

## **Biography:**

**Richard H. Johnson, Technical Director, The International Tank Owners Pollution Federation Limited (ITOPF)**



Richard Johnson is a marine biologist. During his time at ITOPF he has attended some 40 spills in over 20 different countries, including major incidents such as the SEA EMPRESS (UK), NAKHODKA (Japan), ERIKA (France), PRESTIGE (Spain) and HEBEI SPIRIT (South Korea). He has been involved with considerably more spills, including anchoring and coordinating ITOPF colleagues' attendance on site globally, and providing advice remotely. As Technical Director he is responsible for overseeing ITOPF's broad range of technical services, which, includes not only attending and advising during marine oil spill clean up but providing advice on Damage Assessment and Claims Analysis, Contingency Planning and Advisory Work, and being involved in Training and Education. ITOPF regularly contributes on behalf of its Membership to national and international discussion on matters related to oil pollution and also has observer status at both the IMO and the IOPC Funds. Richard plays a role in this.

Richard holds a Master's degree in Radiation and Environmental Protection and previous employment included investigation of fallout from the Chernobyl reactor incident and assessing radioactive contamination of the marine environment as part of the UK Government study for building a waste repository at Sellafield. He joined ITOPF in 1994.

