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**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2020 3:59 PM  
**To:** Rahn, Matthew W - DNR  
**Cc:** Sager, John E - DNR  
**Subject:** Fwd: For info only: MEP/MS - USCG Sector Sault Ste Marie - Diesel Fuel Discharge - Superior, WI

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**From:** "Morrison, David" <[Morrison.David@epa.gov](mailto:Morrison.David@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** Mon, Mar 16, 2020 at 3:57 PM -0500  
**Subject:** FW: For info only: MEP/MS - USCG Sector Sault Ste Marie - Diesel Fuel Discharge - Superior, WI  
**To:** "Lowery, Jason B - DNR" <[Jason.Lowery@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Jason.Lowery@wisconsin.gov)>

Jason, FYI

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ninth District Command Center  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2020 2:40 PM  
**To:** D09-DG-District-D9 Notification MS ; D09-DG-District-D9 Notification MEP  
**Subject:** MEP/MS - Sector Sault Ste Marie - Diesel Fuel Discharge - Superior, WI (Update #3)

UPDATE #3: MSU Duluth JOOD reports that sorbent boom will remain until Friday, 20 MAR 20. Surface recovery operations are complete. M/V JAMES L OBERTAR will depart Monday, 23 MAR 20. MSU Duluth issued NOFI. Case closed for email briefing purposes.

UPDATE #2: MSU Duluth JOOD reports that OSRO has recovered 75% - 80% of product via vacuum truck and will continue throughout this evening. Source of the spill was due to an overflow on the main deck of the vessel. The vessel's crew will affect cleanup of the deck and superstructure. MSU Duluth personnel departing the scene for the evening and will return in the morning to re-inspect. Case pends.

UPDATE #1: Sector Sault Ste Marie reported that MSU Duluth's JOOD, IO, and RP arrived on scene, and determined the discharge to be closer to 500 gallons vice the 100-200 gallons originally reported. A local OSRO currently has a VAC truck on scene working to recover the discharged diesel. The shipyard has deploy sorbent pads, and there is another VAC truck and skimmer en route. MSU Duluth personnel will remain on scene and continue to monitor. Case pends.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ninth District Command Center  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2020 3:42 PM  
**To:** D09-DG-District-D9 Notification MEP ; D09-DG-District-D9 Notification MS

Subject: MEP/MS - Sector Sault Ste Marie - Diesel Fuel Discharge - Superior, WI (Initial)

INCIDENT TYPE: INITIAL - MEP/MS  
DATE/TIME INCIDENT: 151649Z MAR 20  
VESSEL: M/V HON JAMES L OBERSTAR  
IC: Sector Sault Ste Marie  
GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION: Howards Bay (Fraser Shipyard) - Superior, WI  
MISLE: 943326

SITUATION: Sector Sault Ste Marie received a NRC notification (1273545) concerning a diesel fuel discharge from the M/V HON JAMES L OBERSTAR, Howards Bay (Fraser Shipyard), Superior, WI. The vessel was reported to have discharged 100-200 gallons of diesel fuel into the water while fueling. The cause was found to be a hydraulic quick closing valve that was not secured properly. The source of the discharge has been secured.

ACTION: Sector Sault Ste Marie notified MSU Duluth JOOD. The JOOD spoke with the Chief Engineer and was told that the diesel has been contained with two booms, deployed by the M/V HON JAMES L OBERSTAR. Fraser Shipyard is deploying a vessel with a VOSS and local OSRO is en route with a vacuum truck. D9CC briefed D9 (DRAT). Case pends.

FUTURE ACTIONS: MSU Duluth pollution responders will monitor and verify the cleanup activities.

**From:** Christensen, Paul <PChristensen@interlake-steamship.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2020 2:21 PM  
**To:** Rahn, Matthew W - DNR  
**Subject:** FW: Update 3  
**Attachments:** 1.jpg; 2.jpg; 3.jpg; 4.jpg; 5.jpg; 1.jpg; 2.jpg; 3.jpg; 4.jpg; 5.jpg; 6.jpg; 7.jpg; 8.jpg; 9.jpg

Matt-

Below is the unofficial reports I received from the oil spill yesterday.

If you have any questions please feel free to call.

Respectfully,

Paul

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**From:** Bill Hazel <[bhazel@marinepollutioncontrol.com](mailto:bhazel@marinepollutioncontrol.com)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Update 3

Update 3:

- On water recovery operations have concluded. Final volumes are ~1,600 gallons O/W mixture on OSI Vac Truck and ~2,800 gallons O/W mixture on Stack Bros Vac Tanker (Wenck subcon).
- The OSI Vac Tanker will demobilize to Eveleth home office and waste will be disposed of at OSI (Manifest will be sent later today – Interlake reps signed on site).
- The Stack Bros tanker will stay at Fraser overnight and be disposed of in same manner in the morning (Manifest will be sent later today – Interlake reps signed on site).
- 21 drums of solid waste (sorbents, PPE) were accumulated. Fraser personnel have labeled the drums and will dispose of them.
- USCG was on site approx. 1700, inspected it, deemed it a satisfactory response, and will inspect again tomorrow.
- We will release our crews with no plan to return tomorrow unless it is deemed necessary; daylight inspection will guide that decision.
- Crew leader (S Merritt – Wenck) reported that things went very well.
- Worksheets and other paperwork will be compiled earliest.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Bill Hazel  
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**Subject:** RE: Update 1

Update 2:

5 Personnel on Site (2 Wenck, 3 OSI)  
1 Vac Truck on Site (OSI)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vac Truck/skimmer eta 30 minutes (Wenck)  
1 Response Trailer On Site  
2<sup>nd</sup> Response Trailer (Bay West) in route  
1 Storage Trailer in route (recovered O/W mixture relief)

Spoke w/USCG they appear satisfied with response – they indicated potentially 450 gallons lost (undetermined how much in water vs on deck).

