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Media Advisory

2010 SONS media availability

PORTLAND, Maine -- Media are invited to attend two press availabilities for the 2010 Spill of National Significance (SONS) exercise today, first the Maine Department of Environmental Protection will host an oiled wildlife cleaning simulation at 1 p.m., then the Unified Command will host a press briefing at 3 p.m. at the Holiday Inn by the Bay.

WHO: Media invited

WHAT: Press briefing and oiled wildlife simulation for 2010 SONS Exercise

WHEN: Wednesday, March 24, at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

WHERE: 1 p.m. at the Maine DEP wildlife rehabilitation center, 312 Canco Rd., Portland, Maine, and 3 p.m. at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring St. Portland, Maine 04101.

Unified command members will address the media about the 2010 SONS exercise.

SONS 2010 is the only Coast Guard-sponsored Department of Homeland Security Tier II exercise on the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program five-year calendar. The regional exercise involves more than 600 members from a variety of federal, state, local, tribal and private organizations.

Editors Note: Parking is very limited at Maine DEP visitors are being asked to park at the neighboring Baptist Church building next to Maine DEP, and in the parking area closest to building. This church is on the corner of Canco Rd. and Washington Ave. with an entrance on Canco Rd. There is a sidewalk between the church and Maine DEP. On-street parking is also allowed during the day on the far side from the Maine DEP office. Please do not park in the Maine DEP building's general visitor parking at the front of the building. Building Entry: Once at Maine DEP, walk around the outside to the back of the building and enter through the door to the far right (right of garage bay doors). This door will be locked from the outside, so knock if someone does not immediately greet you.

For the 3 p.m. press briefing, media are asked to sign in at the SONS registration desk in the lobby of the Holiday Inn.

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