



Dispersants Session: GoMRI Conference  
Sunday, January 26, 2014 (1 – 5 pm)  
Grand Bay Ballroom

## **Dispersants: what do we know and what do we need to learn, to better inform decisions about their use?**

The Center for Spills in the Environment from the University of New Hampshire will facilitate a forum on dispersants and their use during oil spills. The forum will begin with overview presentations on the nature of dispersants, how they work, information on actual deployments, as well as what is known about their impacts (e.g., acute/chronic toxicity). Two panels will discuss what we have learned about dispersants and their use, what research is on-going, and how we can better inform decisions about future deployment. The panels will include representatives of governmental agencies, industry, NGOs and academics.

### **Topics:**

- Response, Effects and Damage Assessment (associated with dispersants and dispersed oil);
- Recovery and Restoration (how are recovery and restoration is different if dispersants are used during a response); and
- Lessons Learned from DWH about Dispersants Use; Questions that remain; New frontiers with respect to dispersant use.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this important event in conjunction with the 2014 Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill & Ecosystem Science Conference.

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