

The Malaysia-Singapore Joint Committee on the Environment (MSJCE)**Background**

As part of the bilateral co-operation programme, the Malaysia-Singapore Joint Committee on the Environment (MSJCE) agreed that a Joint Emergency Response Plan (ERP) for chemical spills in the Straits of Johor (SOJ) should be developed. The Joint ERP for chemical spills in the SOJ was endorsed by MSJCE in Feb 2007.

2 Under the auspices of the MSJCE, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and Malaysia Marine Department (MMD), together with Department of Environment (DOE), Johor, Malaysia, and the National Environment Agency (NEA), Singapore, had jointly developed an Emergency Response Plan (ERP) to deal with accidents involving transportation of hazardous chemicals in the SOJ. The objectives of the Joint ERP are to establish the following:-

- a. A notification procedure to allow an early alert by the two countries of any incident involving a chemical spill in the Straits of Johor.
- b. A response procedure to facilitate and coordinate emergency response actions by the agencies of both countries to control and mitigate the incident.

3 The Joint ERP will enable emergency response agencies of both Malaysia and Singapore to take quick and effective response actions to minimise the consequences of an accident involving the seaborne transportation of hazardous chemicals at the SOJ.

Participating Agencies / Companies in the Malaysia-Singapore Joint Emergency Exercise for Chemical Spill at Straits of Johor

Malaysia	Singapore
1. Marine Department	1. Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)
2. Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA/APMM)	2. National Environment Agency (NEA)
3. Chemistry Department	3. Police Coast Guard (PCG)
4. Department of Environment (Johor)	4. Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF)
	5. Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA)
	6. National Parks Board (NPARKS)
	7. Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA)
	8. Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL)