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CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD MR. SAMI AL SAWAGH

elcome to the 11th edition of the RECSO Newsletter. We are pleased to state that the RECSO EnviroSpill Conference and Exhibition, held under the theme: "Sustainable Clean Seas - Preparedness | Response | Technology | Collaboration." Was a resounding success. The Conference and Exhibition was held from 21–23 January 2025 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in the State of Kuwait and marked a major milestone for RECSO. With strong ministerial presence, high-level industry participation, and a record number of attendees and delegates, the conference served as a vital platform for knowledge exchange in the field of oil spill management. Through leadership panels, technical sessions, and focused workshops, the event fostered meaningful dialogue on both regional and international efforts to protect the marine environment and enhance oil spill response strategies.

At the RECSO Board of Directors' meeting held in April 2025 in Dubai, it was confirmed that Saudi Aramco will host the 4th edition of the RECSO EnviroSpill Conference and Exhibition in 2026, in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Another key event this year was the Offshore Technology Conference (OTC), held in Houston, USA, from 5-8 May 2025. This premier global offshore oil exploration conference brought together international energy companies, sector leaders, and technical experts for collaborative discussions on the industry's most pressing challenges—including policy, sustainability, and advances in offshore technology. The Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) participated with a strong delegation and presented several technical papers and visual presentations, highlighting its offshore exploration achievements. Notably, KOC announced two major oil and gas discoveries within a year, located in the Nokhitha and Julai'a fields.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Mr. Muhammad A. Saber of Saudi Aramco for his remarkable efforts and dedicated service as a RECSO Board Member over the past two years. His contributions to the EnviroSpill Conferences in 2019, 2022, and 2025 have been invaluable. We thank him for his commitment and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

It is also my pleasure to welcome our new RECSO Board Members; Mr. Majed B. Al Kaki, Manager, Global Oil Spill Response, ARAMCO, Mr. Mohammed Al Subaei, Acting Manager, Terminal & Marine Department, KJO and Mr. Mohammed Al Hashmi, ADNOC.

We look forward to their valuable insights and collaboration as we continue to strengthen regional cooperation and drive progress in marine environmental protection.

I wish you and your families the best of health, happiness, and prosperity.

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RECSO MEMBERS

























Recso Members Profile



Mohammed Al-Subaei

A/Manager - Terminal & Marine Department

Al Khafji Joint Operations (KJO)

ohammed received his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from King Fahad University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM) in 1999 and has 25+ years in oil and gas, excelling in engineering, maintenance, operations, and process safety. He joined Saudi ARAMCO in 2000 and was assigned at Safaniyah Production Department in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. After spending the initial six (6) years as Plant Engineer & Operations Foreman for Oil & Gas processing facilities, he moved to Manifah Project team as Project Engineer in 2006 and got promoted as Project Lead Engineer in 2008. He was instrumental in fostering a culture of innovation and continuous improvement among his team, and in growing team capabilities to consistently deliver services and projects.

In 2009, he joined Al-Khafji Joint Operations (KJO) as Shift Commander, he works for implementing emergency plans, optimizing production, and ensuring safety at an oil facility on a day-to-day basis. In recognition of his outstanding performance attainments, he was designated as Superintendent for Gas Processing facilities in year 2013.

In August 2024, he headed the Terminal & Marine Department as Acting Manager, he serves an essential role in managing and directing the division in terminal facility maintenance, crude storage and cargo delivery operations. He oversees hiring of marine crafts and services, vessel inspection data, and crew vessel competency, ensuring comprehensive preparedness of KJO import and export terminal for any oil spill responses and crisis management. His expertise extents in maintenance management, reliability & integrity process deployment, project delivery, budgeting, cost and resource optimization, and managerial capability running.

As KJO's representative, Mohammed Al-Subaei brings his great experience, essential management thinking, and vast energy to the Regional Clean Sea Organization (RECSO) Board.

