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## **CURRENT CLEANUP ACTIVITIES**

### **BARGE B120 OIL SPILL BUZZARDS BAY, MASSACHUSETTS**

This document summarizes the ongoing activities of Bouchard Transportation Company, Inc. (Bouchard) in undertaking the current Immediate Response Action (IRA) transition and ongoing cleanup and assessment activities regarding the Barge B120 oil spill in Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts.

The initial cleanup activities conducted from May to September 2003 were under the direction of Unified Command, which consisted of representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP), and Bouchard as the Responsible Party. By September 2003, the level of residual oil remaining on the shoreline had been cleaned to a level such that maintaining an incident command post was determined by Unified Command to no longer be necessary nor an efficient use of resources in order for the Responsible Party to direct the limited ongoing cleanup operations. Therefore, the incident command post was deactivated and assessment and cleanup activities were transitioned to the Licensed Site Professional (LSP) of record for this release. Because the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has a privatized system for environmental cleanup activities, the LSP is the private contractor licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to certify submittals under the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP), 310 CMR 40.0000. The MCP is the regulation established to conduct response actions in response to releases of oil and the LSP oversees the response actions in accordance with the MCP. The LSP-of-record for the B120 release is:

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Assessment and cleanup activities are currently being conducted as required by part of an IRA Plan that was prepared by the LSP and approved by MADEP. The September 15, 2003 IRA Plan that describes these current response activities is a public document that is available for review at the [buzzardsbay.org](http://buzzardsbay.org) website or at the MADEP Southeast Regional office at 20 Riverside Drive in Lakeville, Massachusetts or by contacting the LSP directly at the above address.

The three primary tasks that will be conducted under the direction of the LSP are summarized below. Please note that there are additional activities that federal and state natural resource trustees and ENTRIX, the Responsible Party's technical representative, are conducting as part of the Natural Resources Damages Assessment (NRDA) process to determine the extent of injury to natural resources and develop appropriate restoration to compensate for the environmental impact of the soil spill. The NRDA activities are not described in this letter.



## 1.0 EMERGENCY CALLS OF OIL

Representatives from GeoInsight, ENTRIX, and Gallagher Marine Systems, Inc. are jointly responding to reports of oil on the shoreline. GeoInsight is the primary point-of-contact for reports of oil from the B120 oil spill. In the event of a report of oil from the B120 oil spill, you should notify the LSP representative, Kevin Trainer, using the following phone numbers:

**(978) 692-1114** (during office hours)

**(877) 902-2493** (after office hours)

**(978) 790-5294** (cell phone)

The LSP representative can also be reached by mail and e-mail at the following addresses:

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Please note that investigations have shown that the oil from the B120 release is not expected to produce a sheen on the water at this time; a sheen on the water is not likely related to the B120 release and may represent a new release condition. Reports of oil associated with a new release, such as a newly-discovered oil sheen, should be reported directly to the U.S. Coast Guard National Response Center at 800-424-8802 and to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection at 888-304-1133.

## 2.0 ADDITIONAL IRA INSPECTIONS

GeoInsight is performing additional inspections of selected shoreline segments, including segments that failed the Immediate Response Action Completion (IRAC) inspections or segments that were not inspected by the IRAC team. The IRAC inspections were conducted to evaluate the shoreline relative to the original cleanup criteria established by Unified Command. The new IRA inspections will be conducted by December 31, 2003 and will evaluate whether imminent hazards or time-critical release conditions exist that require response actions. GeoInsight will bring a cleanup crew to clean the affected areas if the inspection team identifies imminent hazards or time-critical conditions. During these inspections, the inspection teams will remove oil patties, tar balls, and oiled wrack where feasible.

## 3.0 POST-IRA ACTIVITIES

After Bouchard's representative has inspected the shoreline segments as part of the IRA, all shoreline segments that were impacted by the release will be evaluated to investigate potential risks to human health, safety, public welfare, and the environment, as required by the MCP, 310 CMR 40.0000. GeoInsight is currently working with the Responsible Party and MADEP to develop a sampling and reconnaissance plan to collect the data required for this evaluation.