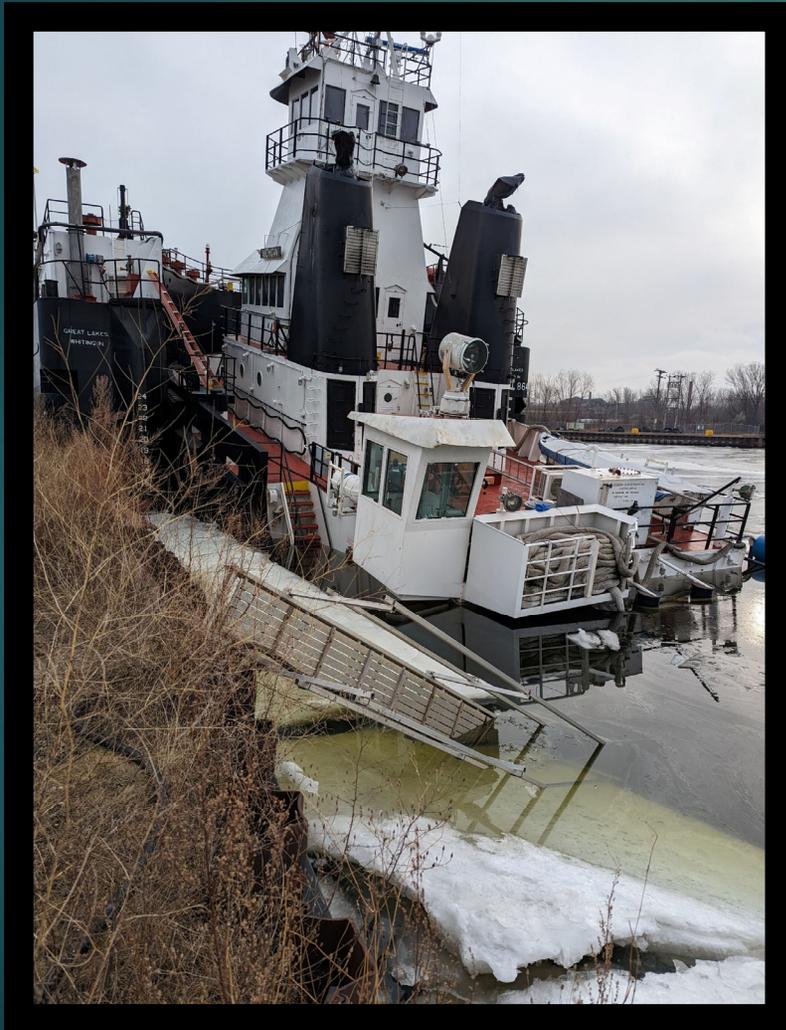


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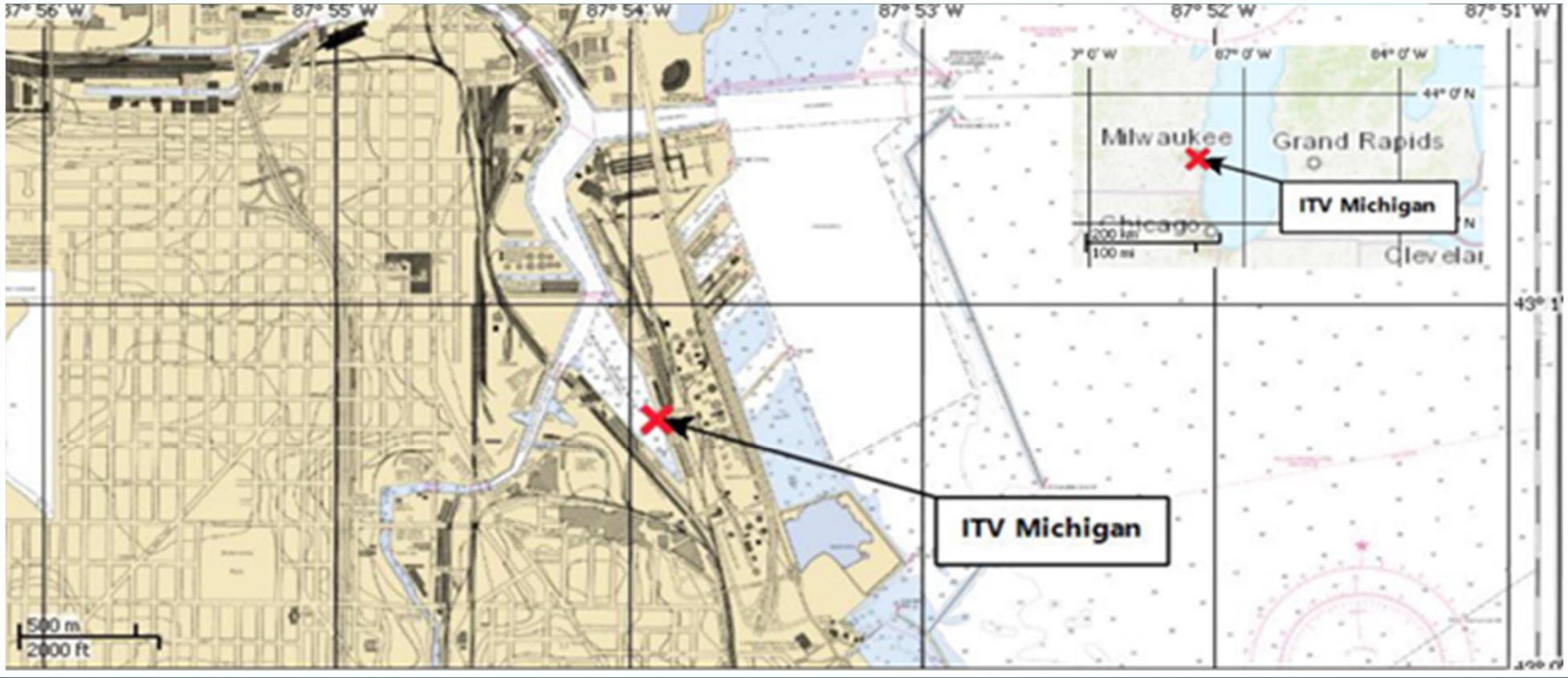


## ITV MICHIGAN SINKING RESPONSE

Milwaukee, WI  
2-10 January 2023

LT Heather Stemmerman  
Sector Lake Michigan

# INITIAL REPORTING



# INITIAL FINDINGS

- ITV MICHIGAN was rapidly taking on water
- Connected to barge GREAT LAKES
- 40,000-gallon max potential
- Water depth: 26 FT
- Clean Harbors on-scene



# COAST GUARD ACTIONS

- Notice of Federal Interest
- Captain of the Port Order
- Administrative Order
- Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund opened

**Re: Administrative order 01-23: ITV MICHIGAN, O.N. 650770**

Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1376 (c), 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1376 (e)(1)(B), 33 CFR § 1.01-80, and 40 C.F.R. 300.130(d), I have determined that there may be an imminent and substantial threat to the public health or welfare or the environment because of an actual or threatened discharge of oil from the towing vessel MICHIGAN.

I have determined that such a threat may exist to the navigable waters of the Kinnikinic River. There is a significant threat of a discharge of diesel fuel from the towing vessel MICHIGAN, Official number 650770. On January 2, 2023, my office was notified of the towing vessel MICHIGAN taking on water with an estimated 14,115 gallons of diesel fuel, while moored on the Kinnikinic River. You were issued a Notice of Federal Interest of an oil pollution incident on January 3, 2023. Because the oil products remaining on the vessel pose an environmental hazard, the threat of a spill may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health or welfare of the United States.

