Technical information sheet

Water Column Monitoring



OSRL, in partnership with CSA Ocean Sciences Inc., offers Water Column Monitoring equipment and services as part of OSRL's supplementary subsea membership agreements. This equipment supports subsea dispersant use by providing real-time data on water quality and environmental conditions, enhancing response effectiveness.

Key Facts

- Developed in collaboration with CSA Ocean Sciences Inc., leveraging over 50 years of marine environmental experience
- Designed for subsea monitoring up to 3,000 metres depth
- Integrated, mobilisation-ready system for rapid deployment on offshore supply vessels
- Two 8ft x 20ft containers certified for offshore use by Det Norske Veritas (DNV) and the American Bureau of Shipping
- Suitable for international operations in varied metocean conditions





Specifications	
Water depth	Up to 3,000m with 3,500m winch wire
Temperature range	-2°C to 35°C (operation)
Air monitoring	Benzene and volatile organic compounds (VOCs)
Power supply	30-horsepower winch with A-frame and skid, powered by electromechanical cable
Container certification	DNV and American Bureau of Shipping



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OSRL Members can access the Water Column Monitoring Service through the capping supplementary agreement.

Package includes

- Full setup for initial two-week deployment, with chemicals, consumables, and supplies
- Safety features: Air monitoring systems, ship-integrated alarms, smoke and heat detectors, video security monitors, fire extinguishers, spill kits, and AED
- Storage facilities: Commercialgrade under-counter refrigeration units and sub-80 freezers for sample preservation
- Manufactured and maintained by Oceaneering



Components

The Water Column Monitoring equipment consists of:

- Launch and recovery system: DNV-certified winch, A-frame, and skid for safe deployment and recovery with an electromechanical cable to provide power and communication to the sensor and sampling equipment
- Sampling equipment:
 - GO-FLO bottles for sample collection at any depth
 - Sensors for conductivity, temperature, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, fluorescence, and particle size
- Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer: Onboard equipment for in-situ analysis of volatile compounds

Storage

The WCM equipment is stored in two offshore-certified containers equipped with power and communication systems, ensuring response readiness and compliance with safety standards.

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