



Dispersant Training for the Oil Spill Responder

Ohmsett – The National Oil Spill Response Test Facility is offering its first ever **Hands-on Dispersant Training Course** to be held **April 29 & 30, 2009**. This two-day hands-on training session will take place at the Ohmsett facility, located in Leonardo, NJ. It will emphasize practical experience in full-scale dispersant applications using the Ohmsett dispersant testing protocol and dispersant effectiveness monitoring methods using Special Monitoring of Applied Response Technologies (SMART) visual and fluorometry methods. Instruction is provided by leading dispersant experts from SL Ross Environmental Ltd.

The goals of this training are to provide responders, planners and government regulators with advanced knowledge and experience with oil spill behavior and dispersants, coupled with hands-on experience with dispersant use, oil-dispersant interactions and effectiveness monitoring using visual methods and instrumentation.

Course instruction will cover topics such as: Advances in dispersant knowledge and experience; SMART Protocol Principles, Experience and Advances; Interactions of oil, dispersants, water and waves; Set-up and Use of Monitoring Instruments; and Potential effectiveness of skimmers after dispersant application.

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