Great Lakes Coastal Exercises/Events of Interest 2021

March
1. State of Ohio Davis-Besse Power Plant EMA Exercise – March 31st – Oak Harbor, OH
   This Table-Top Exercise will evaluate the plant’s radiological emergency and public notification response plans on site at the Oak Harbor nuclear power facility.

April
1. NFL Draft 2021 – April 29th – May 1st – Downtown Locations – Cleveland, OH
   Thanks to revised COVID-19 safety measures for Ohio, this Real-World Event (RWE) will host several thousand athletes, media, and sports fans to Downtown Cleveland at various locations within the Coastal Zone. FBI, USCG, USEPA, and other federal, state, and local agencies will support.

May
1. Isle Royale FSE – May 11th & 12th – Michigan Tech University, Houghton, MI
   This Full-Scale Exercise will evaluate U.S. and Canadian response to a worst-case discharge oil spill following a tank vessel collision south of Thunder Bay, ONT. The exercise will evaluate the Western Lake Superior ACP and the Isle Royale Geographic Response Strategy along with National Park Service response plans for the archipelago.
August

1. St. Lawrence Seaway Maritime Transportation Disruption – Aug 15th thru 17th – Clayton, NY & various Seaway Locations
This three-day Functional Exercise will evaluate U.S. and Canadian response to a worst-case discharge oil spill following a tank vessel grounding on the St. Lawrence Seaway. The exercise will include evaluation of the U.S. and Canadian notification process, validation of emergency response command and control elements, and the Geographic Response Strategy (GRS) for the SLS. There will also be several equipment deployment drills at key locations on along the Seaway.

2. CANUSLAK 2021 - August 18th – St. Clair River and Flats – Various U.S and Canadian locations
This Full-Scale Exercise will evaluate the Southeast Michigan ACP and CANUSLAK Annex for responding to a worst-case-discharge oil spill in the southern end of the St. Clair River that impacts U.S. and Canadian waters, shoreline, and the Canadian First Nation at Walpole Island. The exercise will build upon lessons learned from several incidents in the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers Maritime Transportation Corridor during 2020 and include cross-border deployment of equipment and personnel, UAS/drone deployment to enhance the common operating picture, and exchange of International Coordinating Officers (ICO).

3. Indiana Dunes Geographic Response Strategy – August 19th – Location TBD
This Table-Top Exercise will discuss the Geographic Response Strategy (GRS) for the Indiana Dunes National Park following a worst-case-discharge oil spill from a facility in the Indiana/Burns Harbor vicinity. The TTX will evaluate the current GRS and proposed improvement plans.

4. Buffalo Area Pollution Exercise – August 19th thru 30th, Coast Guard Sector Buffalo, NY
This Functional Exercise is designed to deploy USCG Reserve forces as a surge element for responding to a worst-case-discharge oil spill along the Niagara River. The exercise will also include Coast Guard active duty members and members of the Eastern Great Lakes Area Committee to respond to a worst-case-discharge oil spill from a vessel grounding on the Niagara River.

For more information contact Mr. Robert Allen, CGD9 DRAT, via email at: Robert.E.Allen@uscg.mil