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Sector Buffalo**



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Eastern Great Lakes Update

- M/V ORSULA grounding
- Working with Native Americans on identifying sensitive areas of concern with Seneca Nation
- Re-purposing “First Aid” trailers to Chautauqua County and Seneca Nation
- Great Lakes ACP- Currently under review by D9. They anticipate sending it out to all affected RRT’s II, III, and V in 2014.



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M/V ORSULA Grounding



➤ Incident: 25 DEC 13 M/V ORSULA (656 ft Marshal Island flagged VSL carrying a cargo of wheat to Montreal Canada) ran hard aground and is stuck IVO Tibbetts Point NY. No flooding, pollution, or injury had occurred.

➤ VESSEL Contained: 20,875 metric tons of wheat, loaded in cargo holds 1, 3, 4 and 6. 210.7 metric tons of fuel

➤ ACTIONS:

A dive survey was completed and revealed that the vessel was aground on a mostly flat rocky bottom near Tibbetts Point, Cape Vincent, NY with a 1.5 degree port list and a heading of 250, and significant damage to the propeller.

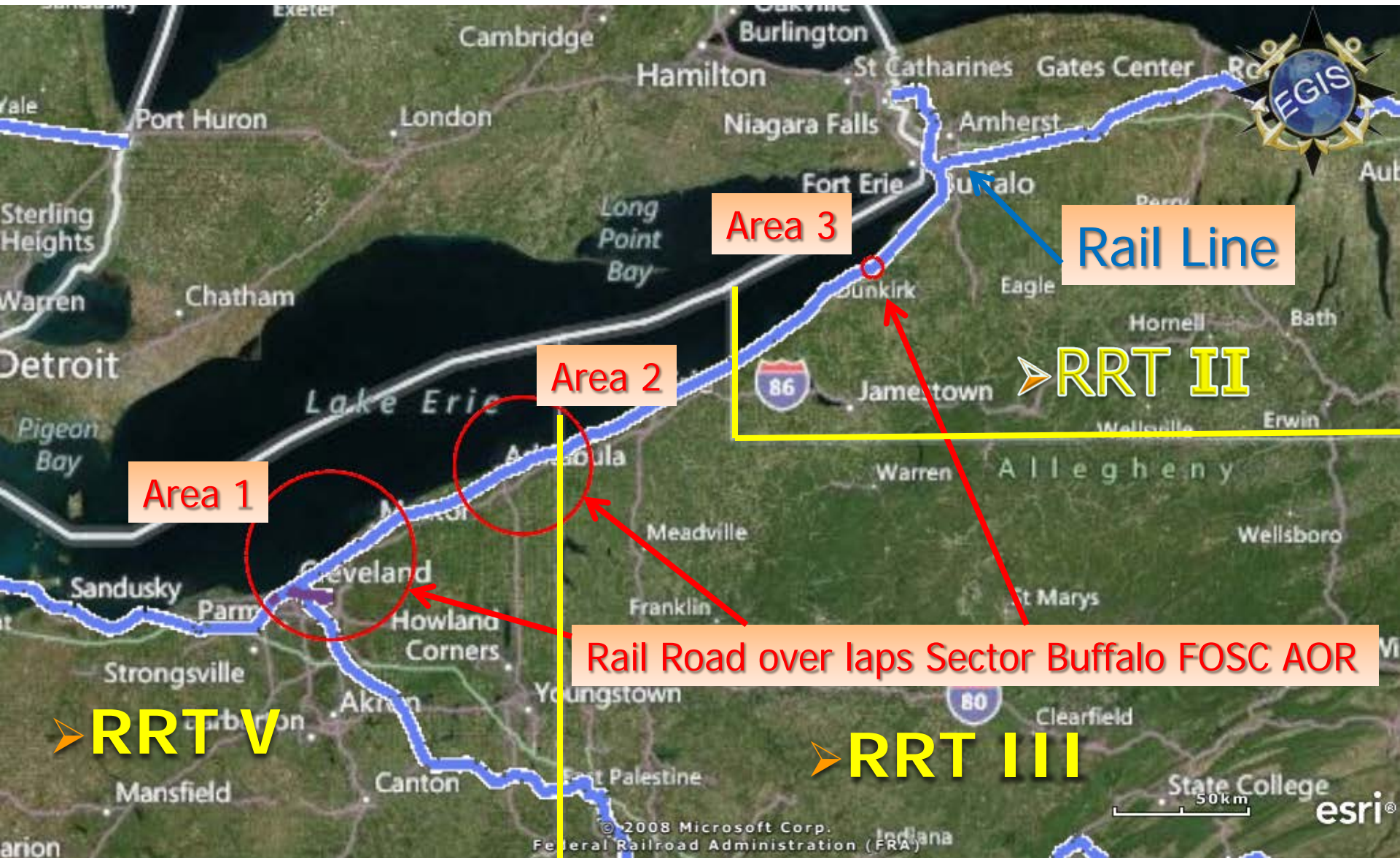
Salvage had been contracted with McKeil Marine. Efforts included include ballasting and lightering to a barges. McKeil Marine built a detailed salvage plan.

