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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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VESSEL RESPONSE PLANS ADVANCE NOTICE OF TRANSFERS

This MSIB supersedes MSIB 12-04.

Vessel Response Plans

Per Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations Part 155.1015 each owner or operator of a vessel that is constructed or adapted to carry, or that carries, oil in bulk as cargo or oil cargo residue is required to have a Coast Guard approved Vessel Response Plan when operating in waters subject to U.S jurisdiction. For these vessels the plan must include Geographic-specific appendices for each Captain of the Port zone in which a vessel operates. I would like to call your attention to 33 CFR 155.1035(i)(5), specifically that the Oil Spill Removal Organization (OSRO) is identified and ensured available, through contract or other approved means, and that the spill management team is able to respond as required to the following spill scenarios:

- (i) Average most probable discharge.
- (ii) Maximum most probable discharge.
- (iii) Worst case discharge.

Vessels conducting lightering operations without OSRO coverage will have the operation suspended and the vessel's owner/operator may be subject to civil penalties.

For vessels that do not carry oil in bulk or cargo (i.e., non-tank vessels), please recall that in accordance with Navigation and Inspection Circular (NVIC), No. 01-05, Change 1, "Interim Guidance for the Development and Review of Response Plans for Non-tank Vessels"; Non-tank vessel owners and operators are required to prepare and submit a Non-tank Vessel Response Plan for responding to a worst-case discharge of oil or a substantial threat of that discharge. For more information on Non-tank Vessel Response Plans, please refer to the NVIC or call my Prevention Department staff at 215-271-4855.

Advance Notice of Transfer

Offshore Lightering

For lightering operations in the marine environment beyond the baseline from which the territorial sea is measured when the oil or hazardous material lightered is destined for a port or place subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S., **24-hours** advanced notification must be given to the Captain of the Port nearest the lightering location or zone.

The vessel's owner, operator or master must submit to the Coast Guard, as a notification, an Offshore Lightering Notification Form (Enclosure 1). The required pre-arrival notice found in 33 CFR 156.215 will fulfill the requirements of 33 CFR 156.118(b) for lightering operations beyond 12nm, out to 200nm. After providing notification, unless the vessel's owner, operator or master is notified by the Coast Guard that lightering operations are not permitted, lightering operations may begin.

Big Stone Anchorage and Upriver Lightering

As authorized by 33 CFR 156.118(b), Captain of the Port Delaware Bay requires at least **4 hours** advance notification for all vessel to vessel transfers within all areas in the Big Stone Anchorage and Upriver within the Captain of the Port Delaware Bay Zone.

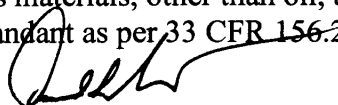
Prior to conducting lightering operations in Big Stone Anchorage, the vessel's owner, operator or master must submit to the Coast Guard, as a notification, a Big Stone Beach Lightering Notification Form (Enclosure 2). After providing notification, unless the vessel's owner, operator or master is notified by the Coast Guard that lightering operations are not permitted, lightering operations may begin.

Prior to conducting lightering operations north of Big Stone Anchorage (upriver), the vessel's owner, operator, or master must submit to the Coast Guard for approval an Upriver Lightering Request (Enclosure 3). **For Upriver lightering operations, written approval must be received from the Coast Guard before the operation can begin.** Upriver lightering operations conducted without written approval will be suspended and the vessel's owner/operator may be subject to civil penalties.

Notifications

All notifications shall be submitted via fax to the Captain of the Port Delaware Bay through the Command Center at (215) 271-4833 or via e-mail at antfax@uscg.mil. If you have any questions regarding the contents of this bulletin or expectations of the Captain of the Port, please contact the LT William McKinstry at (215) 271-4983 or the Situation Unit Coordinator (SUC) at (215) 271-4807.

NOTE: Lightering operations involving hazardous materials, other than oil, are not permitted without the specific approval of the U.S. Coast Guard Commandant as per 33 CFR 156.210(b).



D. L. SCOTT
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Captain of the Port

**USCG SECTOR DELAWARE BAY
OFFSHORE LIGHTERING NOTIFICATION FORM**

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT 24 HOURS PRIOR TO COMMENCING LIGHTERING OPERATIONS.

LIGHTERING VESSEL INFORMATION

VESSEL NAME: _____ LIGHTERING LOCATION: _____
CALL SIGN: _____ IMO. NO.: _____
CARGO QUANTITY ONBOARD (BBLs): _____ FLAG: _____
CARGO QUANTITY TO LIGHTER (BBLs): _____ PRODUCT NAME: _____
ETA: _____

RECEIVING VESSEL INFORMATION

VESSEL NAME: _____ CALL SIGN: _____
IMO. NO.: _____ FLAG: _____
ETA: _____ DESTINATION: _____

DATE/TIME/DURATION AND AMOUNT OF EACH TRANSFER OPERATION

1ST TRANSFER: _____
2ND TRANSFER: _____
3RD TRANSFER: _____

LIGHTERING VESSEL SPILL RESPONSE PLAN

AGENT (Name/Tel.): _____ P&I CLUB (Name/Tel.): _____
OSRO (Name/Tel.): _____ AMPD COVERAGE AMOUNT: _____
OSRO CONTACTED PRIOR TO LIGHTERING OPERATION: YES NO If no, explain: _____

