

Dec 2024



Regional  
Response  
Team 3

# Federal On-Scene Coordinator Reports





# USCG Delaware Bay, FOSC Report – Dec 2024

## Notable Cases / Events

- 29 May 24, Delaware City Refining discharged 20+ barrels of Hibernia Crude Oil into the Delaware River due to a gasket failure in their pipeline. Discharge contained to marshlands and mudflats. Novel recovery methods used.
- 12 Sep 24, the Tank Barge DOUBLE SKIN 59 discharged 65 barrels of fuel oil (RMG38) into the Christina River, DE.

## Best Practices / Lessons Learned / Challenges

- In response to recent salvage events, SDB produced a list of triggers that will require salvage plans and input from the CG Salvage Engineering Response Team (SERT).
- DOUBLE SKIN 59:
  - Having DECON equipment on scene within the first 12 hours.
  - Incident Action Plans generated in a timely manner discussing scope of operations over a 24-hour operational period.
  - Communication between RP and agencies was consistent and appreciated.

## Exercises / Training

- Government Initiated Unannounced Exercises:
  - 10 Jul 24 - Eco Energy – Successful after fail on 16Feb23.
  - 31 Jul 24 - Energy Transfer Eagle Point – Successful.
  - 04 Dec 24 - Crown Point International – Successful.
- 13 Jun 24 - Spill of National Significance Engagement.
- 29 Aug 24 - Monroe Energy Pipeline Spill Exercise.
- 09 Oct 24 - Area Committee Mtg. (Cape May Pt. Science Ctr.)
- 03 Dec 24 - Philadelphia HazMat Response Meet and Greet.
- 09 Jan 25 - Executive Steering Committee Meeting.
- 22 Jan 25 - Area Committee Meeting.
- 13-15 May 25 – Atlantic Strike Team Response Workshop.

## Significant Agency or Organizational Updates

- LCDR Samantha Watson, Chief of Incident Management.
- LCDR Joshua McElhaney, Chief of Emergency Management Force Readiness.
- Senior Chief Donald Anderson, Marine Environmental Response Supervisor.
- 25 Oct 24 – Sector Delaware Bay recognized for the 2024 Outstanding Wildlife Leadership Award by Tri-State Bird Rescue for support of wildlife rescue & research.





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# USCG Maryland-NCR, FOSC Report – Dec 2024

## Notable Cases / Events

- 27 July: M/Y LOVEBUG capsized in West River, MD.
- 16 Sept: Medical waste washing ashore IVO Ocean City, MD.
- 26 Sept: M/V SSI DEFIANT discharged an estimated 300 gals of heavy fuel oil into Patapsco River, MD.
- 7 Oct: S/V MIST OF AVALON sank at the Cambridge Yacht Maintenance Marina with over 1,800 gals of oily water mixture onboard.

## Exercises / Training

- 25 July: GIUE (03/04) completed at Petroleum Fuel & Terminal.
- 29 Aug: GIUE (04/04) completed at American Sugar Refining, Inc.
- 3 – 6 Sept: IMD hosted PR College for AD, RSV, AUX.
- 16 – 19 Sept: SR-UAS Ground School

## Best Practices / Lessons Learned / Challenges

- Best Practices:
  - Continued use of the ESA Consultation form developed by RRTIII.
  - Utilizing Federal, State, and Local partners to participate in GRS, Risk Analysis, and Exercise Subcommittees within Area Committee.
- Challenge: OSRO interest to participate in GIUEs has decreased significantly causing numerous GIUE failures last FY.

## Significant Agency or Organizational Updates

- Welcomed Captain Patrick Burkett as the new Sector Commander/Federal On Scene Coordinator.
- Anticipated departures June/July 2025:
  - CDR Rob Concepcion – Response Department Head
  - LCDR Kris Wrieden – EMFR
  - MST1 Michael Rhue – FOSCR





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M/Y LOVEBUG



S/V MIST OF AVALON

M/V SSI DEFIANT



# USCG Virginia, FOSC Report – Dec 2024

## Notable Cases / Events

- **M/V DALI:** The M/V DALI completed salvage and HAZMAT removal operations in SEC VA's AOR on 19 September. This three-month response effort resulted in the safe removal of an estimated 117,000 gallons of hazardous liquids.
- **29 August – 02 September 2024:** SEC VA opened a federal project and hired an OSRO to remove 350 gallons of gasoline from a sunken 32-foot sport fisher discharging gasoline in Portsmouth, VA.
- **26 September 2024:** NOAA Satellite imagery detected a seven-mile sheen off the coast of Virginia in the Atlantic Ocean. SEC VA and D5 Intel located the suspected vessel and passed the case to SEC MD-NCR for enforcement action.

