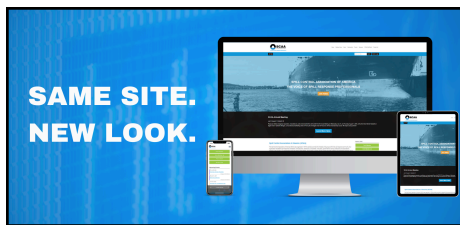




News from the Spill Control Association of America

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



SCAA's website just got an upgrade. - If you haven't already done so, go to SCAA-Spill.org and log in with the credentials that have been sent to you from the [SCAA Headquarters email address](#). You can update your profile, pay your dues, register for events, and even message other members all in one place. Check out the [calendar](#) for all upcoming meetings and New Member Orientation opportunities. Engaging with other member companies has never been easier.

Visit the [Member's Only](#) area to take advantage of all these features and more *today!*



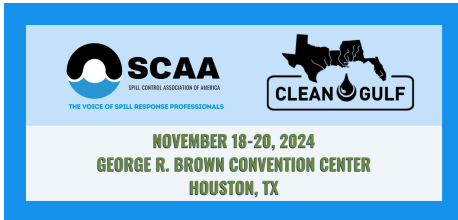
SCAA's Annual Meeting – SCAA held its 2024 Annual Meeting and Conference on July 31 and August 1 at the Marriott Ann Arbor Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest conference center. During the event, attendees got the chance to observe and participate in over ten panels, as well as receive important updates from SCAA's leadership and Committee Chairs on exciting developments in our Association. This event is always made possible by both our Annual Sponsors and our Event Sponsors, as well. We would like to once again thank our Event Sponsors for their contributions, including our Platinum Sponsors, [ACME Environmental](#), [Heritage Environmental Services](#), [KR Industrial](#), and [NRC Republic Services](#), our Gold Sponsor [CRUCIAL Inc.](#), and our "Friends of SCAA" sponsors [American Environmental & Industrial Services](#), and [HalenHardy, LLC](#). Thank you to all of the Annual Meeting attendees, our Membership Companies, those that serve on or chair a committee, and our Leadership and Management team for making this event possible.

With this Annual Meeting at a close, SCAA is excited to announce that our meeting next year will be held in Washington, D.C. in the Spring! Save the date for March 19-20, 2025. Be sure to update your SCAA



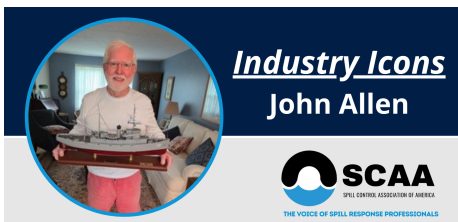
account on our website to be the first to receive future details directly to your inbox.

SCAA and UK & Ireland Spill Association Memorandum of Understanding - On May 13, 2024, at the International Oil Spill Conference (IOSC) in New Orleans, SCAA and the UK & EIRE Spill Association held a joint meeting to recognize the importance of all spill control associations globally and discuss the ways we can support one another in addressing the common challenges and opportunities that we encounter in our industry. The list of attendees at this meeting included members and leadership from both associations, as well as from the Association of Petroleum Industry Cooperative Managers (APICOM) and the International Spill Control Organization (ISCO). To record the Associations' commitment to future collaboration and a closer working relationship, a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed. Learn more at the posted article [here](#).



Clean Gulf and SCAA's Safety Officer Workshop – Register now for Clean Gulf 2024 which is being held on November 18-20 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, TX. On Monday of that week, SCAA's Health and Safety Committee Chair Doug Townsend, along with other members of this committee and SCAA's Board, will be hosting a Safety Officer Workshop. The attendees of this workshop should take away an understanding of the “soup-to-nuts” responsibilities of being the “Safety Officer” on a large-scale spill response. Attendees will leave with an understanding of their roles, responsibilities, exposures and consequences of not establishing a safe work environment. Learn more about the Safety Officer Workshop [here](#).

[Register for Clean Gulf Here](#)



Industry Icons: John Allen - In this recent edition of SCAA's newest website segment, Industry Icons, we recognize [John Allen](#), SCAA's long time Executive Director and Outreach Manager, who was instrumental in helping in both the growth and transitioning of the Association for more than a decade. In the spirit of honoring our past, SCAA wanted to honor the past service of John Allen to the Association, but just as importantly, to our country. During the recent SCAA Annual Meeting, [Nelson Fetgatter](#) and [Brian House](#), SCAA's current Executive Director and recent Past President, presented John with a custom-built scale model of the USN Kiowa (AT-72), the naval vessel on which John had served during his Naval career.

SCAA Legal Lunch & Learn – Join us virtually on **Thursday, November 7, at 12:30 p.m. ET** for a detailed discussion of the False Claims Act (FCA)



and its impact on the emergency response and remediation industry, particularly those companies involved with federal, state, or local governments. The presentation will also go through the impacts of some major Supreme Court decisions for the industry from this year, specifically Loper Bright and Corner Post, and what they may mean for future challengers of regulations and their implementation. The highlights expected to be addressed include:

- What is the False Claims Act? Why does it matter?
- What conduct does the False Claims Act address?
- Are there any ways to mitigate the risk of a violation?
- What did Loper Bright and Corner Post change for the world of False Claims Act defense or more generally?
- How may Loper Bright and Corner Post affect future challenges in practice?

