Recommended Practices in the Prevention of Marine Oil Pollution in the Arctic (RP3)

Arctic Council  SAO-meeting in Haparanda
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The Nuuk Ministerial declaration

**Nuuk Ministerial declaration:**

*call for the Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (EPPR) and other relevant working groups to develop recommendations and or best practices in the prevention of marine oil pollution; the preliminary or final results of both to be presented at the next Ministerial meeting in 2013...*
Project plan – activities to date

- Scoping workshop in Oslo
- Contract with external consultants (DnV)
- Interviews with experts
- Data collection
- First draft report (May 30)
- Expert workshop in Reykjavik in co-op with PAME (June 11-12)
- Second draft report (August 20)
- EPPR review (August 20–28)
- Review of third draft report by WGs and AC (August 28 – September 28)
- Results from the AC review discussed by EPPR (Oct. 5-6)
- Final draft technical report to the Nov 2012 SAO meeting
- Start preparation 1st draft short report to Ministerial (Oct 10)
Results from the AC review and EPPR’s discussion October 6th.

- Technical update of country specific information
- Change in the structure
  - include a section that describes the methodology and interview process
  - include a section on findings and analysis
  - better reflect overall recommendations
  - include important observations
RP3 next steps

Ministers: Take note of

Ministers: Adopt
Outline short report and timeline

- Background
  - Importance of oil spill prevention
  - Mandate from Ministers
  - Objective of RP3 project
- Summary of findings/analysis
  - Operational experience in the Arctic is not sufficiently advanced to generate a list of best practices
  - Report contains many useful findings that can be developed into recommendations that will enhance prevention in the Arctic
  - List of key recommendations (include linkages to relevant work being done in other WGs)
- First draft submitted to the January 2013 meeting
Possible recommendations

- Improve ice detection and monitoring programs
- Investigate the use of UAVs to monitor oil spills in the Arctic
- Review existing standards for Arctic operations, identify gaps and promote the increased use of appropriate standards
- Review the current draft of IMO’s Polar Code and consider its adoption for areas of AC country jurisdiction
- Initiate a circumpolar marine environment risk analysis
- Undertake collaborative research focused on prevention practices and disseminate data/share knowledge with regulators