From: Greenberg, Marc
To: Cobb, George
Cc: Goodfellow, Bill
Subject: Re: FW: FW: Focused topic meeting: Oil Spill
Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 4:53:30 PM

Fantastic. Would you suggest to Kevin that it might be a good idea for him to communicate with his cohorts in the States of FL, MS, AL, and the Republic of TX, and gain their input?

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Subject: FW: FW: Focused topic meeting: Oil Spill

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From: Kevin L. Armbrust [armbrust@mscl.msstate.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 2:45 PM

To: Cobb, George

Subject: RE: FW: Focused topic meeting: Oil Spill

Sure, I could do this. However I can tell you throughout all of this in MS none of the thresholds were exceeded. I don't need any support either (however the offer is greatly appreciated!!). I am happy to do it.

Kevin

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Kevin:

The organizers of this SETAC Workshop are looking for a government representative to serve on a Seafood safety and human health discussion panel. Would you be able to speak to the threshold concentrations that trigger consumption advisories in MS and when/where those threshods were exceeeded??

If so the panel will occur on the first day of the conference. Funds aer limited and we are trying to keep travel funds to a minimum, but if it is essential SETAC will consider a small amount of travel support.

George

From: Kevin L. Armbrust [armbrust@mscl.msstate.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 4:49 PM

To: Cobb, George

Subject: RE: FW: Focused topic meeting: Oil Spill

Yep, as a matter of fact this is exactly what I was planning to discuss. See page 11 of the attached. This is also a summary of our shop. You might find it interesting. We have about 300 samples total so far as well as some comparative work with smoked ham, barbecue pork, etc (all that good stuff southern boys like to eat!!). We have done all of the seafood work for the state using all of the same methods. It all tells a good story!! We were also heavily involved with the development and implementation of the reopening protocol for seafood.

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Do you have ANY data or ability to address seafood safety from this spill??

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From: Kevin L. Armbrust [mailto:armbrust@mscl.msstate.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 4:12 PM

To: Geoff Scott; Cobb, George; Dan Schlenk

Subject: Re: FW: Focused topic meeting: Oil Spill

Thanks George,

We are definitely putting in for a couple of presentations. Not sure how many just yet but this is on our calendar. I am also pushing some of the rest of our folks in the state to attend.

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Colleagues:

I hope that you or some of your co-workers will find this conference information useful. The topic is very timely and will cover a diverse group of topics. Abstracts are being accepted now.

If you would like posters for bulletin boards in your areas, please let me know. Hope to see you in Pensacola.

George

George Cobb

President, SETAC North America

Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC)

Gulf Oil Spill Focused Topic Meeting

Ecosystem Effects, Current Technology Capabilities, and Communication Challenges: Solutions and Research Needs

Hilton, Pensacola Beach, FL, 26-28 April 2011

http://gulfoilspill.setac.org/

Why Attend this Meeting?

- This program includes a diverse group of oil spill assessors and responders with expertise in toxicology, chemistry, modeling and tracking of oil, technology development, emergency response, environmental management and risk communication. The meeting Steering Committee is charged with promoting scientific discourse and thought-provoking analysis through a dynamic interactive program.

- Uniquely designed to bring together environmental scientists and engineers active in the field of oil spill prevention and response
- Goal is developing science-based recommendations for improving oil spill response and tracking, control techniques, management and effects assessment
- Highly interactive format of panel discussions on a focused set of topical issues associated with oil spill effects assessment in deepwater and coastal environments, and response technology development
- Audience participation encouraged and anticipated
- Wide ranging group of stakeholders in attendance
- Multiple perspectives and lessons learned will be shared in discussion and a meeting proceedings

Relevant Focused Topics

Biological Effects of Oil Spills

- Aquatic, wildlife and coastal marsh effects (short- and long-term)
- Dispersant toxicology
- Seafood contamination/safety and human health issues
- Risk and damage assessment

Current Technology and Capabilities

- Oil spill response and incident command system
- Control and abatement (includes approaches and equipment)
- Oil fate and transport modeling (includes biodegradation)
- Oil tracking technology
- Response technology effectiveness

Communication Challenges and Solutions

- Joint Information Center purpose and relevance
- Local/national media roles and issues
- Uncertainty and communication with the public
- Risk communication (e.g. seafood safety)
- Increasing researcher-journalist communication

Networking Opportunities

The three days that attendees participate in the SETAC North America Gulf Oil Spill Focused Topic Meeting offer a wide range of networking opportunities for everyone—especially for residents in the Gulf region. In a friendly and welcoming environment, meeting attendees can join in scientific debates and discussions about the Gulf oil spill and other spills, meet old and new friends, and make new professional and expert contacts while you attend this unique meeting.