

## **Change to Validity Period for Oil Spill Response Refresher Training**

**UK DECC level 2 – Corporate Management**

**UK DECC level 3 – Onshore Emergency Responder**

**UK DECC level 4 - Onshore (IMO level 2) Emergency Responder**

The Department of Energy and Climate Change has reviewed the oil spill response refresher training requirements with regard to DECC level 2; DECC level 3 and DECC level 4 courses. With immediate effect, personnel who have previously undertaken either DECC level 2; DECC level 3 or DECC level 4 courses will now have a 39 month period to undertake refresher training, which should provide for better timing and availability of such training courses. This new retraining period does NOT include DECC level 1 refresher training, which can be undertaken by a distance learning module without having to book on a course with a training provider.

The Nautical Institute has undertaken to carry out a revision of the training standards detailed within the Department's "Oil Spill Response Training Guidelines for the UK Offshore Oil Industry" later this year and this change to the period of refresher training will be incorporated into the document at this time.