

# U.S. Coast Guard Sector Buffalo

## NE OH, NW PA, WNY, Lake Ontario, St. Lawrence Seaway Area Committees

### RRT II, III, V FY16 Quarter 1 FOSC Report



#### Response Operations (Q1)

NRC Reports	76
Pollution Cases	49

#### Cases of Note

- MSU Cleveland responded to a waterfront facility fire at Shelley asphalt. The incident is thought to have occurred due to operator error regarding improper discharge procedures in the facility's containment area. A safety zone was temporarily set up around the facility in the Cuyahoga river. 500 tons (105,000 gal) of liquid asphalt was spilled during the initial incident. All of the product was contained within the earthen dike and solidified preventing impact to the waterway. The facility hired an excavation company to remove all of the solidified asphalt for recycling and a contractor to remove all effected water within the containment. Quick action taken by MSU, local Fire and the facility allowed for good control and containment of product, protecting the Cuyahoga River.
- NYS DEC reported to Sector Buffalo that the Environmental Services Group (DEC Contractor) was transferring product at a facility in Tonawanda when 500 gallons of Hydraulic Oil was spilled onto the ground. Even though the Environmental Services Group, who is an OSRO, immediately began cleanups, heavy rain allowed the product to reach the Erie Canal. Environmental Services Group completed remaining cleanup.

#### Other Highlights

- Sector Buffalo sent a member to November Oil Spill Control Course in Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- Sector Buffalo participated in a WNY GRP subcommittee working group in October.
- Sector Buffalo participated in Beyond the Border TTX in Alexandria Bay, NY with Federal, State, local and Canadian stakeholders
- Sector Buffalo assisted the Akwesasne-Mohawk tribe and over 50 representatives from Six Nations on a Reservation boom deployment exercise.
- Sector Buffalo held a Pipeline Response ICS exercise in September at Sector Buffalo
- Sector Buffalo conducted two GIUEs in Oswego, NY in September and four GIUEs in Cleveland, OH in October
- Sector Buffalo conducted two boom deployment ACP verification drills in September and two more are scheduled in November
- Sector Buffalo is participating in the 2016 Republican National Convention (RNC), U.S. Coast Guard Subcommittee
- Next Lake Ontario GRP subcommittee meeting will be in December.
- Sector Buffalo certified 15 members Radiation Level I and three members Radiation Level II