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## **Ricardo's NCEC to provide chemical emergency response during America's Cup**

**The UK's National Chemical Emergency Centre (NCEC) – a subsidiary of Ricardo – will provide chemical emergency response during the 35th America's Cup yacht race**

NCEC will be providing chemical emergency response as a chosen partner of the event's primary security provider. NCEC will be on call 24 hours a day to provide telephone support in the event of an incident involving chemicals or hazardous materials.

The 35th America's Cup in Bermuda will be contested by defenders ORACLE TEAM USA, and a challenger who is still to be selected.

Potential challengers include the Land Rover BAR team, led by Martin Whitmarsh, former team principal of McLaren F1, and Sir Ben Ainslie, the UK's most decorated competitive sailor. The UK based team aims to 'bring the cup home' – despite having founded the event in 1851, the UK has never taken the America's Cup.

"It is a privilege to provide chemical emergency response for the America's Cup," said Jon Gibbard, NCEC director. "We are a global company so there might be a little friendly rivalry between Ricardo's US and UK teams in the build up to the race. But our overriding priority is to ensure that, in the case of an incident involving hazardous materials, all teams, spectators and attendees have immediate access to the expert advice and guidance they need to stay safe."

NCEC provides 24-hour chemical emergency response on behalf of emergency services and private sector businesses around the world. Its clients include Fire and



Rescue Services throughout the UK, Europe, the Middle East and Australia, and 50 percent of the world's top 100 chemical companies. It is one of the world's only telephone emergency response services to be staffed by graduate level chemists who are trained to deliver potentially lifesaving advice during high risk chemical incidents.

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*Find out more about NCEC's global chemical emergency response and chemical regulatory services at <http://the-ncec.com/>*

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**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

**The National Chemical Emergency Centre (NCEC)** has provided companies and emergency services emergency response, regulatory compliance and supply chain support for over 40 years. Today NCEC provides 24 hour global emergency response advice to 50% of the world's top 100 chemical companies and is one of the most experienced services in the world when it comes to understanding the needs of the chemical industry and emergency responders. NCEC is part of Ricardo Energy & Environment, an operating division of Ricardo plc. For more information, visit [www.the-ncec.com](http://www.the-ncec.com).

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