

Public FAQ

2026 Membership/Registration Fees & Bulk Oil Cargo Fee (BOCF) in ECRC-SIMEC

What is this document about?

This FAQ summarizes the 2026 Membership Fees and Bulk Oil Cargo Fee (BOCF) for ECRC-SIMEC, including amendments made following an audit.

What is the Membership/Registration Fee?

The Registration Fee is a fixed annual fee paid by members to support ECRC-SIMEC's oil spill readiness, training, and response capability.

Have Membership/Registration Fees changed for 2026?

No. Registration Fees remain unchanged for 2026 and are included for information purposes only.

What is the Bulk Oil Cargo Fee (BOCF)?

The BOCF is a per-tonne fee applied to bulk oil cargo loaded or unloaded within ECRC-SIMEC's Geographic Area of Response (GAR). It funds the ongoing readiness of spill response services.

What do these fees support?

- Oil spill readiness and response capability
- Training and exercising
- Maintenance of response equipment
- Compliance with federal certification requirements

What is the "consolidated" BOCF?

The consolidated BOCF replaces former region-specific rates and becomes effective January 1, 2026.

What are the amended 2026 BOCF rates?

- Oil other than asphalt: **23.88¢ per tonne**,
- Asphalt: **11.94¢ per tonne**

Why is the asphalt rate lower?

In accordance with the approved fee-setting methodology, the BOCF rate for asphalt is 50% of the rate applied to other oil products.

Why were the 2026 BOCF rates amended?

Following an audit, updated financial information—including higher-than-forecast service revenue and lower operating expenses—was incorporated into the 2026 BOCF calculation.

Where can I get more information?

As part of our commitment to service, ECRC-SIMEC is proposing to establish an industry stakeholder forum; we welcome your feedback on this idea. Please address any questions or interest to: Tanya Alvaro, President. talvaro@ecrc-simec.ca.

What is the proposed ECRC-SIMEC Industry Stakeholder Forum?

The forum provides a structured, biannual platform for ECRC-SIMEC and industry stakeholders to exchange information and maintain visibility on the capacity, activities, and operations supporting Canada's oil spill readiness and response regime within our geographic area of response.

What are the main objectives?

- Enable two-way engagement between ECRC-SIMEC and industry partners
- Provide updates on current response capacity, readiness, and operations, including exercises and real-world responses
- Share program changes, emerging risks, opportunities, and best practices across the industry

What are some topics within the scope of the forum?

- Response readiness posture
- Exercises and operational activities
- Service coverage
- Regulatory updates
- Stakeholder feedback collection

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