This virtual event is presented by SCAA Member **Alexander Gorelik** who is an attorney in Taft's Government Contracts practice group in the Washington, D.C. office. He focuses his practice on government contracts and construction litigation. This SCAA members-only event is free for all registrants but you must register in advance. Register today: <https://scaa.memberclicks.net/scaa-virtual-events>

New Member Spotlight



[AER-FLO Environmental](#) - Aer-Flo Environmental was founded in 1981 as a producer of tarps and covers for the trucking and agricultural industries. Aer-Flo is one of the world's largest manufacturers of turbidity barriers and curtains, Aer-Flo products are sold through a network of industry-leading environmental and construction distributors.



[Environmental Remediation Contractor](#) – ERC provides environmental and civil contracting industry expertise centered around soil and water quality. They provide construction, environmental remediation, ecological restoration, and emergency response services to a wide range of private and public clients such as engineering firms, developers, insurance companies, private property owners and businesses, law firms, and local, state, and federal governments.



[Environmental Waste Minimization, Inc. \(EWMI\)](#) - Environmental Waste Minimization, Inc. was built, and continues to grow, on a strong foundation of core values and beliefs. As a full-service environmental management partner, they bring unique value-added benefits to projects of all sizes. EWMI takes an innovative approach to waste transportation and disposal, demolition, decommissioning and remediation – all supported by their unwavering focus on safety.



Mote Marine Laboratory – Comprised of some of the best and brightest scientists, educators, and stewards committed to healthy marine ecosystems and all those who depend on them. Their mission began in 1955 when pioneering scientist and “Shark Lady” Dr. Eugenie Clark founded a one-room marine lab in Florida. Today, our impact spans the globe.



NJ Resources, Inc. (NJR) - NJ Resources, Inc. (NJR) is a well-established consulting company specializing in emergency response and crisis management throughout the world. They provide clients with the regulatory, safety, and environmental information needed to ensure correct business and project solutions are achieved.

Emerging Technology & Industry Updates



OR&R Announces New Chief of Emergency Response Division - The article announces the appointment of a new Chief of the Emergency Response Division at NOAA’s Office of Response and Restoration. This new leader, who brings extensive experience in environmental science and emergency management, will oversee responses to oil spills and hazardous material incidents. Learn more about this [here](#).



Garamendi, Johnson Introduce Bill to Hold Foreign Vessel Owner Accountable for Baltimore Bridge Collapse - Representatives John Garamendi and Dusty Johnson introduced a bill aimed at holding foreign vessel owners accountable for pollution and environmental damage caused by their ships in U.S. waters. The legislation seeks to impose stricter penalties and ensure that these owners are financially responsible for any cleanup efforts. Learn more [here](#).

Committee Updates

- ***Future Environmental Leaders (FEL) Committee*** - The FEL has designed a new Environmental Excellence Scholarship Program for College and Technical School Students as a means to driving greater awareness and interest in the environmental field. They are in the process of finalizing application collection methods and will begin taking applicants this fall.
- ***Membership Committee*** – The Membership Committee has developed a New Member Orientation Program to better “onboard” new members to SCAA and provide opportunities for these members to get involved. All SCAA members in good standing are welcome to attend these meetings.
- ***Health & Safety Committee*** – The Safety Committee has developed and planned a half-day Safety Officer Workshop at Clean Gulf this year. Instructors are **Douglas Townsend CSP, CHMM**, Corporate Compliance and Training Manager, SET Environmental, Inc., **Paul Nony PhD, CIH, CSP**, Senior Vice President and Principal Toxicologist, CTEH, LLC, **Courtney Del Donno MPH**, Consultant, CTEH, LLC, **Peter Everlof**, Director, Health and Safety, Lewis Environmental, and **Stephen Pelna**, Vice President, Lewis Environmental.. [Learn more here](#).

- **OSRL 40th Anniversary** - Congratulations to SCAA-member company Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL) for recently [celebrating their 40th Anniversary!](#) Since its founding, OSRL has grown to being recognized as a world leader in oil spill prevention and response. Today, OSRL operates out of 12 locations globally, and is supported by more than 275 employees who provide critical response service for 45 member companies.
- **SCAA is here for you** - Our member companies have a long history of collaboration during crises, as demonstrated during the ongoing clean-up from Hurricane Helene and now Hurricane Milton. We encourage members to leverage both existing and new relationships within SCAA to support each other. As a reminder, SCAA is ready to assist by facilitating “virtual briefings” where members can share updates and connect on needs - *these discussions would not include any specific pricing or contractual terms* – they are being offered for you to make a potential connection which could then be taken offline by the respective parties. For more information or to discuss ideas on how SCAA can support the response, please contact SCAA Executive Director at bhouse@scaa-spill.org. Thank you for your dedication and stay safe.

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