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Subject: RE: Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill Response Refocused Actions

Completely agree with the approach. We have to start setting things back to "normal" and wean folks off of DWH resources as applicable.

Thanks Bill!

Julia

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CAPT,

For your information Ma'am.

We are slowly returning the pollution response emphasis back to D8 and their respective Sectors.

Very Respectfully,

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Subject: Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill Response Refocused Actions

Good Morning,

Since the Deepwater Horizon spill, the States (LA and eastern states) have created an expectation/assumption that 1) all oil being spilled is from the MC252 2) BP should be quickly responding and cleaning it up. We need to begin a more aggressive pollution response posture, with their respective State DEQ/DEM/LOCSCO counterparts, as we see less and less MC252 oil and more "other" oiling.

As you probably know, we are getting several reports of oil in LA, MS, AL and FL which is not

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associated with MC252. In most cases, this oil appears to be fresh and is not weathered like the typical MC252 oil. In many instances, it is obvious that the MC252 was not the source. The standard protocol for spill response is still in place for any spill in the Gulf of Mexico but at a heightened and more aggressive level. It should be reported via NRC, and the Coast Guard Sectors SHALL mobilize and begin responding until a responsible party is determined (opening the OSTLF, hiring an OSRO, & sampling etc.). This includes reports of all spills including but not limited to; oil sheens, tar balls found by commercial/fishing vessels, or slicks and discolorations on or below the surface of the water offshore, near shore or inshore in D8. Immediate action is key to having a successful response and limiting a negative perception (by State and local officials) on use of Coast Guard resources.

In some areas, it is probable that if a spill occurs, the oil could impact areas where the MC252 response activity is active in some fashion, and the GC-IMT may have resources nearby. It is the intent of the GC-IMT to provide assistance whenever possible, but certain precautions need to be considered and protocol followed prior to dedicating resources to a non-MC252 spill response. Until a responsible party is identified, the USCG Pre-Designated FOSC is in charge of the operation, and the GCIMT will not mobilize resources or take any actions until requested to do so by the Pre-Designated FOSC/COTP or GC-IMT FOSC. As the MC252 spill areas are being moved to a stage 4 or pre-DWH spill status the sectors need to aggressively fill the void to ensure a timely response to these spills in D8.

As tourist season begins in MS, AL and FL and the GC-IMT finalizes the clean-up on most of the amenity beaches in the MC252 AOR, it is vital that Coast Guard Sectors follow an aggressive response posture to exude confidence in the National Response System.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Respectfully,

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