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Dear SCAA Members,

As we close out the first quarter of the year, I'm proud of the strong start we've made together. It's been an exciting and productive few months, and I want to thank each of you for the energy and dedication you've brought to the Spill Control Association of America.

We've laid solid groundwork with member engagement, committee activity, and industry advocacy, all gaining momentum. This included our annual and regional meetings spanning from Virginia to Colorado. But our mission doesn't stop here. The real strength of SCAA lies in the active participation of its members. Whether through committee work, sharing your insights at events, or simply staying connected with fellow members, your involvement drives our impact and our growth.

If you haven't yet found your place to get involved, I encourage you to step in now. There are plenty of opportunities to lend your voice, share your expertise, and help shape the future of our industry.

We also have a shared responsibility to grow our association. Stronger numbers mean a stronger voice in the industry and a wider network of professionals dedicated to spill prevention, response, and control. I challenge each of you to reach out to a colleague or industry partner who isn't yet a member and invite them to join us. Let's make sure the value of SCAA continues to grow with each new connection.

Thank you for a successful first quarter. I'm excited about what we'll accomplish in the months ahead together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Perna".

Stephen Perna

2025-2027 President

2025-2027 Officers



2025-2027 President

Steve Peln is Senior Vice President of Lewis Environmental, a Mid-Atlantic-based full-service environmental contractor. He holds a Master of Science Degree from St. Joseph's University in Public Safety Management and is a Certified Safety Professional. In addition to Lewis, Steve is very active as a first responder in Southeastern Pennsylvania. He recently completed his term as the Fire Chief of the West Chester Fire Department. Additionally, he is a Hazardous Materials Specialist with the Chester County HAZMAT Team, a Fire Instructor through the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy, and Co-Chair of the Chester County Traffic Incident Management Task Force.

Steve has served SCAA for over 10 years on the Future Environmental Leaders, Planning, and Health & Safety Committees. He has also been a member of the Board of Directors during this time. Serving as Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President.



2025-2027 Vice President

Timothy House is the Vice President of Operations at Moran Environmental Recovery (MER), a role he assumed in September 2022. Prior to this position, he served as the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Regional Manager for six years, overseeing a range of environmental response and Industrial operations. Mr. House began his career with MER in the mid-2000s while still in high school, officially joining the company as a field technician in 2007 upon graduation. Timothy holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Management from the College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina.

Mr. House has been an active member of the Spill Control Association of America (SCAA) since 2012, where he serves on the Board of Directors and currently holds the position of Vice President.

Timothy strives to create a more efficient and sustainable future and uphold the values of both his own organization as well as SCAA's.



2025-2027 Treasurer

Josh Clifford is an experienced and proven environmental professional with 15 years of experience in emergency response, environmental compliance, and sustainable remediation. As Vice President of QT Environmental, Inc., he has led complex, high-stakes projects worldwide.

Known for his ability to rapidly mobilize teams and resources, Josh excels at integrating innovative technologies and international best practices to improve environmental outcomes. His expertise outside of emergency response spans contingency planning, regulatory compliance, sustainability, and project management.

A strong advocate for professional development and team collaboration, Josh fosters a culture of continuous learning and operational excellence. He is also actively engaged in environmental advocacy and outreach, advancing awareness and conservation efforts within his community and worldwide. His leadership and forward-thinking approach have earned him recognition as a trusted and influential figure within the industry. He currently is on the Board of Directors for SCAA as well.



2025-2027 Secretary

Mr. Malizzi has over 30 years of experience in disaster response, insurance loss control, litigation support, spill planning, drills, and response, Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA), endangered species, and habitat restoration. Recently, he was the EUL for a train derailment in CA and was involved in several confidential NRDAs. He served as the Program Manager for the Natural Resource Advisor Program, among other tasks, in support of the MC252 Deepwater Horizon Response (BP Spill) in the Gulf of Mexico.

Mr. Malizzi is on the Board of Directors for the Spill Control Association of America and was and is on the Planning Committees for the International Oil Spill Conference 2024 and 2027. He has spoken extensively on spill planning, NRDA, response, and other environmental topics in both the U.S., Canada, the Middle East, and the EU.

