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UNCLAS //N16465// OPER/M/V TINTOMARA AND ACL BARGE DM932 COLLISION//
MSGID/SITREP/SECTOR NEW ORLEANS/-// SUBJ/SITREP-POL NINE/MAJOR OIL
SPILL, 419,286 GALLONS #6 FUEL OIL RELEASED IVO MM 98.2 ABOVE HEAD OF
PASSES, LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER(LMR).
REF/A/PHONCON/INITIAL VOICE REPORT FROM MR. BARNETT TO IS1 THOMAS//
B/MY 230644Z JUL 08 BROADCAST NOTICE TO MARINERS C/MY 230744Z JUL 08
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MARINERS UPDATE F/MY 231310Z JUL 08 BROADCAST NOTICE TO MARINERS UPDATE
G/MY 231412Z JUL 08 BROADCAST NOTICE TO MARINERS UPDATE H/MY 231416Z
JUL 08 SITREP-POL ONE I/DTG 231845Z JUL 08 REQ FOR MTSRU TEAM SUPPORT
J/MY 231850Z JUL 08 BROADCAST NOTICE TO MARINERS UPDATE K/MY 232121Z
JUL 08 BROADCAST NOTICE TO MARINERS UPDATE L/MY 232140Z JUL 08
BROADCAST NOTICE TO MARINERS UPDATE M/MY 232304Z JUL 08 BROADCAST
NOTICE TO MARINERS UPDATE N/MY 241117Z JUL 08 SITREP-POL TWO O/MY
241804Z JUL 08 SITREP-POL THREE P/MY 250027Z JUL 08 BROADCAST NOTICE TO
MARINERS UPDATE Q/MY 250550Z JUL 08 SITREP-POL FOUR R/MY 251807Z JUL 08
BROADCAST NOTICE TO MARINERS UPDATE S/DTG 251844Z JUL 08 VOLUNTEER
SOLICITATION FOR MST1/2 T/MY 252125Z JUL 08 SITREP-POL FIVE U/DTG
252005Z JUL 08 TAD SHORT TERM ADSW-AC VOLUNTEER SOLICITATION V/MY
260449Z JUL 08 SITREP-POL SIX W/MY 262039Z JUL 08 BROADCAST NOTICE TO
MARINERS UPDATE X/DTG 262215Z JUL 08 SOLICITATION FOR PERSONNEL Y/MY
270326 JUL 08 SITREP-POL SEVEN Z/DTG 272202Z SOLICITATION FOR PERSONNEL
AA/MY 280140Z JUL 08 BROADCAST NOTICE TO MARINERS UPDATE AB/MY 280443Z
JUL 08 SITREP-POL EIGHT RMKS/ 1.SITUATION.

A. OVERVIEW: AT APPROX 230130R JUL 08, M/V TINTOMARA, A 600 FT
CHEMICAL TANK SHIP, COLLIDED WITH A FUEL BARGE BEING PUSHED BY UTV MEL
OLIVER ON THE LMR NEAR MM 98.2 IVO HARVEY LOCK. THE BARGE WAS CARRYING
APPROX 419,286 GALLONS (9,983 BBLS) OF #6 FUEL OIL AND WAS SPLIT,
RESULTING IN A MAJOR SPILL. THE LMR WAS INITIALLY CLOSED FROM MM 99 TO
MM 98. A SAFETY ZONE IS NOW IN EFFECT BETWEEN MM 98 AND MM 11 AND
TRAFFIC IS MOVING THROUGH THE SAFETY ZONE IN A CONTROLLED MANNER.
CURRENTLY THE BARGE IS PARTIALLY SUBMERGED IVO MM 95.7 WHERE IT IS
RESTING AGAINST THE CRESCENT CITY CONNECTION BRIDGE. A UNIFIED COMMAND
HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT THE OIL MOP FACILITY IN BELLE CHASSE, LA. BLACK
OIL CONTINUES TO LEAK FROM SOURCE. NO OIL OBSERVED IVO POINTE A LA
HACHE (APPROX MM 50) AND BELOW.

B. O/S WX: AIR 95 DEG F; WINDS NE 4 KTS, 10 MI VIS. LMR
86 DEG F; LMR STAGE 8.6 FT ON CARROLLTON GAUGE.

C. VESSEL DATA:

1. M/V TINTOMARA, 9234599, LIBERIA, 26914 GT, 600.5 FT IN LENGTH,
CHEMICAL TANK SHIP.
2. UTV MEL OLIVER, 614387, US, 162 GT, 61.2 FT IN LENGTH.
3. ACL BARGE DM932, 546058, US, 798 GT, 195 FT IN LENGTH.

