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To all Members

United States Vessel Response Plans

OSRO contracts – Update to 6 December 2013 circular - Deadline extended for MSRC contracts

Reference is made to the Club's circular dated 6 December 2013 and the requirement that non-tank vessel owners trading to the United States of America (US) should have in place Federal Vessel Response Plans by 30 January 2014.

Members were advised by the above circular that in future non-tank vessel owners will need to contract direct with either MSRC or NRC to provide OSRO services. In addition, Members were advised that, in order to effect a smooth transition, the retainer system with NRC will stay in place until 30 January 2014 but, for MSRC, contracts needed to be in place by 31 December 2013 as the current retainer agreement expired.

This position has now altered as MSRC have confirmed that their retainer system will also stay in place until 30 January 2014. Therefore, the Club will continue to provide OSRO contract coverage for non-tank vessel Members with both MSRC and NRC up until 30 January 2014. After that date, non-tank vessel Members will need to have a direct contract in place with NRC or MSRC in time for any US calls, in accordance with the Club's recent circulars on the subject, which are available on our website.