Recso Meeting Highlights

 RECSO Technical Committee Meeting was held in the Tower Plaza Hotel, Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai, From 27th to 28th November 2024



he RECSO technical committee meeting was held in the Tower Plaza Hotel, Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai, United Arab Emirates from 27th to 28th November 2024. The meeting was chaired by Mr Ijaz Ashraf (BAPCO Refining) and attended by Mr. Majed Kaki (ARAMCO), Capt. Ahmed Al Awadhi (KOC), Capt. Naif Al Dhafeeri (WJO), Mr. Fadhel Al Remeithi (ADNOC) and Mr. Abdul Karim Al Anazi (KJO). Apologies were received from Capt. Moosa Al Abri (PDO), Mr. Abdul Hadi Al Hattar (BAPCO Refining), and Mr. Hatim Khalifa Al Owaid (ADNOC). The Chairman welcomed the committee members, expressed his gratitude for their participation,

and emphasized the importance of establishing a clear action plan for the Technical Committee for 2025 and beyond.

Mr. Miguel Moyano from ARPEL joined the meeting virtually via MS Teams and delivered a detailed presentation on a new tool titled "RETOS: Readiness Evaluation Tool for Oil Spills – Assessing Response Planning and Preparedness."





The meeting successfully achieved all its objectives as outlined in the agenda. The Chairman acknowledged the cooperation and valuable contributions of all members and extended his best wishes to them and their families, wishing everyone a safe journey home.

RECSO MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

■ RECSO Board Meeting was held in the JW Marriott Marquis Hotel, Downtown, Dubai, on 19th December 2024

he board of directors meeting was held in JW Marriot Marguis Hotel, Downtown Dubai, United Arab Emirates on 19th December 2024. The meeting was chaired by RECSO Chairman Mr. Sami Al Sawagh (KOC), and attended by Mr. ljaz Ashraf (BAPCO Refining), Mr. Majed A. Saber (ARAMCO) Mr. Khalid Al Beshr (ADNOC), Mr. Mohammed AL Subaei (KJO), Mr. Mohammad Al Dousari (WJO), and Moosa Al Abri (PDO). Capt. Apologies were received from Mr. Abdul Hadi Al Hattar (BAPCO Refining). The Chairman provided



an update on the status of the upcoming RECSO EnviroSpill Conference and Exhibition 2025, which will be held in Kuwait from 21st to 23rd January 2025 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel.

He emphasized that active participation and support from RECSO members are vital for the overall success of the conference. Their contributions will play a key role in ensuring a strong presence, enriching the technical agenda, and enhancing collaboration across member companies.



He thanked all members for their attendance and acknowledged their cooperation and support. The meeting achieved all the objectives set out in the agenda. The Chairman extended his best wishes to all attendees, their colleagues, and families, wishing them a safe journey home.

RECSO MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

RECSO Board Meeting was held in the JW Marriott Marquis Hotel, Downtown, Dubai, From 30th April to 1st May 2025

he board of directors meeting was held in JW Marriot Marquis Hotel, Downtown Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 30th April to 1st May 2025. The meeting was chaired by RECSO Chairman Mr. Al Sawagh (KOC), and attended by Mr. Ijaz Ashraf (BAPCO Refining), Mr. Majed B. Al Kaki (ARAMCO) Mr. Khalid Al Beshr (ADNOC), Mr. Mohammed Al Subaei (KJO), Mr. Mohammad Al Dousari (WJO), Mr. Abdul Hadi Al Hattar (BAPCO Refining) and Mr. Mohammed Al Hashimi (ADNOC). Apologies were received from Capt. Moosa Al Abri (PDO). The Chairman welcomed the members and thanked them for their attendance. He highlighted key agenda points and acknowledged the valuable contributions of Mr. Mohammad A. Saber (ARAMCO) to RECSO. The Chairman expressed appreciation for Mr. Saber's dedication and active participation in the RECSO EnviroSpill Conferences in 2019, 2022, and 2025, and wished him well in his future endeavors.

He also noted the success of the 2025 RECSO EnviroSpill Conference in Kuwait, highlighting strong attendance, robust delegate and sponsor participation, vibrant exhibition presence, and significant local media coverage. The Chairman further mentioned that KOC senior management had highly praised the event during a company gathering earlier in April.