We Encouraged cooperation with both internal and external partners, the team expertly established communications throughout the entire operations for briefing Coast Guard and the Area Committee members of the Saint Lawrence Seaway, an environmentally sensitive region.

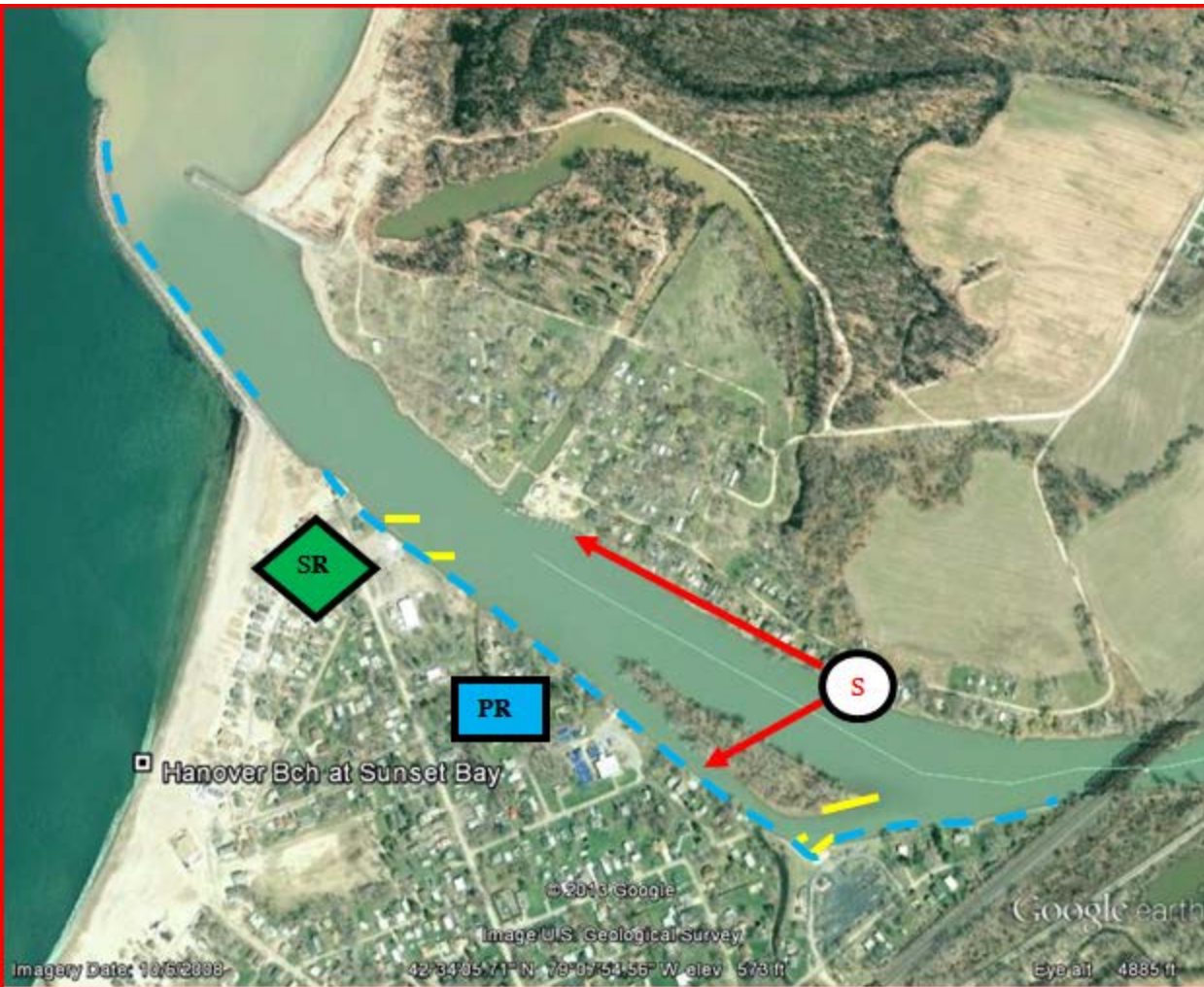
Throughout the incident, Sector Buffalo and Marine Safety Detachment Massena utilized the geographical response plan to coordinate all logistical arrangements and identify economic and environmentally sensitive areas for the region.

Entire salvage operation being completed within five days with no injuries or pollution; thus, ensuring the vessel's safe transit through the Seaway prior to its closure for the winter.

➤ Rail Road through Sector Buffalo



➤ Booming Strategy Verification: Site 18 – Cattaraugus Creek



- **Objectives:** Evaluate St Lawrence Geographic
➤ Response Plan (GRP), and test underway deployment of staged oil boom and other equipment
- **IC:** Sector Buffalo/D9 DRAT
- **Location:** Dunkirk, NY
- **Date:** July 2014
- **Participants:** Seneca Emergency Management/Fire Department, Chautauqua CO, Sector Buffalo.

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