



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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**Port Arthur Oil Spill: Coast Guard Formal Hearing scheduled for
March 9, 2010**

The Coast Guard continues its investigation into the collision that occurred on January 23, 2010 between the M/V Eagle Otome and Dixie Vengeance. As part of that investigation, the Coast Guard will hold a formal hearing to receive testimony and review evidence. Details for attending the hearing are as follows:

Location: Holiday Inn Park Central, 2929 Jimmy Johnson Blvd., Port Arthur, TX 77642

Date/Time: Commences at 9 a.m. on March 9, 2010

If not concluded by March 12th, the hearing venue will shift to the first floor district courtroom in the Beaumont Federal Courthouse, 300 Willow Street, Suite 116, Beaumont, TX 77701 beginning March 15th at 9 a.m.

The public, port stakeholders, and maritime community are welcome and encouraged to attend the formal hearing.

Based on the results of the investigation, the Coast Guard will develop conclusions and recommendations to improve vessel and waterway safety. The facts collected at this hearing along with the lead investigator's conclusions and recommendations will be forwarded to Coast Guard Eighth District and Coast Guard Headquarters for approval. Once approved, the final investigative report will be made available to the public. No analysis or conclusions will be presented during the hearing. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) continues to participate in the investigation and will generate an independent report on this incident.

This notice will be posted on the HOMEPORTR website <http://homeport.uscg.mil>.


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