## Best Practices / Lessons Learned / Challenges

- Creative response strategies such as using corrugated piping to act as secondary containment around hoses transferring hazardous liquids over the water is a cost-effective way to minimize releases caused by hose rupture.
- Interagency coordination between regional Coast Guard units, neighboring Sectors, and partner agencies is vital to successful preliminary investigations and enforcement action, as was demonstrated in the NOAA satellite imagery case.
- Challenges: Commercial Offshore Wind Farm development ~25 NM offshore; Spaceport Authority increased activity projection (launch rate will double in the next four years by FAA projections).

## Exercises / Training

### 2024

- **6-10 MAY 2024:** Port of Virginia Marine Firefighting Symposium
- **21-22 MAY 2024:** Virginia Partners in Response Conference (PREP)
- **10 JUN 2024:** Government Initiated Unannounced Exercise (Ergon Asphalt)
- **06 JUN 2024:** Quarterly Notification Drill
- **25 SEP 2024:** Government Initiated Unannounced Exercise (General Dynamics NASSCO)
- **30 SEP 2024:** Quarterly Notification Drill
- **14-18 OCT 2024:** Port of Virginia Marine Firefighting Command School
- **31 DEC 2024:** Quarterly Notification Drill

### 2025

- ESF-10 Tabletop Exercise (PREP)
- Tri-Party Oil Spill Seminar

## Significant Agency or Organizational Updates

- CAPT Aaron Demo, Deputy Sector Commander and CDR Holly Deal, Response Department Head, reported to Sector Virginia summer 2024.
- LT Michael Long earned Federal On-scene Coordinator Rep (FOSCR) qualification, bringing the total number of FOSCRs up to three.
- LTJG Erika Sawicki, MST3 Rob Morrison, and MST3 Linsey Pierre earned Environmental Response Investigator qualification.
- In October, Sector Virginia held a Preparedness Assessment Verification (PAV) of eight local OSROs with the NSFCC. There were no significant discrepancies, evidencing our preparedness!





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Intel Driven Ops  
&  
M/V DALI  
Offload

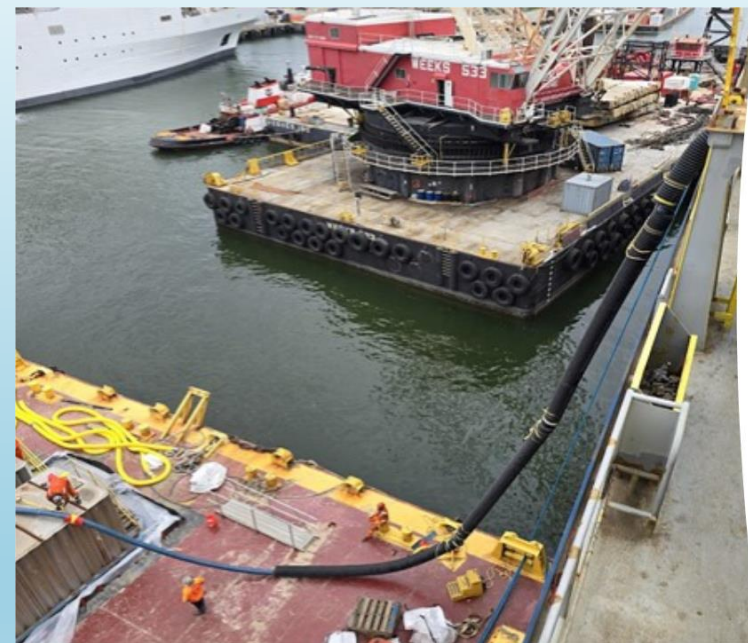


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Possible Oil depicts area that satellite analyst believes might contain oil but this is unconfirmed

