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Enhancement of Institutional Capacity in Oil Spill Response for the Republic of Mauritius

In the context of the "Enhancement of Institutional Capacity in Oil Spill Response for the Republic of Mauritius" project being implemented by the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Environment and Climate Change Division) in collaboration with the Mauritius Police Force – National Coast Guard and other stakeholders, an International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Level 0 training exercise for oil spill response and preparedness is scheduled to be held from **02 to 03 July 2024** at the Pointe Jerôme Youth Centre, Mahebourg. The training will involve both theory and field exercises.

Oil spill combat equipment such as booms, skimmers, sorbent mats and sorbent rolls will thus be deployed at sea from **09 30 hours** to **12 30 hours**, on part of the Pointe Jerôme jetty on **Wednesday 03 July 2024.**

The deployment of the above equipment forms part of the training exercise and will be used solely for demonstration purposes. There will be, however, no restriction of access to the public beach except, on account of safety, for the sites where field exercises will be undertaken.

Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Environment and Climate Change Division)

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