Board of Directors

Joe Bowles - MSRC

Joe Bowles, Vice President of the Offshore Operations Division, is a veteran responder who started working for the oil industry in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, in 1985, starting his spill response career in Valdez, Alaska, in 1989. Joe joined MSRC in 1993 as a Responder and was quickly promoted through various operations leadership positions in the Pacific Region. During Joe's tenure in MSRC's Pacific Region, he has developed strong cooperative relationships with state regulatory agencies in the most ecologically conscious regions of the U.S. Joe was recently elected to the Board of Directors in 2024.

Tyler Fetgatter - Phoenix Pollution Control

Tyler R. Fetgatter is the Director of Sales and Marketing at Phoenix Pollution Control & Environmental Services, Inc., a premier environmental solutions provider based in Houston, Texas. Holding a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Marketing/Health Care Administration/Management from the University of Texas at Tyler. Tyler combines strategic business expertise with a passion for advancing sustainable practices. From key roles at Phoenix Pollution Control, he drives innovative environmental initiatives and business growth in the Greater Houston area.

Tyler is deeply committed to industry leadership, actively contributing to environmental and safety advancements. As a dedicated member of the Spill Control Association of America (SCAA) Board of Directors, he plays a pivotal role in advancing the organization's mission, championing sustainable practices and fostering leadership in environmental and safety advancements.



The Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and Outgoing President, Angie Martin.

From left to right: Tyler Fetgatter, Paul Rutherford, Rick Mowrer, Stephen Pelna, Angie Martin, Josh Clifford, Tim House, Joe Bowles, Bob May, Larry Malizzi



*The Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and incoming President, Stephen Pelna.
From left to right: Larry Malizzi, Tim House, Stephen Pelna, Josh Clifford*

Robert May - HEPACO/Clean Harbors

Robert May is the Vice President of HEPACO, LLC, where he has served since 2005. With over 30 years of experience in environmental services and emergency response, he brings a deep understanding of operational leadership, client relations, and field expertise to the industry.

Prior to joining HEPACO, he spent more than 13 years at IMS Environmental Services. During his time there, he served as Branch Manager following his early career as a Project Geologist in Chesapeake.

Robert holds a Bachelor of Science in Geology from Old Dominion University. His long-standing commitment to environmental protection and project management has made him a trusted leader in the field.

Rick Mowrer - Texas Boom Company

Rick Mowrer has a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management from Covenant College. Had an early professional career that included advancing through multiple levels of management over 21 years with ADESA. Has been the President of Texas Boom Company since 2014, and is a Katy, Texas resident with four children, including three adults and one daughter about to start high school. Joe was recently elected to the Board of Directors in 2024.

Paul Rutherford - Miller Environmental Group

Paul Rutherford is the Vice President of Operations at Miller Environmental Group, Inc., bringing over 25 years of experience in environmental response, operations, and emergency preparedness. Before joining Miller in 2023, he served as Director of National Response Readiness and Marine Operations at ACV Enviro, overseeing nationwide emergency response and marine services.

He previously held leadership roles at HEPACO, Amtrak, Moran Environmental, and National Response Corporation, with strong focus on project management, compliance, and training. Paul also served 12 years in the U.S. Coast Guard, specializing in communications and tactical operations.

SCAA's Committees and Current Chairs

Health and Safety Committee - Doug Townsend

The Health and Safety Committee is responsible for developing and promoting a healthy and safe work environment for all association members. The committee encourages the sharing of best management practices for member benefit.

Government Affairs Committee - Robert Chambers

The Government Affairs Committee is responsible for working collaboratively with the SCAA Board, Executive leadership and the membership to drive awareness, education and implementation of regulatory issues that are both meaningful and impactful to the Association's interests.

Communications/Marketing Committee - Logan Armstrong

The Communications/Marketing Committee is responsible for ensuring market awareness of the association within the response industry, promotion of member companies endeavors in the response industry, and establishing consistent brand recognition of SCAA to support other association goals.

Technical Advancement Committee - Jane-Ellen Delgado

The Technical Advancement Committee researches, identifies and recommends needed technical improvements that will benefit our members and the spill response industry.

Emerging Environmental Leaders (EEL) Committee - Chris Tracy

The Emerging Environmental Leaders Committee is responsible for developing and engaging young response professionals for networking and sustainability of the association.