**CONFIDENCE: Medium-High**  
(Low, Medium, Medium-High, High)



Possible Oil







# USCG Eastern Great Lakes FOSC Report – Dec 2024

## Notable Cases / Events

- **M/V TIM S. DOOL Grounding – November 23**
  - Saint Lawrence River, southwest of the Eisenhower Lock
  - Max potential: 181,153 gallons || Actual discharged: 0 gallons
  - D9 DRAT and Canadian CG activated CANUSLAK agreement
- **R/V SLO MOTION - August**
  - Sank in Cleveland following a storm
  - MSU Cleveland opened the Oil Liability Trust Fund to raise the vessel to remove all fuel onboard
  - Prevented any further discharge

## Best Practices / Lessons Learned / Challenges

- N/A

## Exercises / Training

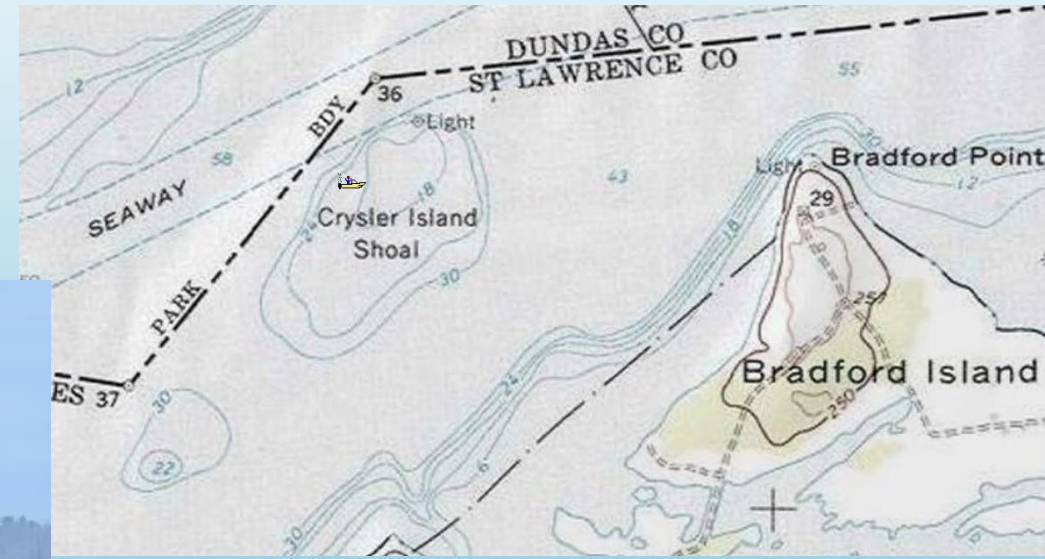
- November 21- Deployed boom for Buffalo Fire Boat, E.M. Cotter after it took on water at pier
- May 1– Boom Deployment Exercise Drill
- May 10-11 Maritime Disruption Exercise St Lawrence Seaway Tabletop TTX

## Significant Agency or Organizational Updates

- N/A



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# USCG North Carolina, FOSC Report – Dec 2024

## Notable Cases / Events

- IMD responded to 32 National Response Center Reports since 01 April 2024; The efforts resulted in 02 Letters of Warning and 02 NOVs issued to the responsible parties.
- June 27<sup>th</sup> five one-ton storage sacks (supersacks) containing trichloroisocyanuric acid (TCCA) were exposed to rainwater at the American Distillation Inc., (ADI) facility in Leland, NC. However, this was not discovered until June 29<sup>th</sup>. Sector NC assumed OSC and initiated ICP.
- USACE began initial/emergency remediation actions at Buxton Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Exercises / Training

- Supported the CG's FOSCR performance Qualification Standard (PQS) revision workshop held from August 19-23, 2024.
- Planned and hosted Hurricane Preparedness Week in conjunction with D5 HURREX TTX.
- Participated as key members in the Quarterly Clean Land & Harbor port stakeholder meeting provided key updates and fostered stakeholder coordination.
- Environmental Response Investigator College being held on December 03-05, 2024 at Sector NC.

