



OIL AND GAS | OG-063

Oil Spill Preparedness and Response

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Course content

Why Attend

Oil spills can cause severe environmental damage, financial liabilities and reputational harm. Operators, terminals and authorities must be prepared to respond quickly and effectively.

This Aractech course covers oil spill risk assessment, contingency planning, tiered response, response strategies including containment, recovery, dispersants and shoreline clean-up, incident management systems, wildlife and environmental considerations, waste management and claims. Participants take part in a spill response exercise.

Course Methodology

- Technical presentations
- Case studies of major spills
- Contingency planning workshop
- Response exercise
- Group discussions

Course Objectives

- Assess oil spill risks and scenarios
- Develop oil spill contingency plans
- Understand tiered response and resources
- Select appropriate response strategies
- Apply incident management systems
- Manage waste, claims and recovery

Target Audience

- HSE and environmental professionals

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- Terminal and port operators
- Emergency response coordinators
- Marine and offshore staff

Course outline

Detailed course outline

Day-by-day outline for Oil Spill Preparedness and Response.

Day 1 - Oil Spill Risk

- 09:00-09:39 | Oil properties and behaviour
- 09:39-10:18 | Spill sources
- 10:18-10:57 | Fate and weathering
- 10:57-11:00 | Environmental sensitivity
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-12:05 | Environmental sensitivity (continued)
- 12:05-12:43 | Risk assessment
- 12:43-14:00 | Exercise: Spill scenario analysis

Day 2 - Preparedness

- 09:00-09:39 | Contingency planning
- 09:39-10:18 | Tiered response
- 10:18-10:57 | Response resources
- 10:57-11:00 | Training and exercises
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-12:05 | Training and exercises (continued)
- 12:05-12:43 | Mutual aid
- 12:43-14:00 | Workshop: Contingency plan outline

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Day 3 - Response Strategies

- 09:00-09:39 | Containment and recovery
- 09:39-10:18 | Dispersants
- 10:18-10:57 | In-situ burning
- 10:57-11:00 | Shoreline clean-up
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-12:05 | Shoreline clean-up (continued)
- 12:05-12:43 | Response decision-making
- 12:43-14:00 | Case study: Major spill response

Day 4 - Incident Management

- 09:00-09:39 | Incident command systems
- 09:39-10:18 | Roles and coordination
- 10:18-10:57 | Communication
- 10:57-11:00 | Wildlife response
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-12:05 | Wildlife response (continued)
- 12:05-12:43 | Waste management
- 12:43-14:00 | Simulation: Spill response exercise

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Day 5 - Recovery and Lessons

- 09:00-09:45 | Claims and compensation
- 09:45-10:30 | Environmental monitoring
- 10:30-11:00 | Stakeholder engagement
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-11:45 | Stakeholder engagement (continued)
- 11:45-12:30 | Lessons learned
- 12:30-13:15 | Improving preparedness
- 13:15-14:00 | Capstone: Preparedness improvement plan

Seminar dates

Available seminar dates

Live dates and pricing for Oil Spill Preparedness and Response generated from the course details page.

Date	Location	Format	Fee
16 - 20 November 2026	Barcelona	Classroom	€2,815
7 - 11 December 2026	Istanbul	Classroom	€1,978
21 - 25 December 2026	London	Classroom	€2,315
18 - 22 January 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	€2,815
15 - 19 February 2027	Istanbul	Classroom	€1,978
15 - 19 March 2027	Amsterdam	Classroom	€2,830
19 - 23 April 2027	Paris	Classroom	€3,825
17 - 21 May 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	€2,815
21 - 25 June 2027	Geneva	Classroom	€4,315
19 - 23 July 2027	Munich	Classroom	€3,225

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