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Stories of the Month

- **New Offshore Safety Organization**

According to a story by Ed Crooks in the Financial Times a consortium of oil companies are planning to develop a new organization focused on safety in order to restore public confidence in the offshore exploration and production industries. The NSCS has instructors familiar with the Safety & Environmental Management Systems (SEMS) now required by BOEMRE.

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/66ea49d2-2c93-11e0-83bd-00144feab49a.html#axzz1CdGQB9pM>.

- **Picking up Anchor(s)**

When boom is set the retrieval of the boom and anchor are a responsibility of the responders.

Anchors left on the bottom can be a hindrance to navigation, fishermen, and shrimpers. The NSCS always teaches the best methods for anchor retrieval.

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704680604576109972311819108.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

Video of the Month

- **[The Gulf Spill. National Commission on the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Deepwater Drilling.](http://oilspillcommission.gov/media/)**

Report of the Month

- **[The National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill And Offshore Drilling's Final Report.](http://www.oilspillcommission.gov/final-report)**

Recent NSCS News

- **SINOPEC Visit On February 4, 2011** a delegation from the Chinese National Oil Company visited the National Spill Control School and our "Island University" Campus.
- **The next 4-Hour community volunteer oil spill course** is Friday, April 8, 2011 from 5 P.M. to 9 P.M.
- **The NSCS is seeking community partners** interested in FREE new-employee environmental training upon award of a USEPA Workforce Development Grant. Interested parties should contact the NSCS by March 7, 2011.

News from the Campus

The NSCS has 3 college interns graduating in May 2011. Resumes are available.

- **Heath Davis** – Chemistry & Environmental Science
- **Michael Garcia** – Chemistry & Environmental Science
- **Tobias John Richards** – Environmental Science

NSCS has a special HAZWOPER course March 14-18, 2011 for college students wanting to spend Spring Break in Texas. See our website for details.

Upcoming Classes

| Month | Registration | Course |
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| March | | |
| Mar 2-4 | Register Now | NEW: Oil and Hazardous Materials Spill Litigation |
| Mar 7-10 | Register Now | NEW: Oil Spill Response Strategies and Tactics (3 ½-day On-Water Course) |
| Mar 14-18 | Register Now | 40 Hr HAZWOPER HAZMAT Training for College Students (Spring Break Course) |
| Mar 21-25 | Register Now | 40 Hr HAZWOPER for Military and Industrial Facilities |
| Mar 26 | Register Now | 8 Hr HAZWOPER Supervisor Training |
| Mar 28-31 | Register Now | NEW: Texas Waste Disposal Sites & Facilities Tour |
| April | | |
| Apr 7 | Register Now | Incident Command Systems & National Incident Management System (ICS & NIMS) Training |
| Apr 8 | Register Now | NEW: 4 Hr Community Volunteer Training (Hazard Awareness Level) |
| Apr 11 | Register Now | Introduction to Geospatial Modeling of Environmental Releases |
| Apr 12-14 | Register Now | NEW: GIS/GPS for Environmental Spill Response |
| Apr 16 | Register Now | 8 Hr HAZWOPER Refresher Training |
| Apr 18-21 | Register Now | NEW: Oil Spill Response Strategies and Tactics (3 ½-day On-Water Course) |
| Apr 23 | Register Now | 8 Hr HAZWOPER Supervisor Training |
| May | | |
| May 11-13 | Register Now | NEW: GIS/GPS for Environmental Spill Response |
| May 14 | Register Now | 8 Hr HAZWOPER Refresher Training |
| May 16-20 | Register Now | 40 Hr Hazardous Waste Operations & Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) Training |
| May 24-26 | Register Now | Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique (SCAT) Training |

For the full 2011 Schedule please visit: <http://nscs.tamucc.edu/schedule2011.html>

If you need additional information on our courses, fees, partnering with the NSCS, Corpus Christi Bay and the surrounding ecosystems where we train, our associated institutions at TAMU-CC: the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies, The Bleucher Institute for Surveying & Science, The Center for Coastal Studies; or tourism and accommodations in the area, please contact us at: 361-825-3333 or NSCS@tamucc.edu