



U.S. COAST GUARD SECTOR BUFFALO INCIDENT MANAGEMENT DIVISION

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USCG FOSC SUMMARY IN LAST 6 MONTHS

- } NRC Notifications

- } 48

- } Federal Cases

- } OPA - 0

- } CERCLA - 0



NOTABLE INCIDENT

Bethlehem Steel Warehouse Fire

- } 09 November 2016
- } Sector Buffalo Command Center received a report of a major fire at the old Bethlehem Steel Warehouse in Lackawanna, New York.



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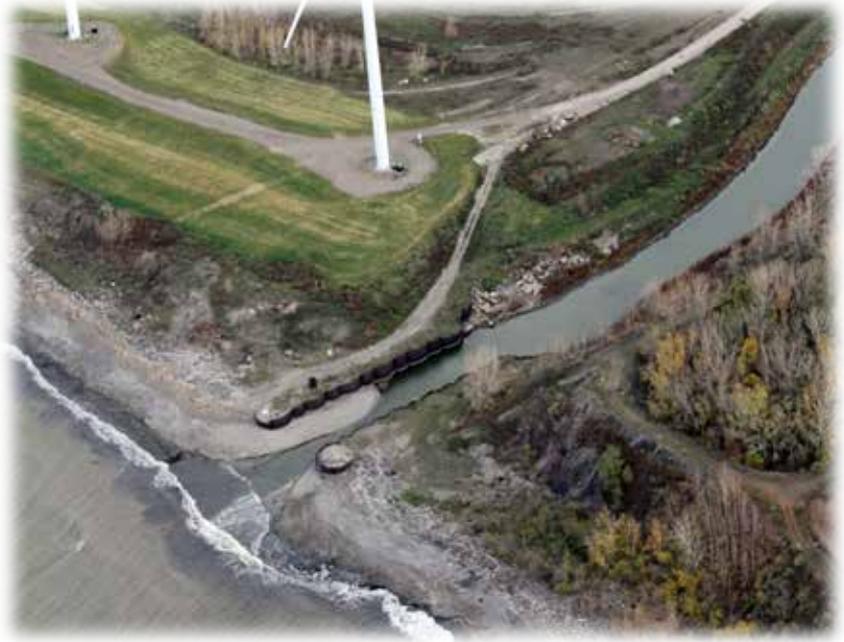
- } USCG's major concern was water runoff from the plant outflow falls that lead into Smoke Creek which is drains into Lake Erie.
- } The Warehouse was being used for storing:
 - } Boats
 - } Cars
 - } Campers
 - } Paper
 - } Cardboard
 - } Recycled Metal



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- } USCG Pollution Responders worked closely with EPA and New York DEC to set up booming strategies to prevent any sheen from reaching Lake Erie.
- } 7 different fire departments assisted with the response.



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- } Daily boom inspections were conducted until Smoke Creek clean-ups were completed.



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2017 CANUSLAK TTX

- } In the last few years the number of commercial groundings occurring on the St. Lawrence River has increased.
- } In 2017, USCG Sector Buffalo requested assistance from response agencies on both sides of the border to hold a series of exercises to improve the international process.
- } January 2017, the first TTX was held to address specific salvage and recovery issues.
- } March 2017, the second TTX was held to go over oil being discharged during a grounding scenario.
- } May 2017, an Ocean Boom deployment will be conducted in Clayton, NY, designed to train local responders on how this equipment can be used to aid in an oil discharge.
- } August 2017, a “Joint CA/US Contingency Plan” exercise using the Canadian and US Lakes annex will take place to end the training series.





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