Planning Committee- John Silva

The Planning Committee is a standing body that works with SCAA staff to monitor, plan, and schedule participation in industry and government events, including conferences, exhibits, meetings, and workshops. It also oversees planning for SCAA's Annual Meeting & Conference.

Membership Committee - Margo Moss

The Membership Committee is a standing committee of the Spill Control Association of America (SCAA), focused on member recruitment, retention, and engagement. Current initiatives include expanding regional meetings, improving Meet & Greets, enhancing the mentorship program, and growing the Lunch & Learn series. Past successes include launching online bill pay, streamlining new member onboarding, and conducting satisfaction surveys.

Past Presidents/Nominating Committee - Angie Martin

The Past Presidents/Nominating Committee is a permanent committee of the Spill Control Association of America (SCAA), tasked with ensuring leadership continuity and advising the President, Executive Committee, and Board. It develops a slate of candidates for elections and promotes Board participation.

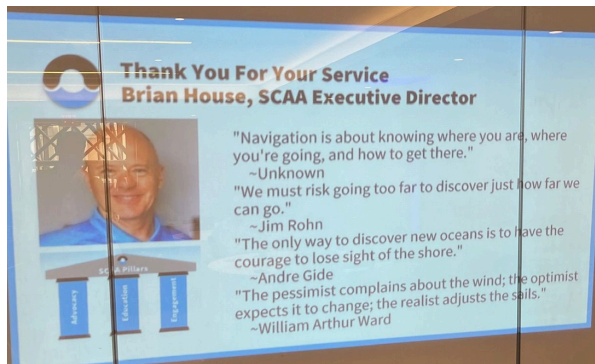
***Want to be involved with a Committee?
All Committee Chair contact information
can be found at scaa-spill.org!***

Announcements

We extend our deepest gratitude to SCAA Immediate Past President Angie Martin, Arcwood Environmental, for her dedicated service to SCAA who also made SCAA history as the Association's first woman President.



It was our privilege to honor SCAA Past President Brian House for his steadfast dedication to SCAA—not only as a long-time member, Director, Officer, and Committee Chair, but also as Executive Director from 2022 to 2024. His commitment to the organization and his call to action based on the SCAA Pillars—Advocacy, Education, and Engagement—serve as an inspiration to us all.



New Member Spotlight



GrayMar is a leader in environmental Services with core competencies of Emergency Response, Environmental Remediation, Industrial Services, Waste Transportation, and Disposal. We currently have 17 service locations in Colorado West. Our company mission is based on Safety, Compliance, and our people, providing value-added services to our customers.



Providence Engineering and Environmental LLC, formed in 2000, is a multidisciplinary engineering and environmental consulting firm with offices in Louisiana, Texas, and Wyoming. We provide professional services in the following interrelated disciplines: Engineering Services, Environmental Services, Surveying Services, and Environmental Technology/Support Services.



State of Oregon
Department of Environmental Quality

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is a state agency that works to protect the people and environment of Oregon. It has a broad responsibility to include spill cleanup and prevention.

2025 Annual Meeting Recap (Day 1)

State of the Association Address

Speakers: Angie Martin (2023–2025 President), Steve Pelna (2025–2027 President)



Outgoing President Angie Martin (2023–2025) and incoming President Steve Pelna (2025–2027) highlighted the key achievements and priorities of the Spill Control Association of America (SCAA). The organization remains dedicated to being the leading voice for spill response professionals through advocacy at API SAG, PAT, and PHMSA meetings. Among the educational initiatives introduced were virtual engagement sessions, legal Lunch & Learns, and the FEL Program Scholarship. Engagement efforts also saw a boost with the launch of a new website, an expanded social media presence, and active participation in events like Clean Waterways and Clean Gulf 2024.



Despite a drop in membership due to industry consolidation, the association's financial health remains solid, with 2024 equity seeing an increase, alongside a 10% rise in annual sponsors. The board elections welcomed two new members, with Steve Pelna stepping into the role of President. He will be joined by VP Tim House, Treasurer Josh Clifford, and Secretary Larry Malizzi. Looking ahead, the goals for 2025–2026 include enhancing membership value, increasing regional meetings, boosting participation in Clean Events, modernizing bylaws, and improving administrative tools, as well as digital outreach. Members were also encouraged to express concerns or step away from uncomfortable discussions to ensure compliance with antitrust regulations.

