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From: Austin, Meredith CAPT
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 11:37:06 AM
To: Harzaik, James CAPT
Subject: RE: Request for 32,000 gallons of surface dispersant application

Annen James!

Really, you're leaving us? Who's going to take your place?

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From: Harzaik, James CAPT
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 10:07 AM
To: Lloyd, Anthony CAPT
Cc: Gaultier, Peter CAPT; Caplis, John CAPT; Austin, Meredith CAPT; Lalierne, Roger CAPT;
 Perry, Raymond CAPT
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Anthony,

Sunday, I received a request from BP to possibly get approval for aerial dispersants for several large slicks off the coast of LA. In an attempt to consult with our EPA "partners" I requested that

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At this point in time 33,515,000 gallons of oil has been released. We have applied 1,121,696 gallons of dispersant subsurface and surface to the Gulf of Mexico that contains 6.23 x 10¹⁷ superscript quadrillion gallons of water. Which is fed by the Mississippi river which dumps an average of 33 million gallons/sec into the Gulf - this does not include the other watersheds/rivers that add to the Gulf. I'm sure that there is an affect...on the oceans, already noted by RRT6 trustees but willing to go forward with aerial application. It would be a travesty if the oil hits the beach because we did not use the tools available to fight this offshore. This responsibility needs to be placed squarely in EPA's court if it does hit the shoreline. There was tripping of response resources after it hit LA, the consequences will be much worse if this FL and AL, and LA again.



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