Will advise as additional resources arrive.

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**Subject:** Update 1

Thanks, SDS received.

First Update:

14:54 – First two OSRO personnel on site (Merritt + 1 from Wenck Env).

Assets in route:

Wenck – 4 additional personnel (6 total), 1 Vac Truck with Skimmer, 1 Response/Boom Trailer, 1 Small Boat

OSI – 1 Supervisor and 2 technicians – 1 Vac Truck

Bay West – 2 Personnel and Boom Trailer/Absorbents/Drums

Totals:

Personnel: 9  
Vac Trucks: 2  
Skimmers: 1  
Boom/Response Trailers: 2

Will update information earliest.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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**Subject:** SDS for Diesel Oil

Bill-

Attached is the SDS for Diesel oil aboard the HJLO.

If you have any questions, please call.

Regards,

Paul

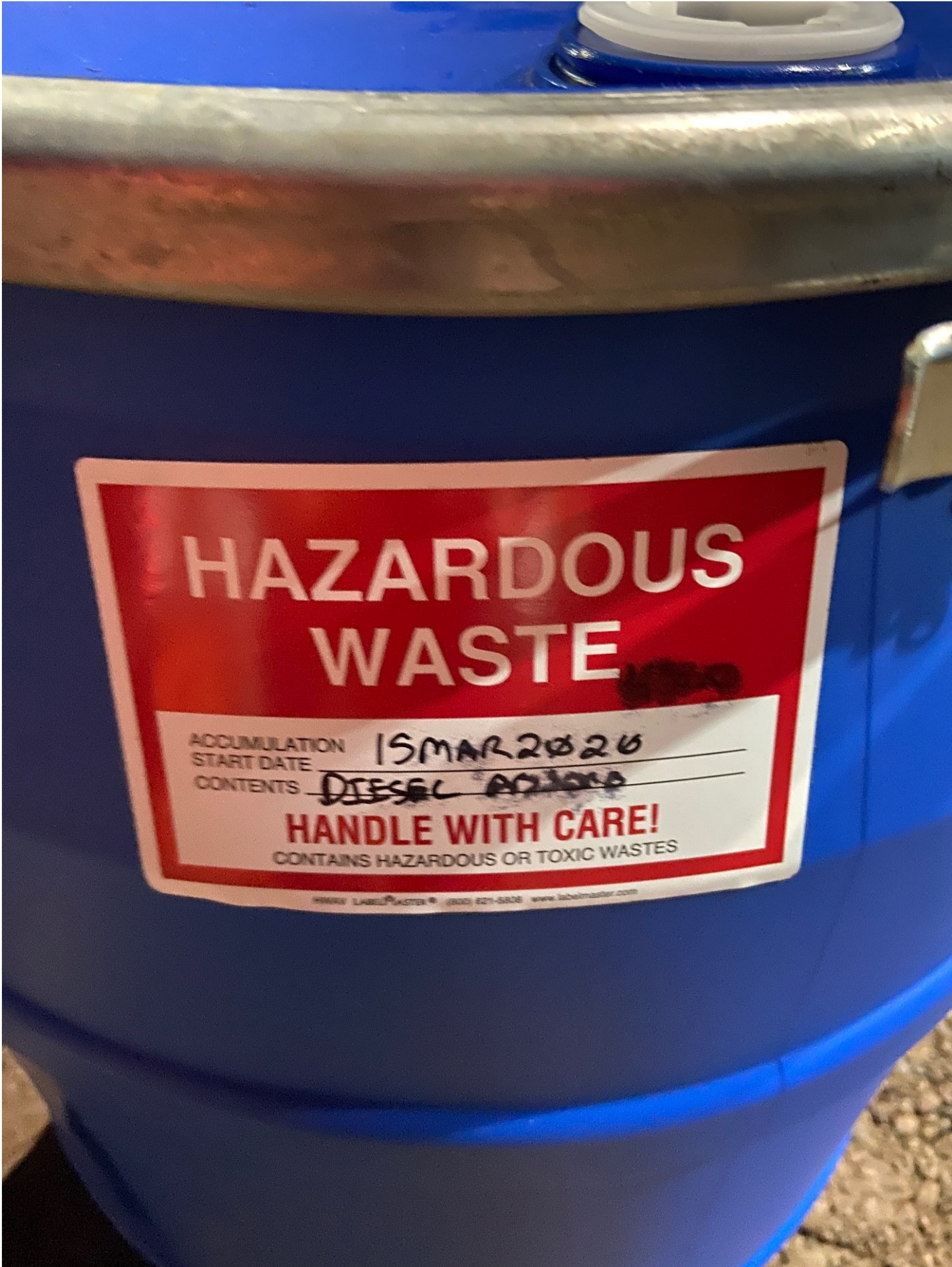












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