The meeting concluded successfully, achieving all set objectives. The Chairman thanked all members for their support and extended his best wishes to them and their families, wishing them a safe journey home.



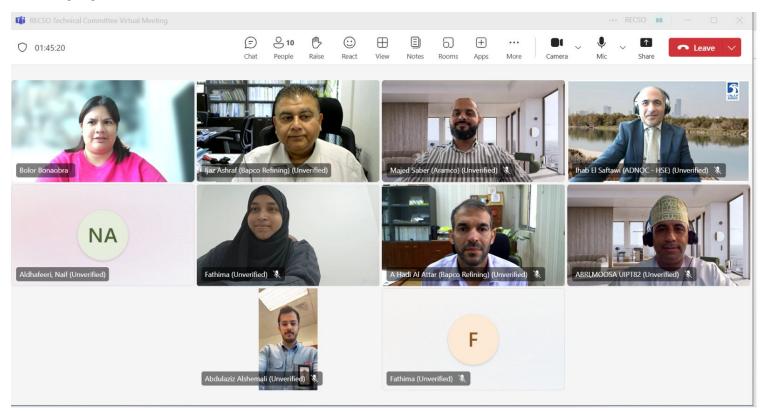






RECSO MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

 RECSO Virtual Technical Committee Meeting was held on 30th June 2025



he Technical Committee (TC) Meeting was held on 30th June 2025 via Microsoft Teams. The meeting was chaired by RECSO TC Chairman Mr. Ijaz Ashraf (BAPCO Refining), and attended by the following members: Mr. Majed A. Saber (ARAMCO) Mr. Ihab El Saftawi (ADNOC), Mr. Abdulaziz Al Shemali (KJO), Mr. Capt. Naif Al Dhafeeri (WJO), Mr. Abdul Hadi Al Attar (BAPCO Refining) and Capt. Moosa Al Abri (PDO). The Chairman welcomed the members and thanked them for their participation. He outlined the key agenda points and took the opportunity to acknowledge the valuable contributions made by Capt. Ahmed Al Awadhi (KOC) to RECSO, who recently retired, wishing him well in his future endeavors. He also welcomed Mr. Abdulaziz Al Shemali from KJO to the technical committee.

The meeting concluded successfully, with all objectives achieved. The TC Chairman expressed his gratitude to all members for their continued support and extended his best wishes to them and their families.

Recso Members News

Al Khafji Article on Technology and Development of Oil Spill Response Equipment



I Khafji Joint Operations (KJO) is committed to preventing marine environmental pollution especially oil spill incidents and response in the territorial waters of the Arabian Gulf, therefore, KJO – Terminal & Marine Department has improved and made a positive contribution trying to refresh and process the replacement of all obsolete oil spill response equipment with new technology, and currently KJO has the Active Boom® series, which is an important contribution to the oil spill contingency system in shallow waters such as harbors and near coastal areas. spill control organizations all over the world.

"The system is designed to separate contained oil from water and to retain the oil inside the separator. The process results in a thicker layer of oil which in turn offers great advantages when pumping the collected oil on board vessels or into storage tanks. The NOFI Current Buster has demonstrated in real-life conditions that it is capable of sweeping, containing, and separating oil from seawater at towing speeds up to 5 knots"

Excellent maneuverability and compact design make the NOFI Current Buster® 2 ideal for oil collection in harbors and open sea. In addition to

the capability to operate in shallow waters, the NOFI Current Buster® 2 can operate in water currents of up to 3 knots. Even at this relatively high speed, the system can collect both high and low viscosity oils, including diesel (this ability has been well documented in comprehensive tests carried out at the OHMSETT test tank, USA). The NOFI Current Buster® 2 can be stored either on a reel or packed, for instance on a pallet.

Single-vessel operation:

The NOFI Current Buster® 2 can be towed by two vessels or by one single vessel using a Boom Vane system. This towing configuration gives the operator many advantages such as reduced response time, increased maneuverability, better operating and safety conditions for the user and reduced costs due to the use of one vessel only.

