



**Canada – United States  
Joint Marine Pollution Contingency Plan  
Great Lakes Annex**



August 15, 2014

**Subject: CANUSLAK 2014 JOINT OIL SPILL RESPONSE TABLETOP EXERCISE**

Dear Sir or Madam:

On September 23, 2014, the United States Coast Guard and the Canadian Coast Guard will conduct a tabletop oil spill response exercise regarding the boundary waters of Western Lake Erie in the town of Leamington, Ontario. This exercise will be designed to test elements of the Great Lakes Annex to the Canada-United States Joint Marine Pollution Contingency Plan (also known as CANUSLAK).

Simulating a major oil spill from the known wreck, Argo, in Lake Erie, the exercise will evaluate federal and local cross border emergency agreements, incident management, public information coordination, environmental impact assessment, and commercial disruption.

A briefing of each nation's marine spill prevention, preparedness and response regimes will be held on the morning of September 23rd, at the Pelee Motor Inn in Leamington, Ontario. If you would like to participate in this valuable international exercise you may add your name to the list of participants by contacting one of the following exercise planning team representatives:

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Please note that only those who register will receive the detailed exercise schedule and briefing package. **The registration deadline is Sept 4, 2014.**

We appreciate your interest in public safety and marine environmental protection on the Great Lakes and look forward to your participation in CANUSLAK 2014.

Sincerely,

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