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Gulf Update

NRC Equipment Upgrades

NRC Acquires two more vessels tagged for service to clients in the Gulf of Mexico.

NRC has completed the purchase of the Shelly "G" and the Bernie "G" from Seacor Marine. The conversion of the Bernie "G" is complete and the vessel has been renamed the NRC Liberty and located in Tampa, FL. This upgrade to a full service Oil Spill Response Vessel (OSRV) replaces the NRC Patriot II, which has been relocated to the U.S. West Coast for service as an Identified Deployment Boat working out of Long Beach, CA. This move improves our capability in both Regions, and introduces the "Identified Deployment" Boat concept to the West coast clients and agencies.

The conversion included the addition of a boom reel, a 2-ton crane with 18 feet of reach, a new hydraulic system, a Crucial™ four-bank Magna ORD skimmer, a recovered oil storage tank, and 1000 feet of hard sweep boom. The Coast Guard Certificate of Inspection allows for a crew of 20. The vessel is manned and ready for deployment 24/7.

The second vessel has been converted and named the NRC Energy. It is to be located on the Calcasieu River in the Lake Charles, LA area pending the selection/construction of permanent berth space.



Broken Pipe During Project RIO

2003

Operation Iraqi Freedom – Project Restore Iraqi Oil (RIO)

International Response Corporation (IRC), an affiliate of NRC was the successful bidder as a subcontractor to Halliburton-KBR to supply personnel and equipment to aid with oil spill cleanup and remediation in Iraq just as operation Iraqi Freedom began.

IRC responded with a five-person team from the United States, joined by 41 third country nationals from Bahrain, United Arab Emirates to assess the spill sites and supervise the continuing cleanup and remediation efforts. The Army Corps of Engineers is coordinating all restoration activities. Halliburton-KBR is controlling the daily work in the Iraqi southern oil fields. Those efforts are aimed at restoring Iraq's vast oil industry and keeping it viable.

IRC personnel left the United States for Kuwait City on March 25 and 26 and joined a representative from our Independent Contractor Network member

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New Edition to our fleet NRC Liberty

Operation Iraq Freedom

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company, Fujairah Marine located in the United Arab Emirates, who had arrived in Kuwait City earlier.

There was much to be done before they could actually be deployed to the oil fields in southern Iraq. The list included obtaining the proper documentation to be able to move around, attainment of preventive inoculations, and making arrangements for transportation and security, as well as obtaining the necessary personal protective gear over and above what would be required normally during domestic spill cleanup and remediation projects in peacetime.

The effectiveness of the overall liberation plan enabled the early control of the Umm Qasr port area, which prevented major oil spills from occurring in that marine environment. IRC chartered the vessel “Rahal” as an Oil Spill Recovery Vessel and it has been working



in the area and standing by as a dedicated resource since March. Our U.S. Vessel Managers have manned the “Rahal” and given the Corps of Engineers and Halliburton KBR a high level of confidence that spill situations can be effectively neutralized. The vessel has engaged in port and offshore terminal standby, actual cleanup activities, materials handling, personnel delivery, and search and rescue activities everyday since the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The land based spills emanating from the well fires was another matter entirely. The first assessment of these commenced



on March 31 and six such sites were examined the first day. They were expeditiously snuffed, but the remaining oil still needed to be contained and relocated before repair could commence. Additionally, the actual combat missions brought about collateral damage to the oil industry infrastructure, which resulted in numerous spills that needed to be cleaned up before repairs could begin.

That work continues today and is somewhat exacerbated by continuing guerrilla attacks on the equipment.

Throughout this process International Response Corporation and its third country national employees have used bulldozers, vacuum trucks, and pumps to remove/move the spilled oil to locations for later recovery and refining. All of the work areas are

inside the borders of Iraq, and the entire operation continues to present numerous logistical challenges stemming from daily two-way border crossings of convoys of equipment and manpower. Those challenges are compounded by obvious safety concerns and ambient outside temperatures of higher than 127 degrees Fahrenheit at midday.

Even with the insurgent sabotage, “first oil” flowed in June and the Iraqi citizens will continue to have the oil industry as a source of revenue toward rebuilding their country. NRC, through its IRC affiliate remains a key contributor to that concept.



Operation Iraq Freedom – Project Restore Iraq Oil (RIO)

Pictures by Mike Noel

EMPLOYEE NEWS

Andrew Folse

Congratulations to Kim and Michelle Folse on their son Andrew's Offer of Admission into The United States Military Academy Preparatory School and being the winner of the Kathy Short Memorial Scholarship offered by Seacor Marine, Inc.

After graduating Magna Cum Laude from Morgan City High, Andrew is now enrolled in the USMAPS Class of 2004 at Fort Monmouth in New Jersey, which is the next step toward admission to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. He earned this slot with his outstanding academic and athletic achievements in High School at Morgan City, Louisiana where he was a Regents Scholar, and

President of the Honor Society his senior year. Andrew represented his school at Boys State and he is also a 4-year letterman in varsity football. He is the recipient of numerous other scholastic and athletic awards from the likes of the Morgan City Rotary Club and the U. S. Marine Corps.

During the equivalent of military Boot Camp with other entrants from the Army, Andrew was subjected to the usual ritual initiations from those who had that type of military experience. After a few days of this, he resolved to "get even



Andrew Folse

in the classroom".

With that goal-oriented tenacity, NRC expects and remains optimistic that Andrew will be a fine member of the "Long Gray Line".

Tim Walcott Honored



Tim Walcott being honored.

The Miami Propeller Club honored NRC Employee Tim Walcott, the vessel manager on the NRC Sentinel, in February as the "Person of the Year" for 2002 at a dinner and ceremonies held by the Club in Miami.

The Miami Propeller Club is an organization of individuals engaged in and affiliated with the marine industry in the Port of Miami area. Tim has been a member of the group for over seven years and has served on the Board of Directors for three years.

There are several Propeller Clubs around the country, with one in each major port area. The members come from a variety of Marine Industry organizations and backgrounds, and the work they do is recognized as both important and influential

throughout the marine and port community. Tim says that this individual peer recognition is "personally, both gratifying and humbling".

NRC supports numerous organizations such as the Miami Propeller Club by encouraging employees to become active members in local and community civic and trade organizations, and we are proud of Tim's achievements in this arena. NRC expresses a "Well done" as in the picture, Tim receives the plaque from the Miami Propeller club President, Dr. Fran Bohnsack.

Director of Planning and Compliance

NRC is pleased to announce that it has appointed Curtis Middleton as Director of Planning and Compliance. Since the events surrounding the terrorist attacks of 9-11-01, and the resulting Homeland Security promulgation of Security Regulations affecting vessels and facilities, Numerous of NRC's clients have requested assistance in meeting the regulatory deadlines. Most shipowner clients have already contracted with experts in the security field and plan writing consultants to assist in this endeavor. Some shipowners and numerous facility clients have chosen to do their own, with selected assistance from others, and have therefore requested NRC to be a provider of this service as well, capitalizing on another facet of our continuing relationships.

Curtis comes to NRC from Virtual Business Solutions where as founder and President, he was experienced in **developing** a three-tiered approach, combining drill and training activities with on-site security assessments, and completed plans to meet the MARSEC Regulations. To further this, NRC has developed a network of security specialists that can assist our customers with their security concerns. Similar to our International Contractor Network that many of our clients are familiar with, our security specialists network can provide a variety of security services tailored to meet our clients' specific security needs.

Curtis can be reached through our Corporate Headquarters at 631-224-9141 or our International Operations Center at 800-883-4672.



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