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## **Marine Safety Information Bulletin #03-06**

*This bulletin is used purely for informational purposes to assist the maritime community within the Marine Safety Office St. Louis Area of Responsibility. Its purpose is to advise relevant parties of emerging information & situations that may impact our Marine Transportation System as well as facilitates cooperation among the involved parties regarding actions that we may be taking and/or that you may need to employ in the interest of safety/security.*

### **Marine Casualty Reporting**

**January 19, 2006**

Effective January 17, 2006, the regulations governing marine casualty reporting have been amended. This amendment includes the addition of "An occurrence involving significant harm to the environment" as a reportable marine casualty. In the navigable waters of the U.S., significant harm to the environment is defined in 46 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 4.03-65 as a discharge of oil as set forth in 40 CFR 110.3 or a discharge of a hazardous substance exceeding the reportable quantity in any 24-hour period.

Any questions regarding this information bulletin may be addressed to the Prevention and Compliance Section, MSO St. Louis at (314) 539-3091 ext. 3501. A link to the Thursday, December 22, 2005 Federal Register, where this final rule appears, may be found at: <http://dmses.dot.gov/docimages/p83/377808.pdf>.

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