

USCG Sector Buffalo

Dates of Report: 01JAN2023-Present

1. Update of U. S. Coast Guard Sector Buffalo activities:

a. Activations / Notifications 01JAN2023 to Present:

Sector Buffalo – Number of Pollution Reports

- 319

Sector Buffalo – Number of Federalized Cases

- 0

Sector Buffalo – Number of Criminal Cases

- 0

b. Notable Cases (brief summary for each incident):

i. N/A

c. Training & Readiness Highlights:

i. 15 Aug 2023: MTS Ogdensburg boom deployment/GRS validation – discovered there was not a strategy in the GRS for the Port of Ogdensburg that was designed to divert oil from upstream and collect at the Port of Ogdensburg – however, with the use of USCG UAS and NY State DEC UAS – the team of Tribal, local EMS, NY State DEC and USCG personnel developed both – a diversion into a collection point for vac truck recovery at the main docks in the Port of Ogdensburg.

ii. 1 Aug 2023: The Buffalo Emergency Response Group (Consortium), conducted a boom deployment exercise on the upper Niagara River. Scenario was a tank failure that breached its berm containment and discharged oil. The consortium worked together deploying response equipment from all 4 involved facilities; Marathon, Sun Terminal Pipeline, Suite Kote, & United Refining to attempt to slow down and then collect oil at various points on the river. This included 2 work boats and a staged boom on reel from a dock at Marathon.

d. Future Exercises:

i. Yearly Joint agency/tribal boom deployment/Tier 3 Geographic Response Strategy (GRS) Date: 24 Aug 2024 subject to change depending on RNC/DNC dates.

ii. Western NY Area Contingency plan Incident Management Team exercise; 12 Sep 2024. This will be a Tier 3 response strategy at a designated site in Western NY. Site not determined as of yet by planning group.

e. **Other Highlights**

- i. Sector acquired 2 Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) from D9, there are currently 8 qualified pilots. 1 located at Sector Buffalo proper, 1 located at MSD Thousand Islands.
- ii. Sector Buffalo has new Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) for response deployment from D9. The ROV (Deep Trekker DTG3) operates tethered to a surface unit, has an optical camera for surveying, and has a depth capability of approximately 200m.

f. **Future Events / Meetings:**

- i. Nothing additional to report.

g. **Additional/Miscellaneous information:**

- i. Nothing additional to report.

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