



# South Asia Oil Spill Response Workshop

## 13-16 April 2015



Purpose: To view and train on spill response equipment, learn how the US Navy and US Coast Guard plan with civilian authorities and respond to hazardous materials spills, and observe a spill response exercise at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam. The goal for participants is to better understand what equipment their organizations require in order to meet their spill-response mission requirements and how to store, maintain and deploy that equipment. We also hope to foster enduring relationships by bringing together participants from the region to address common environmental security concerns through responsible civil and military action.

### Highlights

- The workshop was attended by Coast Guard and Naval officers from Sri Lanka (5), Bangladesh (2), and Maldives (2)
- Participants also included the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS), NAVSEA Supervisor of Salvage and Diving (SUPSALV), Emergency Ship Salvage Material (ESSM), Clean Islands Council (CIC), US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) and US Coast Guard
- Observation of the spill response exercise was conducted aboard vessels from both the CIC and SUPSALV
- Hands-on training with the skimmers and pump operations promoted practical familiarity with equipment.

### Way Forward

- An After-Action Review report will be prepared for the event and distributed to all of the participants.
- All countries were interested in follow-on training in the Incident Command System (ICS). This can be accomplished through OSRWs in both Bangladesh and Sri Lanka in 2016.
- The Sri Lankans are interested in oil spill response equipment and will work with PACOM and their US Embassy Representatives to explore procurement opportunities.
- Additional training opportunities should be explored, such as incorporating an oil spill response into the annual CARAT exercises.



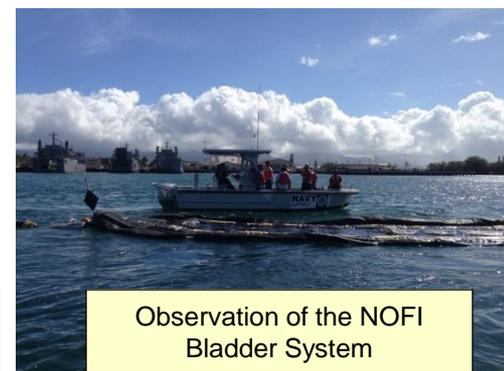
Observation of Oil Spill Response Exercise



Tour of the Clean Islands Council Command Center



Hands-on Training to hot tap ship hull steel



Observation of the NOFI Bladder System