RECEIVING VESSEL SPILL RESPONSE PLAN

AGENT (Name/Tel.): _____ P&I CLUB (Name/Tel.): _____
OSRO (Name/Tel.): _____ AMPD COVERAGE AMOUNT: _____
OSRO CONTACTED PRIOR TO LIGHTERING OPERATION: YES NO If no, explain: _____

****In the event the estimated time of arrival in the lightering location changes by more than six hours, the master, owner, or agent must advise the Captain of the Port (COTP) of the change as soon as possible.**

****COTP acceptance of the above information does not constitute Coast Guard approval or certification of any particular procedure or equipment, nor does it grant immunity from any law or regulation and in no way limits existing authority to impose civil penalties, fines, forfeitures or to initiate criminal prosecution for any violation of any law or regulation.**

SUBMITTED BY: _____ TITLE: _____
TEL. NO.: _____ FAX NO: _____
SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Fax to USCG Sector Delaware Bay 215-271-4899

ENCLOSURE (1)

**USCG SECTOR DELAWARE BAY
BIG STONE BEACH LIGHTERING REQUEST FORM**

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT 4 HOURS PRIOR TO COMMENCING LIGHTERING OPERATIONS.

LIGHTERING VESSEL INFORMATION

VESSEL NAME: _____ LIGHTERING LOCATION: _____
CALL SIGN: _____ IMO. NO.: _____
CARGO QUANTITY ONBOARD (BBLs): _____ FLAG: _____
CARGO QUANTITY TO LIGHTER (BBLs): _____ PRODUCT NAME: _____
ETA: _____

RECEIVING VESSEL INFORMATION

VESSEL NAME: _____ CALL SIGN: _____
IMO. NO.: _____ FLAG: _____
ETA: _____ DESTINATION: _____

DATE/TIME/DURATION AND AMOUNT OF EACH TRANSFER OPERATION

1ST TRANSFER: _____
2ND TRANSFER: _____
3RD TRANSFER: _____

LIGHTERING VESSEL SPILL RESPONSE PLAN

AGENT (Name/Tel.): _____ P&I CLUB (Name/Tel.): _____
OSRO (Name/Tel.): _____ AMPD COVERAGE AMOUNT: _____
OSRO CONTACTED PRIOR TO LIGHTERING OPERATION: YES NO If no, explain: _____

RECEIVING VESSEL SPILL RESPONSE PLAN

AGENT (Name/Tel.): _____ P&I CLUB (Name/Tel.): _____
OSRO (Name/Tel.): _____ AMPD COVERAGE AMOUNT: _____
OSRO CONTACTED PRIOR TO LIGHTERING OPERATION: YES NO If no, explain: _____

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TEL. NO.: _____ FAX NO: _____
SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

USCG SECTOR DELAWARE BAY UPRIVER LIGHTERING REQUEST/NOTIFICATION FORM

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT 4 HOURS PRIOR TO COMMENCING UPRIVER LIGHTERING OPERATIONS. **WRITTEN APPROVAL** FROM THE COTP MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO COMMENCING LIGHTERING OPERATIONS.

LIGHTERING VESSEL INFORMATION

VESSEL NAME: _____ LIGHTERING LOCATION: _____
CALL SIGN: _____ IMO. NO.: _____
CARGO QUANTITY ONBOARD (BBLs): _____ FLAG: _____
CARGO QUANTITY TO LIGHTER (BBLs): _____ PRODUCT NAME: _____
ETA: _____

RECEIVING VESSEL INFORMATION

VESSEL NAME: _____ CALL SIGN: _____
IMO. NO.: _____ FLAG: _____
ETA: _____ DESTINATION: _____

DATE/TIME/DURATION AND AMOUNT OF EACH TRANSFER OPERATION

1ST TRANSFER: _____
2ND TRANSFER: _____
3RD TRANSFER: _____

LIGHTERING VESSEL SPILL RESPONSE PLAN

AGENT (Name/Tel.): _____ P&I CLUB (Name/Tel.): _____
OSRO (Name/Tel.): _____ AMPD COVERAGE AMOUNT: _____
OSRO CONTACTED PRIOR TO LIGHTERING OPERATION: YES NO If no, explain: _____

RECEIVING VESSEL SPILL RESPONSE PLAN

AGENT (Name/Tel.): _____ P&I CLUB (Name/Tel.): _____
OSRO (Name/Tel.): _____ AMPD COVERAGE AMOUNT: _____
OSRO CONTACTED PRIOR TO LIGHTERING OPERATION: YES NO If no, explain: _____

****In the event the estimated time of arrival in the lightering location changes by more than six hours, the master, owner, or agent must advise the Captain of the Port (COTP) of the change as soon as possible.**

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