

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is pleased to host the seventh Freshwater Spills Symposium (FSS) in St. Louis, Missouri on April 27-30, 2009. The FSS is aimed at local, state, federal, and industry responders, natural resource trustees and managers, facility response planners, and other stakeholders to promote sharing of information to better understand the challenges posed by oil spills in freshwater environments.

This year we will be offering free short courses on Monday April 27, 2009. The Symposium will follow on Tuesday April 28, 2009, through Thursday April 30, 2009. As details are finalized, we will post information to the FSS Web site (currently being developed), and send additional information via email. The FSS Call for Papers will be sent out shortly and will provide the FSS Web address that will contain information related to accommodations, agenda, and registration.

Suggested FSS Paper Topics

- Aboveground Storage Tanks—Industry Standards and State Issues
- Area Planning
- Barge Response
- Biofuels Spill Prevention and Response
- Case Studies/Lessons Learned
- Chemical and Biological Countermeasures
- Cleanup Techniques and Costs
- Cold Weather Prevention and Response
- Contingency Planning Challenges
- Emergency Preparedness and Planning
- Environmental Impacts in Freshwater Areas
- Equipment and Contract Management
- Facility Response Plan (FRP)
- Infrastructure: Collection, Transportation, and Protection
- Inland In-Situ Burning
- Inland Issues and Emergency Preparedness
- Inland Rivers
- Natural Resource Restoration
- Natural, Cultural, and Wildlife Resources
- New Environmental Benefits of Response

- Oiled Wildlife Issues
- Oil Spill Prevention Measures
- Opportunities for Science
- Pipelines
- Production Areas
- Recent Hurricane and Flood Response
- Response Issues with Local and State Agencies
- Response Strategies in Inland Areas (Fast Water Response)
- Risk Assessment
- Sediments and Toxicity
- Shoreline Impacts, Response, and Damage Assessment
- Spill, Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC)
- Technology as Preparedness and Response Tools (Response and/or Prevention Technologies)
- Tribal Environmental Issues
- Unannounced Drills