D. OWNER/OPERATOR:

1. M/V TINTOMARA: WHITEFIN SHIPPING CO.
2. UTV MEL OLIVER: OLIN CORPORATION (MANAGING OWNER IS AMERICAN
COMMERCIAL LINES).
3. ACL BARGE DM932: AMERICAN COMMERCIAL LINES.

E. SAR STATUS: N/A.

G. NATURAL RESOURCES AT RISK: THE SHORELINES ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER NEAR NEW ORLEANS ARE PRIMARILY MAN-MADE STRUCTURES AND RIPRAP. INTERMEDIATE MARSH, FORESTED WETLANDS, FRESHWATER MARSH, SCRUB SHRUB WETLANDS, RIPRAP, AND SHELTERED, VEGETATED LOW BANKS ARE COMMON. GULF STURGEON (FEDERALLY THREATENED) MAY BE PRESENT IN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. PIPING PLOVER (FEDERALLY THREATENED) BEGIN TO ARRIVE FOR WINTERING IN AUGUST ON ISLANDS IN PASS A LOUÏRE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) IN EAST BAY AND IN GARDEN BAY. BROWN PELICAN (FEDERALLY ENDANGERED) NEST FROM NOV-JUL IN PASS A LOUÏRE WMA. WADING BIRDS ARE COMMON IN ADJACENT BATTURE. SEVERAL STATE AND FEDERAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE AREAS ARE IN OR ADJACENT TO THE SPILL LOCATION. OVER 30K FT OF BOOM HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS. OILED WILDLIFE HOTLINE: (504) 393-0353.

H. ECONOMIC IMPACT: SAFETY ZONE IN PLACE FROM MM 98 TO MM 11. DEEP DRAFT VESSEL TRAFFIC ALLOWED TO MOVE IN CONTROLLED MANNER AS PER MTRSU PRIORITIZATION.

I. KEY STAKEHOLDER ISSUES: PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SAFETY, POLLUTION MITIGATION, AND RESUMPTION OF COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC.

J. HEALTH AND HUMAN SAFETY FACTORS: HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH #6 FUEL OIL; RESIDENTIAL WATER INTAKES FROM LMR, SEE PARA 3.D. BELOW. AIR MONITORING EFFORTS CONTINUE IN ZONE A (MM 99 - MM 92) IVO CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT. AIR MONITORING EFFORTS IN ZONES B - S (DOWN RIVER) HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED. ALL AIR MONITORING TESTS TO DATE HAVE YIELDED SAFE RESULTS.

K. MEDIA INTEREST: HIGH.

L. CASUALTY INFORMATION: ACL BARGE DM932 SIGNIFICANTLY RUPTURED AND PARTIALLY SUNK AT APPROX MM 95.7, NEXT TO CRESCENT CITY CONNECTION BRIDGE.

M. INCIDENT/UNIFIED COMMAND STATUS: UNIFIED COMMAND ESTABLISHED AT OIL MOP FACILITY AT 131 KEATING DRIVE, BELLE CHASSE, LA 70035.

2. ACTION TAKEN SINCE 271800R JUL 08:

A. 271940R JUL 08: SAFETY BROADCAST NOTICE TO MARINERS WAS UPDATED TO REFLECT CHANGES IN THE SAFETY ZONE. THE COTP HAS ESTABLISHED A SAFETY ZONE FROM MM 98 TO MM 11 ABOVE THE HEAD OF PASSES, LMR, AND ALLOWS EAST/WEST TRAFFIC TO TRANSIT THROUGH BAPTISTE COLLETTE BAYOU AND TIGER AND BRAND PASSES. NO OIL IS BEING OBSERVED BELOW MM 11. TRAFFIC IS ALLOWED TO MOVE THROUGH THE SAFETY ZONE WITH MINIMUM WAKE.

B. 280530R JUL 08: OPS BRIEFING CONDUCTED. SAFETY OFFICER STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKING OUTDOORS IN THE SUMMER HEAT; EMPHASIZING THE USE OF COOL DOWN AREAS AND HYDRATION. DEMOB PLAN PENDS.

C. 0700R SYSTEMATIC DECONTAMINATION OF DEEP DRAFT VESSELS COMMENCED IVO CBD AND AT BOOTHVILLE ANCHORAGE.

D. 0715R RP OVERFLIGHT.

E. 0920R RP OVERFLIGHT.

F. 1000R COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF MEETING CONDUCTED. IMPORTANT TOPICS INCLUDED SALVAGE OF DM 932. A SPECIALIZED PAD EYE IS BEING DESIGNED/FABRICATED TO SECURE THE BARGE FOR SALVAGE. UPDATES TO THE DECONTAMINATION PLAN ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TODAY AND DEMOBILIZATION PLAN IS TO BE SUBMITTED 29 JULY 08.

