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**Progress report from
Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and
Response (EPPR) working group**

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Document 5.3.1 Circumpolar Marine Environment Risk Assessment (CMERA)



Introduction

- **Background: Recommendation from the RP3 summary report**
 - AC should inventory existing risk assessments in the Arctic
 - Consider common elements and environmental differences and methodologies
 - Conduct a circumpolar environment risk assessment
- **Workshop in Tromsø, Norway November 2013**
 - 50 participants from AC states, working groups, PP and others




Main findings from the workshop

- Improved charting and knowledge-sharing is critical
- A CMERA must give an overall picture of oil spill risk in the Arctic (GIS) and recommendations to the Arctic states
- There is a need to identify a better overview of oil spill response limitations and effectiveness in the Arctic
- A map-based response gap-analysis was suggested



Two possible ways of follow up

- Conduct a Circumpolar Marine Environmental Risk Assessment (CMERA)
 - Risk drivers, environment risk drivers (vulnerability), climatic risk drivers and activity risk drivers
 - Circumpolar Response Gap Analysis
 - A better overview of oil spill response limitations and effectiveness in the circumpolar Arctic
- Full discussion at EPPR I 2014 in June


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Document 6.3 EPPR's Operating Guidelines

Background:
Request from the SAO's to review the Operational guidelines against the revised AC Rules of procedures


Name of the document

- Operating Guidelines for EPPR
- Operational Guidelines to the *Agreement on Cooperation on Marine Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response in the Arctic*
- Proposal new name: **Operating Procedures for EPPR**

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Operating Guidelines EPPR ctd.

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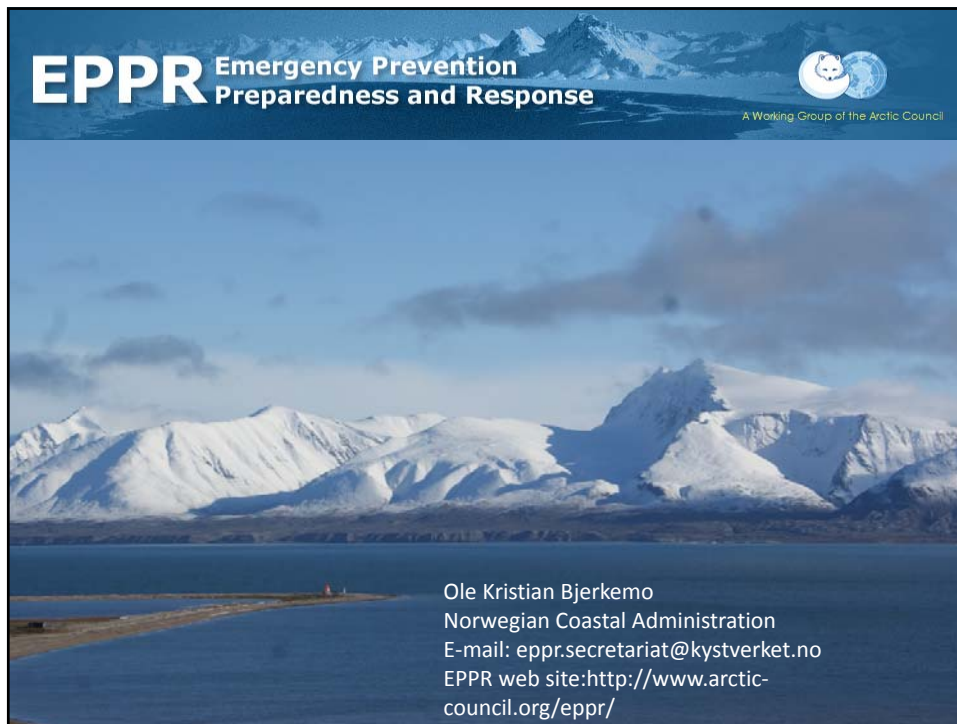
Highlights from EPPR's progress report

- Guide oil spill response in ice and snow
 - Prepared for and in co-operation with IMO
 - An Arctic Council version will be developed. Delivery to 2015 Ministerial
- Follow-up the Arctic Marine oil Pollution and Preparedness agreement
 - Notification exercise summer 2014
 - SAR and OSR Exercise in Pirazlomnaya Russia 5.-7. August, 2014
- Arctic Rescue
 - Conference conducted in Naryan Mar, Russia – August 2013
 - Conference planned in Arkangelsk 23.-25.9.2014

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Highlights from EPPR's progress report ctd.

- Radiation Emergency Training and exercises
 - Exercise "Arctic 2014" will be conducted 23.-24 June in the Murmansk region
- Arctic region Resources and Logistic guide
- Occupational safety and health in the Arctic oil spill response workers
- Collaboration with other working groups/organizations
- Next meeting: June 16.-17 in ? Canada



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