## Best Practices / Lessons Learned / Challenges

- American Distillation Inc TCCA Case:
  - No initial NRC Report made by RP, which delayed response actions; also delayed notification from partners.
  - Early communications w/EPA on OSC authorities. On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, three days after initial notification, Sector NC transferred OSC authority to EPA Region IV, due to their expertise and current management of this case. Outstanding support from EPA.
  - Required ADI submit a site safety and health plan and a plan on how to properly mitigate and dispose of the product. Early communications on this prevented further delaying mitigation efforts.

## Significant Agency or Organizational Updates

- LCDR Brian Waters reported in as new Incident Management Division (IMD) Chief on July 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Establishment of Short-Range Unmanned Aircraft Systems (SR-UAS) Program with acquisition of SEC NC's first Parrot Anafi SR-UAS.





# USCG North Carolina, FOSC Report – Dec 2024





# USCG MSU Pittsburgh, FOSC Report – Dec 2024

## Notable Cases / Events

- 14 October 2024 – **ITV Robert Dean Moore**: Approximately two gallons of diesel was discharged into the Ohio River due to operator error. During refueling, the PIC opened a valve to a full tank which resulted in the discharge.
- Fall/Winter 2024 – **Elizabeth Dam Demolition** – Demolition continues. The channel is currently 100 feet wide and will be widened to 200 feet (early December). Once dredging/clearing of debris is complete, the channel will be widened to 300 feet (goal of mid-December).

## Best Practices / Lessons Learned / Challenges

- **BP** – Utilizing multiple personnel from varying specialties prompts decisive action, presents a uniform expectation of mariners and their Companies, effectively resolving and ultimately preventing discharges of oil into the Western Rivers.
- **LL/C** – During a recent GIUEs, MSU learned that the facility's transfer area can be difficult to access with large vacuum trucks due to steep hills and tight turns. This facility will now request a smaller vacuum truck for any further exercises/real world responses to ensure adequate access to the spill site can be obtained.

## Exercises / Training

- **Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>** - Three Rivers Pollution Response Council (TRPRC) Meeting – 50 member companies providing mutual aid for response to pollution incidents
- **Sep. 12<sup>th</sup>** – Annual AMSTEP functional exercise that tied a security incident to a pollution incident.
- **ICS** – various training for multiple members, including ICS-300, MTSL and DIVS
- **GIUEs** – Three executed since last RRT meeting; **all three resulted in a satisfactory completion.**

## Significant Agency or Organizational Updates

- **Spring/Summer 2025** - MSU Pittsburgh will experience a large turnover of personnel, five of which are qualified pollution responders.
- Personnel departing:

MST2 Niles Merritt	Incoming Personnel:
MST2 Meghan Kaufmann	MST2
MST3 Adam Sothen	MST2
MST3 Jacob Allen	MST3 G. Spock
MST3 Karla Garcia Torres	MST3 I. Muniz
	MST3 J. Wassler-Beck





# USCG MSU Pittsburgh, FOSC Report – Dec 2024







# USCG MSU Huntington, FOSC Report – Dec 2024

## Notable Cases / Events

- JAN 2018: GATE CITY sank while docked on the Big Sandy River. On Dec 4, 2024, the Dep of Justice, U.S. Attorney's Office, Charleston, WV formally recognized four active duty and two civilian U.S. Coast Guard members, and one WV DEP member with the U.S. Attorney's "Award for Excellence in Pursuit of Justice".
- FEB 2024: ITV TOM FRAZIER ran aground on the Ohio River and began taking on water in forward hull. Sheen observed from dewatering pumps.

## Best Practices / Lessons Learned / Challenges

- During the GATE CITY pollution case in 2018, municipal water intakes secured for long periods. The city of Kenova, WV required public drinking water supplies be trucked in by the state of West Virginia.

## Exercises / Training

- Huntington District Waterways Association Barge Breakaway Seminar- Fleet Security, Mooring Industry Best Practices was held November 7th 2024.
- Unit XO recently attended Clean Gulf Conference.
- USCG & Passenger Vessel VALLEY GEM - Mass Rescue Ops Functional Exercise - March 2025 - Port of Marietta, OH.

## Significant Agency or Organizational Updates

- Our new Commanding Officer, Commander (CDR) Christopher Weiser reported in June.
- Due to staffing shortages throughout the Coast Guard, all personnel stationed at our boathouse, Detached Duty Huntington, have been reassigned to other areas along with the small response boats.





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