**REMOTE ASSESSMENT AND CONSULTATION DRILL**

The remote assessment and consultation is the integral part of the National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP) established in pursuant with the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) to provide a mechanism for compliance exercise requirements.

The purpose of the remote assessment and consultation exercise is to ensure that personnel are able to initiate remote assessment and consultation when a situation presents a discharge or substantial threat of a discharge.

The remote assessment and consultation exercise must be conducted when the vessel is operating in U.S. waters. **The vessel is to refer to the VRP manual and call the QI to advise that vessel would like to conduct an RAC exercise.**

This exercise is conducted between the Vessel, Qualified Individual (QI), and Salvage & Marine Firefighting (SMFF) resource provider.

The record of this drill must be retained for at least 3 years.

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| 1. | Contact the QI 24-hour telephone number (+1 703 683 4700 – Press Option 2). |  |
| 2. | Contact the SMFF resource providers identified in a VRP, by phone or other means of communications, to discuss and assess an SMFF situation. |  |
| 3. | Apprise the SMFF remote assessor the scenario and request for the Remote Assessment and Consultation to be conducted. |  |
| 4. | Check that the SMFF remote assessor has the VRP shipboard emergency procedures section of the VRP. |  |
| 5. | SMFF to consult vessel on the appropriate course of action and initiation of a response plan for the given scenario. |  |
| 6. | Provide QI with information exchanged during SMFF Remote Assessment/Consultation, if performed. |  |
| 7. | Inform the DPA/Senior Marine Manager the course of action determined by the SMFF. |  |
| 8. | Brief the senior officers and discuss the appropriate key measurements aboard the vessel. |  |
| 9. | Establish a reporting timetable for status updates to the remote assessor, in order to facilitate damage assessment. |  |
| 10. | Self-evaluation conducted by vessel reviewing and determine if objectives have been met. |  |
| 11. | Record the drill conducted into the Deck Log Book. |  |
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| Comments / Description of Scenario / Recommendations for next drill: | | |

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| **Drill Officer:** |  |  | **Master:** |  |
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