2025 Annual Meeting Recap (Day 1)

Antitrust Compliance in Industry Settings

Speaker: Allen Bachman, K&L Gates

Bachman emphasized the importance of antitrust compliance for early identification of legal risks, litigation avoidance, and preventing regulatory penalties. Antitrust laws protect competition, lower prices, promote innovation, and enhance efficiency by prohibiting anti-competitive agreements, which can be horizontal (between competitors) or vertical (involving suppliers or customers). Horizontal agreements like bid rigging and price fixing pose significant legal risks, while vertical agreements are evaluated based on their market impact. All cartels, even informal ones, are illegal, and companies must steer clear of coordinated strategies or customer exclusions. Sharing sensitive information in joint bidding can violate antitrust laws, and miscommunication in trade associations may lead to violations as well. Additionally, practices like bid rotation, no-poach agreements, and wage fixing are prohibited, and while monopolies are not inherently illegal, using them to suppress competition is unlawful.



Membership Survey & Initiatives

Speaker: Chad Tameling, SET Environmental

The SCAA Membership Committee focuses on member retention, recruitment, and growth. Membership data reveals that 47% of members joined before 2015, 20% between 2015 and 2018, and 33% from 2020 to 2025. In 2024, initiatives like online bill pay, expanded regional meetings, a new voting process, a mentorship program, and Lunch & Learn sessions were launched, along with an annual satisfaction survey. Survey results showed that engaged members rated in-person events as the top benefit, with suggestions for improvement including enhancing those events, expanding meetings, creating a sponsor Toolbox, and increasing Lunch & Learn offerings.



2025 Annual Meeting Recap (Day 1)

Trends in Government Contracting

Speaker: Alex Gorelik, Taft Services

Gorelik emphasized the importance of strictly following rules when pursuing government contracts and clearly highlighting unique proposal aspects. Selecting the right team and providing complete information about affiliate relationships is crucial. Key personnel must genuinely be available for the proposed work. Recent government contracting updates include protests over SAM registrations and cybersecurity requirements, highlighting the need for improved systems. The Supreme Court's evolving approach may influence regulatory reliance, while upcoming changes in Department of Defense regulations and new considerations around tariff exclusions and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) policies are also noteworthy for contractors.



Luncheon Awards

Speaker: Chris Tracy, Heritage Environmental Services

This year's awards shifted focus toward educational support. Three Environmental Excellence Awards were presented to students from Purdue University and Massachusetts Academy, underscoring SCAA's investment in future spill response professionals.



2025 Annual Meeting Recap

(Day 1)

Industry Collaboration & API's Knowledge Transfer Initiative

Speaker: Tim Steffek, API

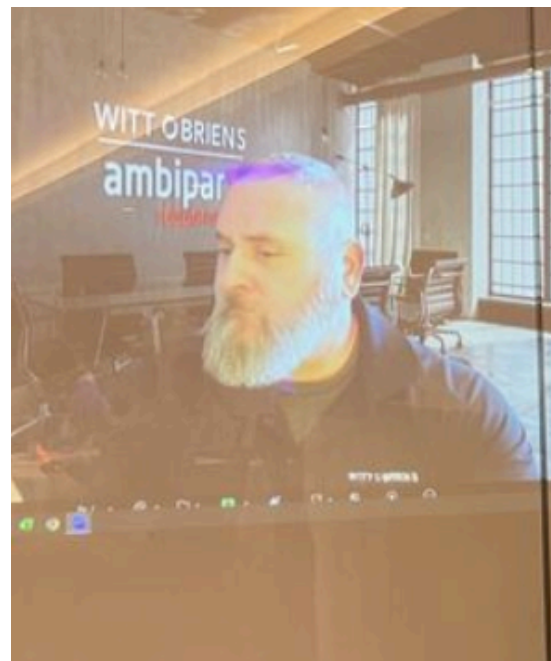


Founded in 1919, the American Petroleum Institute (API) represents the petroleum industry and has long focused on oil spill response. After the 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster, API created the Joint Industry Task Force to improve offshore spill preparedness. Its Emergency Preparedness & Response Subcommittee oversees four phases of spill response, from immediate action to post-crisis recovery, balancing resources and collaboration. API offers recommended practices, tactical guides, and training resources like OilSpillPrevention.org and a video library to support responders. Upcoming events include a Dispersant Workshop in September 2025, all aimed at maintaining knowledge and improving spill control efforts industry-wide.

