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From: Regional Response Team (RRT) 6

To: B. K. PENOYER, CAPT
CG SECTOR Houston-Galveston

Date: October 10, 2014

Subj: SURFACE WASHING AGENT PREAUTHORIZATION

Ref: (a) RRT-6 Emergency Response Preauthorization Guidelines to Decontaminate Vessels and Hard Structures in Port Areas Using Surface Washing Agents, dated 2003
(b) Your memo 16474 dated 15 Sep 2014

1. Per reference (a), RRT6 grants you, as the Chair of the Central Texas Coastal Area Committee (CTCAC) and predesignated Federal On-Scene Coordinator, surface washing agent preauthorization. As such, you will implement this preauthorization through the Central Texas Coastal Area Contingency Plan (CTCACP) Section 3253 which can be accessed at the following website: <http://www.homeport.uscg.mil/>. Per 40 CFR 300.5, a surface washing agent is any product that removes oil from solid surfaces through a detergency mechanism and does not involve dispersing or solubilizing the oil into the water column. This preauthorization is granted for the following five port locations as specified within reference (b) and the CTCACP Section 3253:
 - a. Upper Houston Ship Channel (including Barbour's Cut)
 - b. Bayport Ship Channel
 - c. Freeport
 - d. Texas City Ship Channel
 - e. Galveston Channel
2. This preauthorization has no expiration date; however, we encourage the CTCAC to conduct periodic review of locations and response protocols, updating as necessary. Any requests for surface washing agents beyond these five identified port locations must be directed to the RRT6 for consideration.
3. Thank you for your commitment to improved preparedness. Please direct any questions to Mr. Michael Sams, USCG RRT6 Co-Chair at 504-671-2234 or Michael.K.Sams@uscg.mil.

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