G. 1000R RECEIVED SITUATION UPDATE. 9 OF 30 VESSELS IN QUEUE CLEARED FOR SOUTH BOUND TRANSIT. NORTH BOUND STOPPED TEMPORARILY DUE TO POWER LOSS ON M/V BLED AND NEED FOR EMERGENCY ANCHORING AT GENERAL ANCHORAGE.

H. 1100R UC PARTICIPATED IN PRESS BRIEFING. UC STRESSED THAT SAFETY ZONE IS IN PLACE TO CONTROL VESSEL MOVEMENTS IN SAFE MANNER VICE COMPLETELY SHUTTING DOWN RIVER. SALVAGE OPS WILL COMMENCE PENDING

FABRICATION OF PAD EYES THAT WILL BE USED TO ENSURE THE STABILITY OF DM 932 BARGE. COTP INDICATED SALVAGE OPS NOT EXPECTED TO NEGATIVELY IMPACT VESSEL MOVEMENTS. NOAA SCC EXPLAINED THAT OIL IS HAVING MINIMAL IMPACT ON SENSITIVE AREAS. BOOM AND NATURAL PROCESSES HIGHLY EFFECTIVE AT KEEPING MOST OF THE OIL IN RIVER CHANNEL. 1500 PRESS BRIEFING WAS CANCELLED.

I. 1112R M/V BLED TOWED DEAD SHIP TO FIRST STREET WHARF AT MM 99.

J. 1200R INDUSTRIAL LOCK OPENED.

K. 1350R RP OVERFLIGHT.

L. 1630R RP OVERFLIGHT.

M. 1700R MSIB/COTP ORDER: VTS TO CONTROL ALL VSL MOVEMENTS WITHIN SAFETY ZONE. ALL PRIORITY MOVEMENTS WILL BE CONTROLLED THROUGH VTS. ALL CLEAN TOWS OUTSIDE SAFETY ZONE WILL BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO TRANSIT AFTER NOTIFYING VTS. ALL CONTAMINATED TOWS MUST CONTACT ICP TO SCHEDULE CLEANING AND INSPECTION PRIOR TO GETTING UNDERWAY. IHNC AND ALGIERS LOCKS LOCKING UNDER NORMAL PROCEDURES AND ACCEPTING LOCK TURNS FROM REMOTE LOCATIONS. NO TOWS WILL BE ALLOWED TO STANDBY IN SAFETY ZONE PRIOR TO LOCKING.

3. ADDITIONAL INFO:

A. AS OF 271800R JUL 08, THE FOLLOWING 5 OSRO'S WITH OVER 1023 EMPLOYEES ARE O/S: OIL MOP, E.S.H, U.S.E.S, MSRC, AND CLEAN HARBOR. A TOTAL OF 166 WORK BOATS, 06 BARGES, AND 03 TUGS ARE ASSIGNED AND IN USE. 151,286 FT OF BOOM HAS BEEN DEPLOYED. 35 SKIMMERS AND 17 VACUUM TRUCKS ARE ASSIGNED. BOOMING OF ALL WATER INTAKES AT RISK HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND ARE BEING MONITORED. BOOMING OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS CONTINUES TO PROVE EFFECTIVE. THESE AREAS ARE LOCATED BETWEEN MM 19 AND MM 25. 72,000 GALS OF OIL/WATER MIXTURE HAVE BEEN RECOVERED AND AN ESTIMATED 54,600 GALS OF OIL HAVE EVAPORATED AS OF 271800R JUL 08.

B. OVERFLIGHT RESULTS: OBSERVED MINIMAL SHEENING ABOVE MM 72, 10 PERCENT SHEEN BETWEEN MM 72 AND 57, OIL ON SHORELINE FROM MM 72 TO MM 67 DUE TO RECEEDING RIVER STAGE, BLACK STREAMERS AND 2-3 PERCENT SHEENING BETWEEN MM 55 AND MM 50, AND NO SHEENING OBSERVED BELOW MM 50.

C. VOLUNTEER PLAN HAS BEEN DRAFTED.

D. POTABLE WATER INTAKES IMPACTED: ALL POTABLE WATER INTAKES IN EFFECTED AREA ARE NOW OPEN. EPA CONTINUES TO TAKE SAMPLES FOR ALL POTABLE WATER INTAKES. ALL SAMPLES TO DATE HAVE TESTED NEGATIVE FOR HYDROCARBONS OR OIL CONTAMINATION.

