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**Subject : Call for articles for "Blue Waters" Newsletter on Marine Environment Protection**

1. By a decision of Committee of Secretaries on 04 November 1993 and further, by amendment to Allocation of Business Rules, 1961 vide notification dated 12 December 2002, the Indian Coast Guard has been designated as the Central Coordinating Authority for combating of oil spills in Indian waters.
2. The Indian Coast Guard publishes a biannual newsletter, "Blue Waters" covering issues related to marine environment protection. Every edition of "Blue Waters" touches upon a pertinent issue to provide in-depth information and critical analysis on contemporary issues related to environment protection which requires closer attention. Marine environment legislation, pollution incidents and issues deliberated at the International Maritime Organization and other international organizations are also included in "Blue Waters". Previous editions of "Blue Waters" may be accessed on the official website of the Indian Coast Guard at [www.indiancoastguard.nic.in](http://www.indiancoastguard.nic.in).
3. The next edition of "Blue Waters" is due for publication in January 2016. Thought provoking contributions are invited for publication on the following subjects:-
  - (a) National Plan Stakeholders- Experiences and Expectations
  - (b) Case studies on oil spill incidents (2014 or later)
  - (c) Articles of general interest and events, developments and initiatives for marine environment protection
4. Articles may be e-mailed to [dte-fe@indiancoastguard.nic.in](mailto:dte-fe@indiancoastguard.nic.in) by 18 December 2015.

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