EPA FRP WCD Rule Updates

Speaker: John Carroll, Witt O'Brien's

Carroll noted that program funding won't begin until late 2025, with EPA compliance needed by July 2027. Facilities must adhere to regulated quantities and prepare for worst-case discharges based on specific chemicals. Response resources are shifting from OSROs to SROs, but no certification database for OSROs exists. Plan holders must evaluate resources by hazard severity and include necessary monitoring equipment. While training drills are optional, confusion over the lack of PREP amendments has led the EPA to update guidelines. Coordination with officials must be documented, requiring response within one hour and equipment deployment within two hours. Disposal plans must comply with OPA 90 and address firefighting runoff. Facility owners must confirm plan reviews, and Qualified Individuals (QIs) need hazard knowledge and Incident Command training, with a focus on hazard evaluations and monitoring air and water.



2025 Annual Meeting Recap

(Day 1)

U.S Coast Guard (USCG) Updates

Speakers: CAPT Trey Wirth & CDR Matt Richards



Captain Wirth and CDR Richards spoke on adjusting to new administration priorities and how there is a continued focus on the changing and dynamic response landscape. Domestic planning addresses emerging threats such as vessel fires caused by lithium-ion batteries, emphasizing the need for ongoing centralized training to improve technical proficiency and understanding of these risks. Western Alaska oil spill planning criteria remain a priority, with MERCAT playing a key role in providing feedback. The next steps involve conducting risk assessments, evaluating applications, and continuing consultations. A feedback form is being used to gather input on recent project updates, alongside ongoing efforts in national salvage and marine firefighting.

Electronic Hazard Communication (eHazcom)

Speaker: Shane Kelley, PHMSA

Kelley examined how electronic communication can effectively replace physical documentation, significantly improving both safety and efficiency. The discussion focused on the potential to shift from paper to electronic formats for essential documents such as shipping papers, emergency response information, dangerous goods manifests, special permits, and certificates of registration. Nevertheless, challenges persist in balancing the needs and responsibilities of shippers, carriers, and the emergency response community. It's crucial to ensure that electronic solutions not only meet but ideally surpass the effectiveness of traditional paper documents. Electronic permits can be as secure, if not more so, than their paper counterparts, with the overarching aim of developing a dynamic, problem-solving system that cuts down on unnecessary paperwork. Innovations like QR codes are being introduced to deliver detailed documentation for Oil Spill Response (OSR) trailer information.



Day 1 Opening Reception



Following the first day of the Annual Meeting, attendees came together for a lively and well-attended Opening Reception, generously sponsored by Arcwood. The event provided a relaxed atmosphere for members to unwind, reconnect with familiar faces, and build new industry relationships. With great food, drinks, and conversation, the reception set the tone for a collaborative and engaging week ahead. Arcwood's support made this memorable evening possible, helping to foster the strong sense of community that defines the Annual Meeting.



Annual Meeting Ghost Tour and Bar Crawl



A standout moment from the recent SCAA Regional Meeting in Washington, D.C., was the evening of networking and fun that followed the day's sessions. Attendees enjoyed a guided ghost tour through historic D.C., exploring the city's haunted landmarks and rich history. The night continued with a fellowship bar crawl, offering a relaxed setting for conversation, connection, and camaraderie. These social events added a memorable and engaging element to the meeting, reflecting SCAA's commitment to both professional growth and community.