E. VESSEL DECONTAMINATION: 84 DEEP DRAFT VESSELS ORIGINALLY IMPACTED BY SPILL HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AND/OR DECONTAMINATED TO DATE AND ALLOWED TO SAIL. 11 DEEP DRAFT VESSELS ORIGINALLY IMPACTED BY SPILL ARE SKED TO BE DECONTAMINATED ON 29 JUL 08. OVER 800 TUG/BARGES WERE ORIGINALLY IMPACTED BY SPILL. TUGS WILL TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER BARGES IN DECONTAMINATION PROCESS. VESSELS ENTERING AND PASSING THROUGH SAFETY ZONE FOR FIRST TIME ARE NOT SUBJECT TO STRINGENT DECONTAMINATION PROCESS, BUT ARE OBSERVED DURING TRANSIT FOR SIGNS OF CONTAMINATION. DECONTAMINATION EFFORTS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE WITHIN 2,000 YDS ABOVE AND 1000 YDS BELOW POTABLE WATER INTAKES.

G. RECEIVED REPORTS OF EXCESSIVE WAKE CAUSED BY DOWNBOUND TRAFFIC DISTURBING BOOM. VTC NOLA IS BROADCASTING WARNING NOTICES AND MONITORING AIS FOR EXCESSIVE VESSEL SPEEDS THAT MIGHT CREATE A WAKE THAT WOULD ENDANGER SHORELINE CLEAN UP CREWS OR DISTURB BOOMS.

H. PREVIOUSLY PLANNED DREDGING IS AUTHORIZED AT PORT OF NEW ORLEANS CRUISE TERMINAL BEGINNING 29 JUL 08 IN ANTICIPATION OF CARNIVAL CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL ON 31 JUL 08.

I. DISTRIBUTED LA STATE 700 MHZ RADIOS TO POLLUTION RECOVERY TEAMS. COMMS MAINTAINED ON INTEROP-2 TALKGROUP.

J. 4 SHORELINE CLEANUP ASSESSMENT TEAMS (SCAT) HAVE BEEN ASSEMBLED CONSISTING OF MEMBERS FROM NOAA, LADEQ, ENTRIX AND USCG.

K. 9 STAGING AREAS ESTABLISHED TO SUPPORT FIELD RECOVERY OPS.

L. WILDLIFE IMPACT TO DATE: 130 TOTAL BIRDS SPOTTED, 1 DOVE HAS BEEN CAPTURED AND TREATED FOR OIL CONTAMINATION.

4. MARITIME TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM RECOVERY.

A. NUMBER OF VESSEL TRANSITS THROUGH SAFETY ZONE SINCE 271800R JUL 08:

- (1) DEEPDRAFT-47 (22 NB AND 25 SB)
- (2) SEAGOING BARGES-7
- (3) DECONTAMINATED DEEPDRAFT-6 (5 NB AND 1 SB)

B. ICW: MISSISSIPPI RIVER PORTION OF ICW IS OPEN. VESSELS TRANSITING THE ICW ARE NOW PERMITTED TO CROSS AND ARE BEING INSPECTED WHILE CROSSING FOR CONTAMINATION.

C. THE HARVEY LOCK IS FULLY OPERATIONAL. THE INDUSTRIAL AND ALGIERS LOCKS ARE PARTIALLY OPEATIONAL. VESSELS WISHING TO TRANSIT FROM THE CANAL INTO THE LMR ARE AUTHORIZED TRANSIT 24 HOURS PER DAY. VESSELS WISHING TO LOCK THROUGH THE INDUSTRIAL AND ALGIERS LOCKS FROM THE LMR TO THE CANAL ARE RESTRICTED TO DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY.

D. VESSEL TRAFFIC IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE TOMORROW AS MORE VESSELS COMPLETE DECONTAMINATION. MTRSU HAS ESTABLISHED PRIORITY LIST. ANTICIPATE RESUMING NORMAL VESSEL VETTING PROCESS ON 29 JUL 08.

F. OVERALL VESSEL TRAFFIC STATUS AS OF 281600R JUL 08:

- (1) DEEP DRAFT VESSELS IN QUEUE: 75 VESSELS APPROVED FOR ENTRY.
- (2) TUGS AND BARGES: 17 TUG AND BARGE COMBINATIONS HAVE BEEN MOVED THROUGH THE INNER HARBOR NAVIGATION (INDUSTRIAL) CANAL LOCKS.
- (3) 884 BARGES AND 30 BOATS IN FLEETING AREAS BETWEEN GNO BRIDGE AND MM 57.5.

5. FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. SECNOLA WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH ALL PARTNERS TO ENSURE PERSONNEL SAFETY, TO EXPEDITE POLLUTION MITIGATION EFFORTS AND TO RESUME COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC AS SOON AS PRACTICAL.

B. THE FOLLOWING RP OVERFLIGHTS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR 29 JUL 08: 0700R, 1330R, 1630R.

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