Bapco Energies Green School Annual Award Ceremony

he Bapco Energies Green School Award is an annual environmental award scheme, launched in the year 2005 in collaboration with the Ministry of Education. Designed to inspire secondary school students from the Kingdom of Bahrain's public schools, the award encourages them to develop innovative environmental projects that deliver tangible benefits and sustainable solutions to ecological challenges in the Kingdom. Each year, submitted projects undergo evaluation by a judging panel comprising of representatives from Bapco Refining, the Ministry of Education, and the Supreme Council for Environment. From these submissions, three outstanding projects are selected as winners earning first, second, and third place awards.



The winning schools then showcase their projects at a special exhibition held during the final award presentation ceremony, celebrating their commitment to environmental sustainability.

For the academic year of 2024-2025, the ceremony was held at Bapco Club on 30th April 2025 and was attended by His Excellency Dr. Mohammed Mubarak Bin Daina, Minister of Oil and Environment, Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, His Excellency Dr. Muhammed Bin Mubarak Jummaa, Minister of Education, Dr. Abdulrahman Jawahery, Bapco Refining CEO, amongst other representatives from the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Oil and Environment and Bapco Refining.

Bapco Refining "Cleaning the Cost: Ras Zuwayed Leads the Way in Environmental Action 2025"



ommunity Unites for Environmental Action at Ras Zuwayed: A Tale of Collective Impact and Sustainable Commitment. In a powerful demonstration of environmental stewardship and community spirit, Bapco Energies—together with the Supre/me Council of Environment, Southern Municipality, and other kev stakeholders—organized two impactful events at Zuwayed in celebration of National Environment Day and Regional Environment Day.

Beach Clean-Up at Ras Zuwayed – National Environment Day

n Tuesday, February 4, 2025, more than 170 employees from Bapco Energies Group, alongside representatives from the Supreme Council of Environment (SCE), Southern Municipality, TTSJV, and local community members, gathered for a beach clean-up at Ras Zuwayed. The event, held from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM, aligned with the theme "Sustainable Water – Every Drop Has a Story."

In just one hour, participants collected an estimated 20 tons of waste, significantly improving the shoreline and raising awareness about the importance of protecting marine environments. This initiative underscored the power of collective action and the shared responsibility of preserving natural resources for future generations.



 Beach Clean-Up at Southern Laydown Area – Ras Zuwayed – Regional Environment Day

Building on the momentum, the Health & Environment Department hosted another community engagement activity on April 24, 2025, in honor of Regional Environment Day, established by the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME). This initiative featured both a beach clean-up and a mangrove plantation at the Southern Laydown Area in Ras Zuwayed.









Nearly 200 employees and external stakeholders participated, successfully planting 1,500 mangrove seedlings—a vital step in restoring coastal ecosystems and enhancing biodiversity. Mangroves play a crucial role in protecting shorelines, supporting marine life, and mitigating climate change.

ARAMCO Volunteers Plant Mangroves in Ras Tanura

Source: Global Oil Spill Compliance Group & Shabana Adam

ore than 90 Aramco volunteers gathered at the Ras Tanura Mangrove Eco Park on May 7th for the Mangroves Plantation Campaign 2025, reaffirming the company's broader environmental efforts to restore natural ecosystems and enhance wildlife habitats. Organized as a joint collaborative endeavor between Marine Global Oil Spill Response, Utilities & Facilities Services Department (UFSD), and the Northern Area Community Services Department (NACSD), the initiative drew participants from across the company's departments. Passionate employees were able to participate showing unwavering contribution of their time and effort to make a tangible impact.

"The Mangroves Plantation Campaign is our token contribution to the growing environmental movement, not just within Aramco or the Kingdom but throughout the world," said **Mr. Majed B. Kaki, Manager, Global Oil Spill Response**. "Organizations are growing ever more conscious of the impacts of human activity and how we must act now to save our natural ecosystems."