2025 Annual Meeting Recap (Day 2)

Battery Fire Clean-Up & Recovery

Speaker: Mark Steadman, Call2Recycle

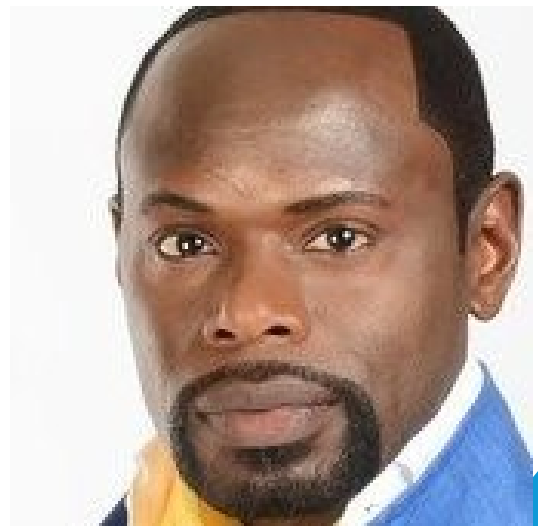
Steadman emphasized Call2Recycle Stewardship Services, a nonprofit managing battery recycling in the U.S. and Canada. They oversee battery management in states like New York, Minnesota, and Vermont, while participation is voluntary elsewhere. Their tasks include recycling consumer batteries and setting up collection sites. Batteries from devices are usually charged at 8-10% capacity. Call2Recycle meets manufacturers' obligations and manages recall collections. By 2026, only 30-45% of the U.S. will have battery recycling laws, raising concerns over e-bikes and electric vehicles. Collaboration with SCAA focuses on safety training and packaging assessment, highlighting the importance of understanding battery types and dimensions for safe transport.



Luncheon & Speaker Session

Speaker: James Williams, Environmental Technology Council

Williams, Executive Director of the Environmental Technology Council, discussed the 2025 legislative and regulatory forecast during the Luncheon & Speaker Session. He noted key changes in congressional committees and stressed the need for building relationships with them. New leadership is present in major federal agencies, including the EPA with Lee Zeldin and Steven Cook, and the DOT with Sean Duffy, with an upcoming appointment for the Coast Guard. Recent executive orders aim to reverse previous policies, including hiring freezes, budget cuts, and a halt on offshore wind leases. Federal agencies may turn to courts for repealing rules proposed after a critical May 1st deadline, with courts serving as checks on policy shifts. Tariff policies are also in flux.



2025 Annual Meeting Recap (Day 2)

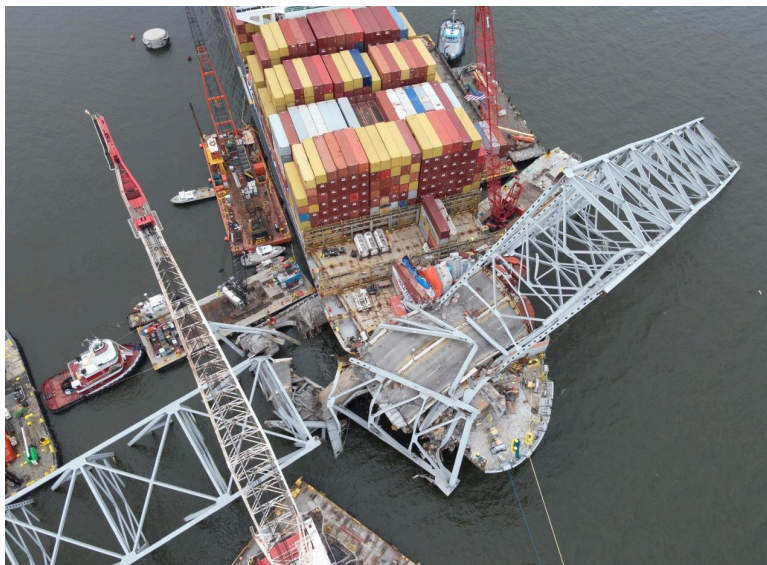
Environmental Challenges During Salvage of the M/V Dali

Speaker: Todd Duke, Resolve Marine



Duke spoke about how in 2024, the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapsed, blocking the Port of Baltimore and triggering a coordinated response from agencies like the U.S. Navy, EPA, DOJ, and others under the Incident Command System. Customs helped unload containers, while the Coast Guard managed ballast water treatment. Support from Baltimore Gas & Electric helped speed up response efforts. The collapse exposed infrastructure weaknesses and environmental risks, as the bridge was a key route for hazardous materials.

The salvage plan involved stabilizing the vessel, monitoring bridge movement, unloading hazardous and non-hazardous cargo, and safely removing the bridge using controlled explosive cutting and fire protection systems. Challenges included shutting down high-voltage lines and working around a natural gas pipeline beneath the ship. Phase 2 focused on removing the road debris, cleanup, relocating the ship, and decontamination efforts.



