



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

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Outline

- Agenda item 6.4.1 Circumpolar Marine Environment Risk Assessment – next steps
- Agenda item 6.4.2 The IMO/EPPR Guide on Oil Spill Response in Ice and Snow condition
- Agenda item 6.4.3 The first exercise under the auspices of the Arctic Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Agreement hosted by Canada (Larry Trigatti)
- 7.3 EPPR's written report



Agenda item 6.4.1 Circumpolar Marine Environment Risk Assessment – next steps

- Background: Recommendation from the 2013 RP3 summary report
- Scoping workshop in Tromsø, Norway November 2013
- Update to the SAO-meeting in March 2014
- Decision in EPPR I 2014:
 - Step-wise approach
 - First step: Circumpolar Response Gap Analysis
A better overview of oil spill response limitations and effectiveness in the circumpolar Arctic
 - Project plan to be discussed at EPPR II in Seattle, December 2014



Agenda item 6.4.2 The IMO/EPPR Guide on Oil Spill Response in Ice and Snow conditions

- Background: Request from IMO
- Co-leads and co-funding: Norway and Canada
- First draft discussed at EPPR I in June
- Second draft currently out for comment
- Final draft to be discussed at EPPR II in December
- Final draft will be sent IMO for further discussion in IMO PPR
- The final draft will be the basis for an Arctic version of the Guide which is also an EPPR deliverable to the Ministerial 2015



New projects/activities

- Prevention, Preparedness and Response for small communities
 - Scoping workshop planned for 2015
- Remotely Piloted Aircraft for Emergency Response
 - Workshop on Dec. 4 back to back with EPPR II in Seattle
- Development of a database of Arctic Response Assets – Under consideration

Thank you for your attention!

