
Joining Instructions: Course in Introduction to Oiled Wildlife Response - 2025

Welcome

Dear Participant,

Welcome to the Australian Marine Oil Spill Centre (AMOSC). We're thrilled to have you on board. Our courses are crafted with meticulous care to meet the exacting standards expected by both you and the petroleum industry.

At AMOSC, we take pride in our role as Australia's leading organization dedicated to every aspect of oil spill operations and management. Our courses are built on the extensive practical experience of our expert staff, ensuring credibility and relevance in every course we deliver.

Specializing in competency-based training and assessment, AMOSC equips participants with the practical skills needed to respond effectively to oil spill incidents. The course you're about to undertake is accredited by The Nautical Institute, meeting the industry's growing demand for globally recognised and consistent training.

Throughout your journey with us, our experienced team will assess your progress, providing ample opportunities for you to showcase your capabilities and learnings. We're here to support you every step of the way, ensuring you have the guidance needed to succeed.

Our courses are designed to be highly interactive, creating a dynamic learning environment that enhances both your skills and knowledge. While the course may challenge you, we encourage collaboration with peers and engagement with our team to maximise your learning experience.

Please keep your joining instructions handy for course details and administrative guidance. Should you have any questions, our team is here to help.

On behalf of AMOSC and our dedicated team, we wish you a fulfilling and enjoyable learning experience with us.

Sincerely,

Jessica Miller

General Manager – Capability Building & Projects

Introduction

The Course in Introduction to Oiled Wildlife Response has been designed for industry, agency personnel and wildlife specialists involved in preparing for and responding to wildlife activities during an oil spill response in Australia.

The course provides a theoretical grounding in key oiled wildlife response planning, preparedness and response techniques and processes and applies these learnings through interactive group exercises, case studies and instructor led discussions.

<p>Audience</p>	<p>Industry, government personnel and wildlife specialists who may be required to fulfil functional roles within an oil spill response involving wildlife, to include incident management team environmental staff and field and facility personnel involved with aspects of oiled wildlife response planning, preparedness, reconnaissance, rescue, treatment and care.</p> <p>Emergency management personnel from other emergency response disciplines seeking to broaden their knowledge and expertise on matters relating to oiled wildlife response.</p>
<p>Aim</p>	<p>To train personnel to undertake potential roles in an Oil Spill Incident response involving wildlife.</p>
<p>Objectives</p>	<p>At the end of this course, participants should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the purpose of an oiled wildlife response. 2. Understand the benefits and challenges of an oiled wildlife response. 3. Gain an overview of oil types and effects of oil on wildlife and environmental impacts. 4. Understand basic hydrocarbon theory. 5. Understand the physical properties of oil. 6. Understand the evolution of oil in water. 7. Understand the physical impacts of oil on wildlife. 8. Understand the specific safety requirements for practical oiled wildlife response in a spill incident. 9. Become familiar with basic oil hazards. 10. Understand the hazards associated with working with wildlife. 11. Understand the potential for oiled wildlife response in Australia. 12. Understand the history of oiled wildlife response preparedness in Australia. 13. Be familiar with the protocol for oiled wildlife response. 14. Gain a basic understanding of wildlife taxa pertinent to an oiled wildlife response in Australia. 15. Understand the geographical extent of wildlife taxa in Australia. 16. Understand the potential physical internal and external impacts of oil on wildlife. 17. Be familiar with Australian oiled wildlife response plans and their context within oil spill response. 18. Understand the stages of oiled wildlife response and wildlife rehabilitation.

Course Content	<p>During the course the following modules will be covered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Course Introduction 2. Introduction to oiled wildlife response 3. Overview of oil types and effects of oil on wildlife and environmental impacts 4. Health and safety during an oiled wildlife response 5. Background to oiled wildlife response preparedness in Australia 6. Wildlife in Australia pertinent to oiled wildlife preparedness 7. Overview of oiled wildlife response process in Australia
Pre-Course Work	<p>There is no pre-course work required for this course however, prior to attending the course it is recommended that confirmed participants familiarise themselves with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Organisation or Government State or Territory Oiled Wildlife Response Plans. • The International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA): <i>Oiled Wildlife Response documentation – A guide to Oiled Wildlife Response Planning, Vol 13 2004 & Key Principles for the Protection, Care and Rehabilitation of Oiled Wildlife 2017.</i>
Assessment	<p>This course is not accredited although assessment components will be used during the course to assess the competency of participants.</p>

Course Administration

Time	<p>8:30am – 3:00pm.</p> <p>Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start time and sign the attendance register.</p> <p>Please note: The course finish time may vary based upon the level of subject matter knowledge of participants and extent of group discussion during the course delivery and activities.</p>
Location	<p>AMOSC Geelong can be accessed from Langdon Street or directly from Corio Quay Road. (Once on Langdon Street turn immediately left, follow this down to the AMOSC office on the right-hand side.) Map</p> <p>Car parking for all participants is available to the right of the AMOSC driveway.</p>

Inclusions	<p>Onsite course catering is included as part of the course fee.</p> <p>Participants deemed competent will receive a certificate of completion at the conclusion of the course.</p>
Transport	<p>You will need to make your own way each day to the AMOSC Geelong office.</p> <p>Public transport options are limited, however there is plenty of onsite parking and taxis are available.</p> <p><i>Geelong Taxis – Ph 131008</i></p>
Clothing Requirements	<p>The training will be conducted in the classroom. Standard dress for classroom activities is neat casual dress.</p>
Port Access	<p>Port access is not required as part of this training.</p>
Other requirements	<p>Drink bottle: We want to ensure everyone stays hydrated while minimising our environmental impact. In line with our commitment to sustainability, we kindly request that each participant bring their own drink bottle to the sessions.</p> <p>We understand that it is easy to forget, so rest assured we will have contingency arrangements.</p> <p>Your cooperation in helping us maintain an environmentally friendly approach to our sessions is greatly appreciated.</p>

Further Details:

Contact	<p>For further details, please contact AMOSC, on amosc@amosc.com.au or 03 5272 1555.</p> <p>After hours and emergency assistance: 0438 379 328</p>
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