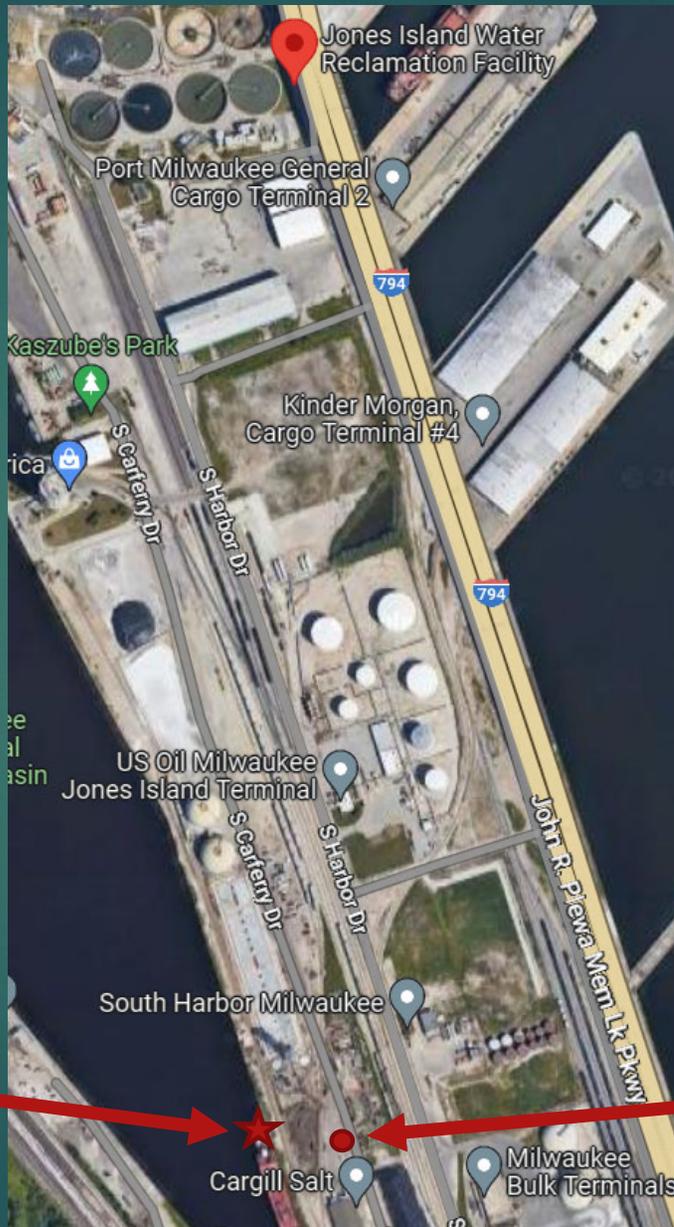
For these reasons, and under the authority referred to above, you are hereby ordered to undertake removal actions as ordered by this letter:

1. Immediately develop dewatering plan and begin the process.
2. Provide a removal plan that details the process of removing of all petroleum products from the towing vessel MICHIGAN, Official number 650770 by a reputable contractor, in the presence of Coast Guard Pollution Responders and to my satisfaction within 24 hours of receipt of this administrative order.

# DEWATERING



# DEWATERING CONTINUED



Tug MICHIGAN

Storm Drain

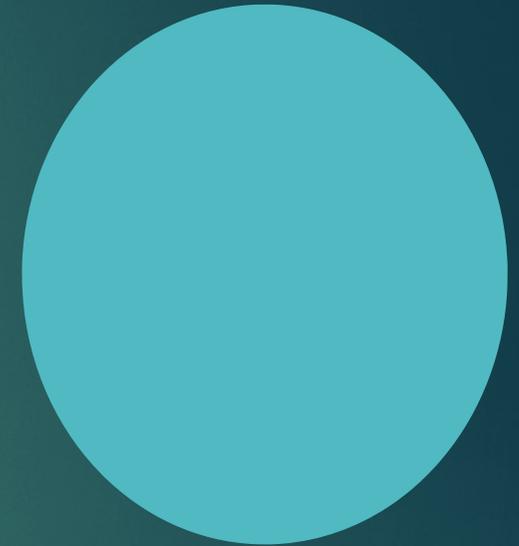
# FUEL REMOVAL



# CENTERLINE TANK ENTRY



# CHALLENGES



# CAUSE OF INCIDENT



# INTERNAL & EXTERNAL COORDINATION

- U.S. Venture, Inc. (Vessel owner)
- Clean Harbors (OSRO)
- T&T Salvage (OSRO)
- Gallagher Marine (QI)
- D9 District Response Advisory Team
- National Pollution Funds Center
- NOAA Scientific Support Coordinator
- Milwaukee Harbor Patrol
- Port of Milwaukee
- Wisconsin DNR
- Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District



# FINAL THOUGHTS



# THANK YOU



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