



The Regional Clean Sea Organization

المنظمة الإقليمية للمحافظة على نظافة البحار

In its full form, RECSO spells the Regional Clean Sea Organization. As the title clearly indicates, RECSO is an oil industry co-operative organization functioning on the concept of "mutual aid".

RECSO was officially set up in 1972 (*none profit making org.*). The oil companies in the region at that time recognized a need for collective response to major oil pollution incidents and thus came together to achieve a common objective - protecting the Gulf's resources from oil pollution.

In addition to arrangements for mutual aid in times of oil spill emergencies, provision was also made for reimbursement of costs incurred by member companies in responding to oil spills originating from another member's installation or facilities.

Today, though the original objective of the organization - oil spill response through mutual aid - remains the same, the circumstances in which the oil industry operations are conducted these days are significantly different from the conditions that prevailed during the past years. Global thinking and applying best practices for our region should be part of the new horizon from a strategic point of view. It was against this changed background that RECSO has had to expand its activities in a more pro-active direction.

MISSION:

The prime responsibility of RECSO is to protect the regional seas and environment from oil pollution emanating from operations, shipping and other related activities of its members in the region. Each member oil company shares the responsibility of ensuring a long-term commitment to the "Clean Gulf" concept. RECSO recognizes this pledge and co-ordinates efforts towards meeting this challenge.

Vision:

- Achieve "Clean Gulf" environment in the regional sea;
- Prevention of operational oil spill;
- Stoppage of tanker, pipeline and storage discharges;
- Safety on ships leading to cleaner seas; and
- Total stoppage of industrial and other waste discharge to sea.
- Health, safety and security
- Crises Mgt. / Climate Change
- IMO regulations and Cooperation

STRATEGIES:

- Organize joint response to oil pollution by member companies;
- Promote and develop member companies' basic spill response capabilities;
- Provide central core information to member oil companies particularly during oil pollution emergencies;
- Provide technical support for member companies on information to emerging technologies relating to oil spill prevention and response, develop technical reports, organize workshops, seminar and introduction of key international players through regional conferences.
- Promote compliance to IMO conventions and guidelines on shipping and marine environment.
- Promote crises management and Climate Change mitigation processes.

Objectives:

A. To create a joint capability in the Regional Sea to respond to OIL SPILLS under the mutual aid concept, to establish policies and procedures whereby Parties may avail themselves of this capability, and to provide for the reimbursement of certain agreed costs of assistance rendered by any Party hereto responding to OIL SPILLS.

B. To identify and provide for reimbursement of certain agreed costs incurred by a Party or Parties hereto in responding to an OIL SPILL.

C. To acquire, compile and disseminate to the Parties current information pertaining to OIL SPILLS, including, but not limited to information regarding related global environmental issues and promotion of OIL SPILL prevention policies, procedures and technologies and associated training programs available locally and internationally to the Parties and their employees

D. To maintain communications with and participate in the activities of all national, regional and international governmental and private environmental organizations whose activities affect the interests of the Parties or bear upon the Mission and Objectives of the organization.

E. To promote technical discussion among the Parties on information referred to in the preceding paragraphs, and, where it appears appropriate to do so, to provide others with advice or recommendations from such discussion.

F. To identify and facilitate additional activities appropriate to the mission of the Organization in order to provide such expanded direct services to the Parties as are agreed upon by a majority of the Parties.

Undertake the following as part of recso's objectives:

- Notification and coordination of oil spill and other marine incidents
- Member companies 'Oil Spill Equipment Inventories' list
- Associate members and service providers 'Oil Spill Equipment Inventories'
- Coordinate members oil spill exercises
- Recso training and workshops
- Facilitate members interface, working groups and cooperation
- Exchange experience on oil spill drill or actual cases by inviting participants as observers.
- Bench mark pollution control equipment performance
- Exchanger tanker acceptance information
- Perform pollution control equipment inspection
- Recso Conference and Exhibition Offshore Arabia
- Etc.

Expanding knowledge Chart

- Expanding knowledge Chart (involve other parts of the company – at all levels)
- learning at all levels / knowing each others in a working group environment
- building strategies in regional and global matters and issues
- strengthening commitment and expand roles

<i>Management</i>	<i>Technical</i>	<i>Advisory</i>
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What can Recso do for you?

- RECSO has projected a strong image for our oil companies and region, as it is the only industry known and active group in our region and globally that cares for the environment under “a mutual aid concept”.
- RECSO was praised by UN and international bodies as it represent the oil industry and open to public through its conference Offshore Arabia.
- Promote market and profile member’s commitment to total environment. Enhance and develop your business worldwide. *Environment is the word for today's world.*
- Represent your interests and issues with regional and global bodies as one group
- Provide networking opportunities with all regional and international companies, authorities and bodies.
- Raise the public awareness and promote regional environmental best practices and development.
- Promote and Develop Marine environment knowledge of your staff through training, workshops, seminars, conferences and exhibitions

We further provide (based on very competitive and special members rates-as part of our service providers) the below mentioned services.

RECSO Training:

We can offer specialized training courses in:

- Maritime Activities & Terminal Operations
- Environmental Protection
- Oil Spill Prevention, Control & Response
- Health, Safety & Environment
- Any Other Related Subjects of Upstream & Downstream Of Oil Industries

Auditing & Evaluation:

- Provide a number of services relating to the auditing and evaluation. Among these services would be the ability to audit or establish benchmarks for the capability of RECSO members/non members to respond to Tier 1, 2 or 3 spills.
- Audit oil spill and hazardous materials response equipment; maintenance schedules and procedures; Incident Control Systems and Incident Management Teams; training courses; health, safety and environment systems; and associated plans and procedures.
- Also co-ordinate and run oil and chemical spill response exercises to test the preparedness of RECSO members and non-members. These can be either desktop scenarios targeting management, plans and procedures or field exercises examining training and the operational response capability of the organization. We can also conduct an extensive number of training courses to maintain a suitable level of preparedness for members.

Consultancy:

Conduct operational evaluations to determine if the equipment, training and personnel of other organizations are adequate for the risks that are present. This will be accomplished by conducting a risk assessment, determining possible response options and developing a complete system that will deal with the risks appropriately.

Provide marine consulting services for security, protection and preparedness of all types of facilities. This includes force protection and small craft protection for installations and vessels. We can also undertake site inspections for contaminated sites or hazardous sites and provide services to return these to a safe working condition.

Projects/Profiles:

Provide services for equipment maintenance and repairs. Widespread experience with all types of oil and hazardous materials equipment and can modify existing equipment to suit specific applications, if required.