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Dear industry stakeholders,

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife's, Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) will be conducting an outreach workshop in Bakersfield to provide information about new regulations authorized by SB 861 regarding Oil Spill Contingency planning, specifically the rating of inland Oil Spill Response Organizations (OSRO's).

Date: Friday, May 29, 2015
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Associated Builders & Contractors
19466 Flight Path Way
Bakersfield, CA 93308

The focus of our outreach is to connect with industry stakeholders in the Oil Spill Response community and provide information about the OSRO Rating process as it pertains to all levels of response companies and organizations.

The Oil Spill Response Organization Rating process was developed to facilitate the preparation and review of oil spill contingency plans. An owner or operator who is required to submit a contingency plan must, among other things, identify and ensure by contract or other approved means, the availability of personnel and equipment necessary to respond to all contingency plan requirements. Plan holders that have a contract or other approved means for the booming, on-water and terrestrial recovery, storage, and shoreline protection services of a Rated OSRO do not have to list that OSRO's response resources in their plan. A Rated OSRO has received an OSRO Rating Letter (ORL) from OSPR for the booming, on-water and terrestrial recovery, storage, and shoreline protection services as listed in their application. Only OSROs that receive a Rating from OSPR are eligible to enter agreements for response services pursuant to the Government Code, for the response resources as listed in their ORL.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jeff Poteet at (916) 323-6285, or by email at Jeff.Poteet@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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