



## **Marine Safety Information Bulletin**

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### **Government Initiated Unannounced Exercises (GIUE)**

The purpose of this Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) is to remind marine transfer-related (MTR) facilities to which 33 CFR 154 Subpart F – “Response Plans for Oil Facilities” applies about their obligation to participate in the Government Initiated Unannounced Exercise (GIUE) program.

GIUEs are response exercises conducted in accordance with 33 C.F.R. § 154.1055, 33 C.F.R. § 1060, and 33 C.F.R. § 5060 and are intended demonstrate your ability to respond to an average most probable discharge (AMPD) as stated in your facility/vessel response plan (FRP/VRP). A GIUE is initiated without prior notice and begins when the Coast Guard GIUE Team arrives on scene and presents an initiation letter and scenario to the plan holder. Exercises typically last for four hours however that time frame can be reduced once all objectives are completed. During a GIUE, the facility or vessel may continue to proceed with normal commercial operations as consistent with their plans and follow all applicable regulatory requirements and company standards. The outcome of the exercise is either satisfactory or unsatisfactory and the GIUE Team will discuss any necessary follow-up actions with the plan holder.

Costs associated with the GIUE are the responsibility of the plan holder. Plan holders that successfully complete a GIUE will receive credit for a quarterly Qualified Individual notification exercise, equipment deployment exercise and an unannounced exercise. Successful completion of a GIUE precludes the facility or vessel from having to participate in another Coast Guard GIUE for 36 months.

This notice will be posted on the HOMEPORT website at <http://homeport.uscg.mil>. If you have any questions or need clarification on the GIUE program, please call the Incident Management Division Officer at (409) 723-6535 or the Facilities Division Officer at (409) 723-6570. Thank you for your efforts in increasing oil spill response preparedness.

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