The campaign kicked off with a general educational presentation by representatives from NACSD and Environmental Protection (EP), underlining the role mangroves play in protecting coastal environments and biodiversity, followed by an event orientation highlighting the goals and objectives of the plantation campaign as a component of Aramco's broader aims of restoring natural ecosystems and enhancing wildlife habitats. These presentations served not just to add to the knowledge of the attendees but also greatly increased their motivation, which was distinctly evident throughout the event. Attendees were then taken on a



guided tour of the Mangrove Eco Park, which is a publicly accessible facility established by Aramco and maintained under its Community Services admin area, featuring a visitor exhibit center, immersive educational content, and a 1.3-kilometer boardwalk extending into dense mangrove growth.







Saplings grown in the Eco Park's in-house nursery were distributed to the volunteers, who then planted more than 100 mangroves along the shoreline under the guidance of on-site staff. The 2025 Mangroves Plantation Campaign stands as a testament to the power of collective efforts, and a reminder of the unique role mangroves can play in environmental conservation and restoration efforts.

For many of the volunteers, the event was more than just a tree-planting campaign—it was a chance to connect, learn, and give back. They were eager and candid in expressing their views about the event, echoing the sense of pride and purpose the event inspired.

Recso Event Highlights

RECSO EnviroSpill Conference & Exhibition Show Overview

ECSO EnviroSpill 2025 was a resounding success, reinforcing its position as the region's premier event for spill response, environmental management, and suitability initiatives. The 3rd edition of RECSO EnviroSpill 2025, held from 21-23 January 2025, at the Grand Hyatt, state of Kuwait,



held under the theme: "Sustainable Clean Seas – Preparedness | Response | Technology | Collaboration." The event brought together key industry players, decision-makers, and expert from around the world to discuss the latest advancements in spill prevention, environmental protection, and emergency response.

The event featured a comprehensive exhibition, high-level conference sessions, and hands-on workshop, offering a unique platform for knowledge exchange, business networking, and showcasing cutting-edge innovations.



RECSO EVENT HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

RECSO EnviroSpill 2025 served as a crucial platform for industry leaders in spill response, uniting marketers, suppliers, innovators, and manufactures from around the world. This two-day exhibition attracted 23 companies from over 10 countries, providing a unique opportunity to showcase cutting edge technologies and services to global national oil companies (NOCs) and International oil companies (IOCs).

— RECSO ENVIROSPILL 2025 IN NUMBERS



662Conference Attendees



78 Speakers



23 Exhibitors



21 Countries Participation



52Companies
Participation

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



VIP Opening Ceremony



3 Keynote Sessions



3 Plenary Sessions



10 Technical Sessions



5 Post-Conference Workshops

Participants engaged in important discussions and debates focused on pollution prevention and the protection of marine environment, while also working to establish and enhance their brand presence. The event underscored the latest advancements in spill prevention, preparedness, and response strategies, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange among professionals dedicated to the protection of our ocean.



UPCOMING EVENTS

 ADIPEC - Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition & Conference from 3-6 November 2025 in U.A.E

DIPEC 2025, held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Bringing together global leaders to shape the future of energy. As the world navigates complex challenges and transformative opportunities, ADIPEC explores how energy can enable inclusive growth, innovation and progress for all.

ADIPEC is where industries, policymakers and innovators converge to drive meaningful action on the world's most pressing energy challenges.



Over four dynamic days, the event fosters critical dialogue and collaboration across the entire energy value chain – from energy producers and technology leaders to financiers, maritime experts and logistics providers – catalyzing solutions for a more secure, sustainable and inclusive energy future.

Source- https://www.adipec.com

 Brazil will host the 30th Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP30) in Para, From 10th – 21st November 2025



OP 30 will be a pivotal moment for advancing international climate negotiations, given the urgency to meet the Paris Agreement goals. For Brazil, it is an opportunity to highlight the Amazon's crucial role in global climate regulation and to demonstrate its commitment to combating deforestation and protecting indigenous rights.

Source- https://cop30.br

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