Annual Meeting Sponsors



The Spill Control Association of America would like to thank not only our Annual Sponsors, but our events sponsors as well including our Platinum Sponsors, ACME Environmental, Heritage Environmental Services (now Arcwood Environmental), Aer-Flo Environmental, KR Industrial, and Texas Boom Company. We would also like to acknowledge our Gold Sponsors American Environmental & Industrial Services and CTEH as well as our Friends of SCAA Environmental Remediation Contractor and Marine Pollution Control.

2025 Regional Meeting Recap

In April, Denver hosted SCAA's 2025 Regional Meeting, bringing together important agencies, industry leaders, and stakeholders from the spill response community. This meeting was a chance for people to connect and share ideas to improve spill prevention and response.

Attendees discussed the growing challenges of non-floating oils and hazardous chemicals in rivers and waterways. As inland spill situations become more complicated, the conversations focused on practical strategies for managing risks and protecting the environment. Participants also learned about updated Incident Command System (ICS) procedures, which are important for staying prepared and improving response efforts.

The event featured a panel of experts who shared their experiences and insights. Their stories provided real-world lessons and encouraged critical thinking about the need for collaboration in creating a more effective spill response framework.

After the Regional Meeting, attendees moved on to the Clean Waterways Conference, which continued the discussions from earlier in the week. This event gave professionals a chance to share best practices, strengthen partnerships, and improve readiness for environmental incidents.

SCAA thanks our members, sponsors, and all our new allies for making the meeting a success. Your energy, insights, and commitment help us protect the environment, educate our community, and raise response standards across the country. Together, we are shaping the future of spill response, one meeting, one conversation, and one action at a time.



Environmental Excellence Award

Awarded by The Emerging Environmental Leaders Committee

This prestigious award honors three exemplary college and maritime students who exhibit a profound commitment to emergency response. This year, the award was awarded to Eva Lynch from Purdue University for her innovative project titled “Nucor Steel Texas Bulk Oil and Liquid Chemical Containment Plan,” Allie Solari from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy for her insightful work on “Emissions from Shipping in the Arctic,” and Nikki Zavodny, also from Purdue University, for her comprehensive research titled “Lessons Learned from Water Systems after a Wildfire: Recovery, Utility Damage, and Funding Navigation.”

The EEL Committee is excited to announce that applications for the EEA will reopen in the Fall of 2025, inviting the next generation of environmental leaders to showcase their passion and innovative ideas in emergency response.



Government Affairs Committee Updates

The Government Affairs Committee (GAC) continues to be a cornerstone of progress, strategy, and advocacy for the Spill Control Association of America (SCAA). In recent years, the GAC has not only redefined its internal operations but has also positioned itself as a vital force in shaping national policy, supporting industry preparedness, and amplifying the collective voice of SCAA's membership.

In 2024, the GAC underwent a major transformation under the visionary leadership of then-Chair Brian House. This transformation, known as the “GAC 2.0” initiative, marked the beginning of a new era of strategic organization and increased operational capacity. What began as a recalibration quickly evolved into a full-scale redesign of how the committee functions and serves SCAA and the broader spill control community.

The GAC expanded to a 17-member committee with diverse expertise in regulatory affairs, science, technology, environmental response, and government relations. This growth reflects the increasing complexity of issues the GAC faces. To manage the workload, the committee adopted a structured inquiry response model that categorizes topics into Emerging Topics, Science and Technology, and Regulatory and Legislative matters. Each issue is evaluated for relevance and urgency, assigned a status of Active, Monitor, Table, or Idle, and prioritized as High, Medium, or Low. For Active and High Priority issues, a “Call to Action” is issued to the SCAA membership to mobilize resources and encourage timely engagement.

From there, the GAC forms dedicated subcommittees composed of subject matter experts recruited from SCAA's membership. These experts are tasked with researching the issue, gathering supporting data, collaborating with stakeholders, and ultimately developing actionable recommendations. The GAC then reviews these recommendations and determines the appropriate course of action, whether that be a formal response, public comment, policy development, or continued monitoring.



Government Affairs Committee Updates

To support greater transparency and continuity, the committee is also in the process of launching a comprehensive tracking system that will log and monitor all inquiries. Once operational, this system will be accessible to the full membership and provide real-time insight into the progress of specific issues and GAC activity. This will empower members to stay informed, get involved, and better understand how key decisions are being made within the association.

