communication Exercise
- Capstone Executive Oil Spill Preparedness Assurance File

Practical Exercises

The course uses suggested activities drawn from port, terminal, shipping, offshore, and public emergency settings.

- Suggested activity: assess governance responsibilities and preparedness gaps for a marine spill scenario
- Suggested activity: choose capability and mutual-assistance actions under escalating resource constraints
- Suggested activity: direct executive decisions, public coordination, and financial controls during a tabletop incident
- Suggested activity: review the evidence and ownership within an executive preparedness assurance file

FAQs

Who does the OPRC Level 3 Strategic Oil Spill Preparedness Training Course suit and what does it assume?

The course suits senior managers, maritime administrators, port and terminal executives, contingency leaders, and government-industry liaison personnel who already oversee maritime operations or emergency arrangements.

How does OPRC Level 3 strategic preparedness differ from Level 2 tactical response training?

OPRC Level 3 strategic preparedness addresses governance, capability, contingency assurance, cooperation, and executive decisions; Level 2 tactical training addresses supervision and on-scene response command.

What belongs in an Executive Oil Spill Preparedness Assurance File?

An Executive Oil Spill Preparedness Assurance File contains governance roles, risk and capability assessments, resource evidence, contingency checks, cooperation arrangements, decision protocols, communication controls, exercise findings, and improvement actions.



How should strategic oil spill response capability be reviewed?

Strategic oil spill response capability is reviewed against credible scenarios, assigned authorities, available resources, communication arrangements, mutual assistance, exercise evidence, identified gaps, and approved improvement priorities.

How do senior managers use oil spill exercises for assurance?

Senior managers use oil spill exercises to test decisions, authorities, coordination, resource access, communications, financial controls, and recovery of evidence, then assign corrective actions and review their closure.

Conclusion

Participants take back an Executive Oil Spill Preparedness Assurance File connecting governance, risk, capability, contingency plans, cooperation, decisions, communication, financial interfaces, and exercises. It makes executive ownership and readiness evidence visible before a major incident. The file supports traceable capability reviews and prioritized improvement decisions without replacing tactical command procedures.