

SEAPT Exercise – County Kerry

29th-30th April

Scenario & Format



1. Introduction :

The annual Shannon Estuary Anti-Pollution Team (SEAPT) exercise will take place at Fenit Port and at Tralee (Manor West Hotel), County Kerry on the 29th and 30th April 2015.

The primary purpose of the exercise will be to :

1. Test response procedures and management (as set out in the relevant Oil-HNS spill contingency plan) in the event of an incident occurring such as that proposed in the scenario;
2. Provide training in marine-sourced oil-pollution response, both on-site and at Shoreline-Response Centre level, to key staff and members of SEAPT.

2. Proposed Scenario :

The scenario for the exercise will involve the accidental release of approximately 200 tonnes of Heavy Fuel Oil from a ship docking at the quay at Fenit Port.

The spillage is to occur on a filling tide and the initial response priority will be to retain and recover the maximum quantity possible within the confines of the port/marina. The exercise will also look to assess and manage any subsequent oil-pollution risk to resources in the vicinity of the port.

3. Resources at Risk :

Fenit Harbour is located within Tralee Bay. There is considerable variety in the types of coastline within the bay and in the general vicinity of the port, including : sandy beaches, rocky shoreline, shingle beaches, glacial-till cliffs, salt-marshes, mud-flats and municipal/port structures and infrastructure. In addition to the risk posed to the Port itself, the following are the main neighbouring resources at risk in the scenario as proposed –

- Fenit Designated Bathing Area/Blue Flag beach;
- Tralee Bay and Maharees Designated Shellfish Areas (Note : Tralee Bay is a internationally recognised and significant oyster fishery);
- Tralee Bay Special Area of Conservation;
- Tralee Bay Special Protection Area;
- Fenit RNLI Station;
- Fenit Harbour Marina.

Fenit is an active fishing and commercial port and is the main point of export for a significant industry based in Killarney.

As outlined above, there is an RNLI station at Fenit which is equipped with an all-weather Trent-Class lifeboat and a D-Class rigid-inflateable inshore lifeboat, both of which are stationed within the confines of the port. Arrangements will need to be put in place to ensure that the operations of the lifeboat service are not compromised as a result of the event and the response to the event.

Fenit is also an important amenity location for the near-by town of Tralee and its environs, and is popular with bathers, boaters, walkers etc. There are also a number of businesses (shops, restaurants and bars) in the locality, which derive a significant amount of business from the amenity activities carried out at Fenit.

4. Exercise Details (Note - may be subject to change) :

Day 1 (29th April) - Fenit

- 11.00 – 11.30 : Registration.
- 11.30 : On-site display and demonstration of various types of oil-pollution response equipment and familiarisation with the site.
- 13.15 : Lunch.
- 14.00 : Demonstration of boom deployment.

Day 2 (30th April) – Manor West Hotel, Tralee

- 11.00 : Registration.
- 11.30 : Presentations on oil-pollution response and command centre structure.
- 12.30 : Lunch.
- 13.30 : Table-top exercise, involving the establishment of a Shoreline Response Centre and a table-top response to the oil-pollution scenario as outlined above.



Exercise Locations

5. Exercise Participants :

The following organisations are likely to be represented at the exercise –

- Kerry County Council;
- Shannon-Foynes Port Company;
- Irish Coast Guard;
- Clare County Council;
- Limerick County Council;
- Galway County Council;
- SSE;
- ESB Moneypoint;
- Rusal Aughanish;
- TOPAZ;
- NUI Maynooth.

6. Health & Safety :

Participants and observers will be required to comply with all relevant health and safety requirements during the exercise. In particular, there are a number of specific health and safety requirements applicable to day 1 of the exercise, as follows :

- PPE : Appropriate Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) must be worn on day 1 of the exercise. This should include, at minimum : slip-proof footwear, gloves, high-visibility jacket.
- Port and Vehicular Traffic : Fenit Port and environs can be busy with both port and general vehicular traffic. In addition, there is construction work on-going at the Port at present, which also generates construction-related vehicular traffic. It is likely that parts of the site on which the exercise will take place will be shared with both port and construction traffic. Particular care should therefore be taken while walking around the site and high-visibility clothing should be worn at all times.
- Slip/trips and falls : particular care should be taken on-site, particularly in areas which may be slippery underfoot and/or uneven terrain.
- Working near water : Given the location of the exercise, care should be taken when accessing areas close to water. In particular, caution should be exercised in the vicinity of the marina and port.
- Restricted access areas : As outlined earlier, Fenit Port and environs can be busy locations. Access is restricted to certain areas of the port, in particular the loading areas and the construction site. Participants should not access these restricted areas.

7. Directions :

The following are the directions for Fenit (Day 1):

- From Limerick (N21) and Killarney/Cork (N22)
Take the 1st exit at the first roundabout on the Tralee By-Pass (Direction for Cork, Dingle etc.) and follow the direction signs for “Dingle N86” through a number of further roundabouts. Take the 2nd exit at the roundabout at Tralee Aquadome (large glass-roofed building on the left hand side), then take the next right turn (approx. 100 metres past the roundabout) following the signs for Fenit R558 and the “Wild Atlantic Way (North)”. Continue following the direction signs for Fenit R558 and the “Wild Atlantic Way (North).”
- From Listowel (N69) –
Take the 2nd exit at the first roundabout on the Tralee By-Pass (Direction Tralee R878). Take the 2nd exit at Forge Cross Roundabout (Direction Tralee). Take the right turn (onto Killeen Road) at the traffic lights approx. 800m past Forge Cross Roundabout. Take the 2nd exit off the next roundabout onto Bracker O’Regan Road (Direction Fenit R558). Take the 2nd exit off the next roundabout and follow the direction signs for Fenit & The Spa (R558).