The GAC engages in strategic external partnerships to support its mission and enhance SCAA's voice nationally and regionally. Collaborating with organizations like the Partnership Action Team, API-COM, and the American Petroleum Institute's Spills Advisory Group helps the GAC align with industry efforts, avoid duplication, and stay involved in key conversations about preparedness, environmental response, and risk mitigation.

The GAC engages in advocacy through annual visits to Capitol Hill, representing SCAA's interests to lawmakers and regulatory agencies. These discussions are crucial for shaping policies on spill response, emergency planning, and environmental protection. Incorporating industry expertise ensures that the resulting regulations are more practical and effective.

As the Government Affairs Committee continues to grow in scope and capability, it remains deeply aligned with the overall mission of the SCAA, to educate, advocate, and engage. Through its structured operations, collaborative outreach, and data-driven policy engagement, the GAC is ensuring that the association stays ahead of industry challenges and remains responsive to the evolving landscape of environmental protection.

Behind every inquiry resolved, every policy shaped, and every collaboration formed, the GAC is actively strengthening the association. Its work may not always be visible, but its impact is felt industry-wide. The GAC is not simply responding to change, it is helping to lead it.



The Rest of 2025

Upcoming Regional Meetings

SCAA Midwest Regional Meeting 2025

Join us on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at the City of Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications, located at 1411 W Madison St #4 in Chicago, IL, for a key event focused on emergency preparedness and response.



SCAA Charleston Regional Meeting 2025

Join us in Charleston for the 2025 SCAA Lowcountry Regional Meeting, set for the week of November 6th from 15:30-19:30. Planning begins with a Zoom session on Wednesday, August 13 at 1:00 p.m. ET, and all members are welcome to join.



New Member Orientation

Stay tuned, our upcoming New Member Orientations are the perfect opportunity to jumpstart your involvement! These sessions are designed to help you get fully informed about our mission, resources, and opportunities, while connecting you with fellow members and leaders in the organization. It's a great time to ask questions, build relationships, and discover how you can make the most of your membership from the very beginning. Don't miss this chance to get engaged, stay informed, and start strong!

The Rest of 2025

Member Events



Fall Workshop

Join us October 7–9, 2025, in Carmi, IL, and New Harmony, IN, for an intensive three-day oil spill workshop. Designed for spill responders, this hands-on training includes classroom instruction at Elastec and practical river booming and skimmer deployment on the Wabash River. The workshop also qualifies as an 8-hour HAZWOPER refresher.



Fall Boom School

Join ACME Environmental and Rapid Response Systems for a four-day Boom School, October 27–30, 2025, at the Tulsa Port of Catoosa. This hybrid course combines classroom instruction with hands-on field training to teach the latest boom deployment tactics, response strategies, and technologies. Designed to enhance situational awareness, communication, and incident planning, this training prepares responders for today's evolving emergency challenges.



Conferences

2025 Conference & Exhibition

Join SCAA at CLEAN GULF 2025, November 18–20 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, LA. Visit us at Booth #126 as we showcase real-world solutions for evolving environmental emergencies. This premier event brings together the environmental and emergency response community for three days of insight, strategy, and collaboration.

Member Companies

The Spill Control Association of America (SCAA) thanks our member companies for their continued commitment and support. Your leadership drives our mission to educate, advocate, and lead in spill response and environmental protection. With your expertise, we strengthen standards, training, and emergency readiness, building a safer, more resilient future together.

Annual Sponsors

The Spill Control Association of America (SCAA) sincerely thanks our annual sponsors for their vital support. Their contributions enable our programs, events, and initiatives that advance spill response and environmental protection.

By investing in innovation, education, and collaboration, our sponsors help safeguard communities and natural resources. We appreciate their commitment and leadership in strengthening the industry and supporting SCAA's mission. Thank you for being key partners in this effort.





***Celebrating
Over
50 years!***

THE VOICE OF SPILL RESPONSE PROFESSIONALS



Who We Are

Since 1973, SCAA has represented a broad coalition of emergency responders, manufacturers, and environmental firms who collectively work to strengthen and sustain the nation's overall response community.

**Advocate
Educate
Engage**



SCAA-Spill.org