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US Vessel Response Plans – California Shoreline Protection – MSRC

So Cal Ship Services (SCSS), California

As of 1 January 2016, MSRC will no longer provide California Shoreline Protection and On Water Response Coverage ("CASP") services for vessels calling at the Port of Hueneme, California, USA and/or transiting the southbound traffic lanes of the Santa Barbara Channel.

However, from 1 January 2016, So Cal Ship Services (SCSS) will provide vessels with CASP response services to meet the 2 hour skimming and the shoreline protection planning standards for vessels calling at Port Hueneme and 6 Hour On-Water Recovery response services to meet the 6 hour skimming planning standard for vessels transiting the southbound traffic lanes of the Santa Barbara Channel, to enable compliance with the California State Regulations.

The wording of the So Cal Ship Services Shoreline Protection Agreement has been amended to conform with International Group Guidelines. The conforming Agreement has the footer:

"SQMS-ADM-500 SLP-SBC Agreement – Rev 0-0 12-15".

These changes only affect those shipowners who name MSRC in their California Tank and Non-tank Vessel Response Plans and who are either operating in the Santa Barbara Channel or entering Port Hueneme. The CASP requirements relate to specific response capabilities within the first 12 hours following a spill. While MSRC will no longer provide the CASP coverage, they will still provide response services after the initial 12 hour period in the Santa Barbara Channel and Port Hueneme in the event of an incident.

All Clubs in the International Group have issued similar circulars.