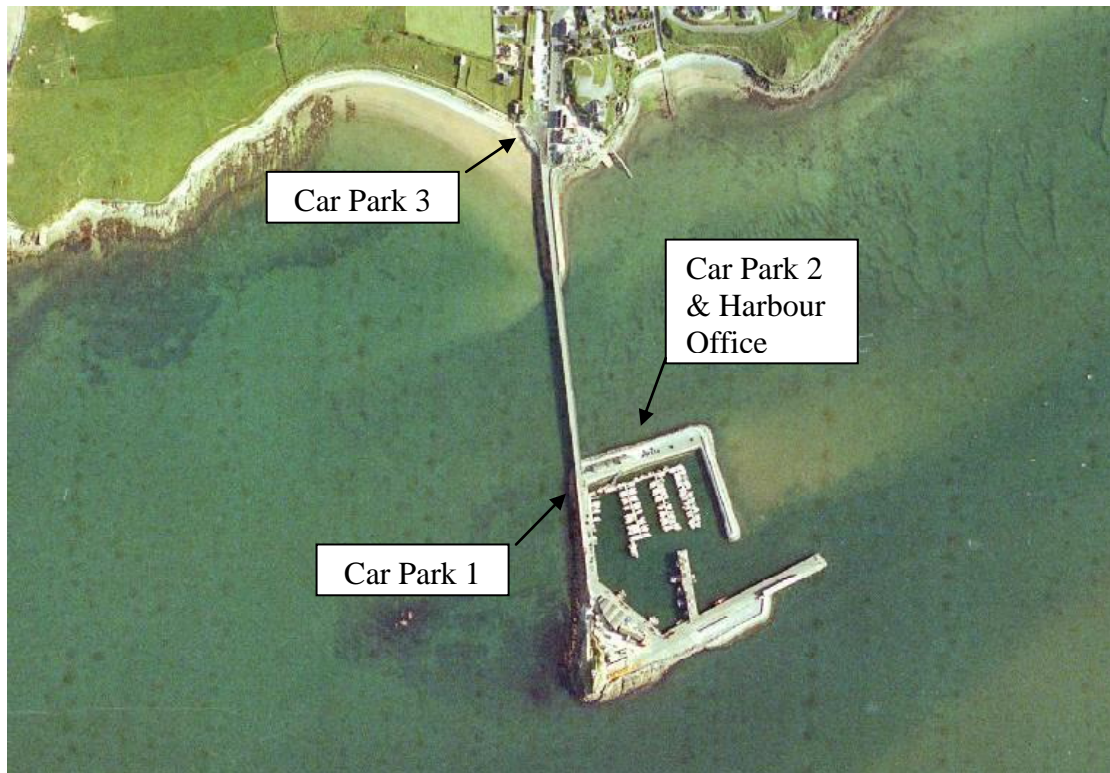
The following are the directions for Manor West Hotel, Tralee (Day 2) :

- From Limerick (N21)
Take the 2nd exit at the first roundabout on the Tralee By-Pass (Direction Tralee R875). Take the 2nd exit at Clashlehane Roundabout (Direction Town Centre). The access to Manor West Hotel is on the left hand side approx. 100m past Clashlehane Roundabout.
- From Killarney/Cork (N22)
Take the 2nd exit at the first roundabout on the Tralee By-Pass (Direction Tralee North). Take the 1st exit at the next roundabout (Direction Tralee R875). Take the 2nd exit at Clashlehane Roundabout (Direction Town Centre). The access to Manor West Hotel is on the left hand side approx. 100m past Clashlehane Roundabout.
- From Listowel (N69) –
Take the first exit at the first roundabout on the Tralee By-Pass (Direction “All Other Routes”). Take the 2nd exit at the next roundabout (Direction “All Other Routes”). Take the 3rd exit at the next roundabout (Direction Tralee R875). Take the 2nd exit at Clashlehane Roundabout (Direction Town Centre). The access to Manor West Hotel is on the left hand side approx. 100m past Clashlehane Roundabout.

8. Parking :

Parking is available on-site on both days of the exercise –

- Day 1 : Public parking is available close to the exercise location – the map below shows the locations of the car-parks in Fenit;
- Day 2 : Parking is available at the Manor West Hotel, both overground and underground.



Locations of Car-Parks & Harbour Office (Fenit).

9. Registration :

We would ask all participants to register upon arrival on both day 1 and day 2 of the exercise.

- Registration will take place in the Harbour Office on day 1 in Fenit (at the end of the causeway beside the Marina and RNLI building – see map above)
- Registration will take place at the Castlemaine Suite in the Manor West Hotel, Tralee on day 2.

10. Accommodation :

There is a variety of overnight accommodation available in the Tralee and Fenit areas. Day 2 of the exercise will take place in the Manor West Hotel, Tralee (066-7194500) and

a corporate rate is available for those attending the SEAPT exercise. The link to the Manor West Hotel website is as follows :

<http://www.manorwesthotel.ie/>

11. Contacts :

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