

Korea Marine Environmental Protection Center (KMEPC)

△ Introduction

Korea Marine Environmental Protection Center is an environmental protection entity tasked with eliminating any ship generated pollution in the DPRK waters - responding to oil spills and other discharges caused by any marine casualty.

The DPRK, surrounded by seas, gives continuous impetus to marine environmental protection with great importance attached thereto.

As with the rapid growth of economy at seas including marine transportation and fishing industry, the number of the ships navigating in the DPRK waters is on the increase, adding more weight to the marine environment protection. It, therefore, was strongly needed that a dedicated entity should be established to timely respond to any pollution from ships.

In Sep, 2011, “Korea Marine Environmental Protection Center” was established under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Jong Il who always directed deep concern to the country’s environment protection.

KMEPC, headquartered in Pyongyang, has 4 branch offices. The headquarters are made up of Response Section, Methodology Research Section and Financial Section.

△ Main Activities

- Since its inception, KMEPC successfully undertook oil removal and damage recovery operations by responding promptly to several oil spill accidents caused by sunken or stranded ships.
- True to its mission, KMEPC is conducting detailed researches on the treatment of the discharges from ships including sewage, garbage, ballast water etc. and, based on such researches, has drawn up practical plans. In this regard it is also closely cooperating with the home and abroad environmental protection organizations.
- It also analyses and monitors impacts of ships on the marine environment in the DPRK. It assists the government in drafting relevant national laws and regulations, taking into account the international marine environmental instruments.

△ Major Sponsor –“Korea Marine Environmental Protection Fund”

Korea Marine Environmental Protection Fund is a financial mechanism for providing financial support to KMEPC and other marine environmental protection organizations for their activities to prevent and respond to the marine environment pollution occurring in the DPRK waters.