

SINTEF TESTS PYROBOOM® IN ARCTIC CONDITIONS

SINTEF, the Norwegian research and development organization has been conducting a series of test of oil spill response and recovery techniques in broken ice conditions. The tests have been mainly conducted in the waters near Hopen in the Svalbard Archipelago. Called the “Joint Industry Program on Oil Spill Contingency for Arctic and Ice Covered Waters” (JIP Oil in Ice) this series of tests have been designed to evaluate several existing, and some new, technologies in the Arctic.

Applied Fabric Technologies, Inc, (AFTI) a subsidiary of Ro-Clean Desmi (RCD), is pleased to announce that our PYROBOOM® fire-proof spill control barrier has been selected as one of the products to be evaluated in this multi-year program. AFTI provided 200 feet (61m) of PYROBOOM® and 300 feet (91m) of GlobeBoom® ED-24 for use in the test.

The 2008 program was designed to test the capability, handling and general suitability of the PYROBOOM® for use in broken ice conditions. Initial tests indicate that PYROBOOM® will be more than adequate for the actual in-situ burn of oil during the 2009 test season.

PYROBOOM® is one of the two products being evaluated from the AFTI/RCD family. A specialized skimmer, designed for use in broken ice, was also used extensively during the 2008 test series.



PyroBoom & GlobeBoom Being Readied for Tow Testing