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From:

CG SECTOR Houston-Galveston

To:

Regional Response Team 6 (RRT-6)

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PREAPPROVED LOCATIONS FOR THE USE OF SURFACE WASHING AGENTS

Ref:

(a) RRT-6 Emergency Response Preapproved Guidelines to Decontaminate Vessels and Hard Structures in Port Areas Using Surface Washing Agents dated 2003

- 1. Per reference (a), as Chair of the Central Texas Coastal Area Committee (CTAC), I request RRT-6 preapproval for use of surface washing agents (SWA) within the following five specified port locations:
 - A. Upper Houston Ship Channel (including Barbour's Cut)
 - B. Bayport Ship Channel
 - C. Freeport
 - D. Texas City Ship Channel
 - E. Galveston Channel
- 2. The Central Texas Coastal Area Contingency Plan Section 3253 is provided for your review and comment (enclosure 1). I have requested and received concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Marine Fisheries Service for required consultations (enclosures 2, 3, and 4).
- 3. Thank you for your timely consideration of this request. Please direct any questions to my primary POC: LTJG Denys Rivas at (281) 464-4866 or Denys.Rivas@uscg.mil.

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- Enclosures: (1) Central Texas Coastal Area Contingency Plan Section 3253
 - (2) USFWS Concurrence
 - (3) NMFS EFH Concurrence
 - (4) NMFS ESA Section 7 Concurrence

NOAA Scientific Support Coordinator

Department of the Interior representative to RRT-6

Department of Commerce representative to RRT-6