

**From:** Austin, Meredith CAPT  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2010 4:17:58 PM  
**To:** JAMES.Sommer@dhs.gov  
**Subject:** RE: Spill of National Significance

Okay. Let me know...you might have to camp out on the floor in my hotel room (or your SRO)--there's no rooms between here and NOLA.

-----Original Message-----

From: JAMES.Sommer@dhs.gov [mailto:JAMES.Sommer@dhs.gov]  
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 3:15 PM  
To: Austin, Meredith CAPT  
Subject: RE: Spill of National Significance

Considering it, will let you know.

Jim

Thanks  
Captain Jim Sommer, USCG  
Deputy Director CBP/USCG  
UAS Joint Program Office  
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james.sommer@dhs.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Austin, Meredith CAPT [mailto:Meredith.L.Austin@uscg.dhs.gov]  
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 4:12 PM  
To: SOMMER, JAMES P.  
Subject: RE: Spill of National Significance

You coming too?

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From: JAMES.Sommer@dhs.gov [mailto:JAMES.Sommer@dhs.gov]  
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 3:10 PM  
To: Austin, Meredith CAPT  
Subject: RE: Spill of National Significance

You and Roger are my heros!

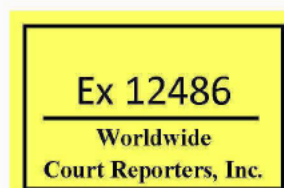
Got the 40 CFR 300 stuff.

Hoping to get realtime UAS FMV of eastern and southern portions of the Gulf to Houma starting 14Jun. Expect lots of pictures of water and clouds.

Jim

Thanks  
Captain Jim Sommer, USCG  
Deputy Director CBP/USCG  
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From: Austin, Meredith CAPT [mailto:Meredith.L.Austin@uscg.dhs.gov]  
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 4:02 PM  
To: SOMMER, JAMES P.  
Subject: RE: Spill of National Significance

Roger is the IC, I'm his Deputy. He does all of the external stuff (meeting Parish Presidents, congress people, Governor) and I do all of the internal ICS-driven IC stuff--go to the mtgs, make decisions in Roger's absence. We both do media and VIP stuff, depending on where/when it is (if it's at the ICP and Roger is out, I do it). It's way too much work for one person, so we divided and conquered.

Don't believe what you see on TV. People are working very hard and we're keeping the vast majority of the oil off the beach. They keep showing the same small area of impacted shoreline/marsh, because that's all they can show.

Merrie

-----Original Message-----

From: JAMES.Sommer@dhs.gov [mailto:JAMES.Sommer@dhs.gov]  
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 2:38 PM  
To: Austin, Meredith CAPT  
Cc: jlrsummer [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Spill of National Significance

Tell Roger Hi!

Duty calls and you are truly putting your heart into it.

What team/position are you heading up?

Jim

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From: Austin, Meredith CAPT [mailto:Meredith.L.Austin@uscg.dhs.gov]  
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 3:33 PM  
To: SOMMER, JAMES P.  
Subject: RE: Spill of National Significance

I'm demob'ing 6 Jul...originally it was going to be this Friday because I was supposed to do the procedure next week, but when Top Kill failed, I realized it wouldn't be a good time to go...Roger Laferriere and I are a team, and he's staying here until then, so I resked the procedure for 13 Jul. Then I'll be grounded for a few weeks (I'll go back to work the following week, but I'm not supposed to travel too far). That said, it's conceivable I'll rotate back here in late Aug.

Don't believe what you see on TV...people here are working very hard and we're keeping the vast majority of the oil off of the beaches. We need to do a better job telling our story.

Merrie

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From: JAMES.Sommer@dhs.gov [mailto:JAMES.Sommer@dhs.gov]  
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 2:16 PM  
To: Austin, Meredith CAPT  
Subject: RE: Spill of National Significance

I know someone would see the light. Is Rod still back in Lizard City?

My old ISC Sr Reserve is the best AirBoss in the CG and he is down there.

When you see him ask him how he survived 3 years of Dictator Sommer!

When do you expect to be back in Philly (Cherry Hill)?

Jim

Thanks  
Captain Jim Sommer, USCG  
Deputy Director CBP/USCG  
UAS Joint Program Office  
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james.sommer@dhs.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Austin, Meredith CAPT [mailto:Meredith.L.Austin@uscg.dhs.gov]  
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 2:08 PM  
To: SOMMER, JAMES P.  
Subject: RE: Spill of National Significance

Google 40 CFR 300, look at the "table of contents", and you'll find Spills of National Significance" in the 300.200something section.

I was in Colorado for 2 days when I was summoned back to head down to Houma. I took my class, but didn't get to do anything else. I did go to the Denver Zoo Friday afternoon before the class started Saturday though.

You should come and do Air Boss stuff...

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From: JAMES.Sommer@dhs.gov [mailto:JAMES.Sommer@dhs.gov]  
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 10:23 AM  
To: Austin, Meredith CAPT  
Subject: Spill of National Significance

Meri do you have CFR ref handy for Spill of National Significance)

How was Colorado?

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