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Subj: CARGO RESIDUE ENFORCEMENT POLICY

Ref: (a) CCGD9INST 16460.1A of 1 March 1995, "ENFORCEMENT OF MARPOL V AND CARGO RESIDUES"

1. PURPOSE. Restatement of the cargo residue enforcement policy for the 1997 navigation season.

2. DISCUSSION. The previous policy described in reference (a) is continued, with one minor adjustment reflected in the enclosed advisory.

3. PROCEDURES. Basic policy guidance and procedures given in reference (a) are continued through the 1996 navigation season.

4. REQUIRED REPORTS. As described in reference (a).

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Encl: (1) Public Advisory on "1997 Enforcement Policy for Cargo Residues on the Great Lakes"

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1997 Enforcement Policy for Cargo Residues on the Great Lakes

This listing sets forth the current U.S. Coast Guard interim enforcement policy regarding the incidental discharge of cargo residues, what are commonly called "cargo sweepings," from commercial dry cargo carriers on the Great Lakes during 1997 -- which is the same as it was in 1995 and 1996 except for an adjustment for cement cargos in the western end of Lake Superior. The interim enforcement policy applies only to such cargo residues, and does not alter the strict prohibition of any discharge of oily waste, untreated sewage, plastics, dunnage, or other things commonly understood to be "garbage," from vessels on the Great Lakes. Also, it does not apply to residues of any substance known to be toxic or hazardous, such as nickel, copper, zinc, lead, or materials classified as "hazardous" in provisions of law or treaty, the discharge of which is strictly prohibited in all areas. This policy applies to United States vessels anywhere in the Great Lakes and vessels of any nation operating in the United States waters of the Great Lakes.

The enforcement areas within which discharge will be penalized under Marpol V and Coast Guard regulations at 33 CFR Part 151, are generally stated in terms of required distances from land in statute miles, sometimes combined with depths, and special protection areas, subject to special exceptions as stated. A number of miles, without further modification, indicates the miles from land within which discharge will be penalized. The mile limits apply to all islands as well as main shorelines Within each lake, mariners should check (a) rules applicable to specific cargos, (b) rules applicable to "all cargos" and "all cargos except clean stone," and (c) "special protection areas."

All miles are statute miles. (1 nautical mile = 1.151 statute miles, 1 statute mile = .87 nautical miles. 12 statute miles = 10.4 nautical miles, 13.8 statute miles = 12 nautical miles.)

Lake Superior

Limestone and Other Clean Stone:

No distance limitations, as long as no apparent impact on wetlands, fish spawning areas, and potable water intakes, but not in special protection areas listed below.

Iron Ore:

6 miles, generally. Special rule of 3 miles off northwestern shore between Duluth and Grand Marias.

Coal and Salt:

13.8 miles generally. Special rule of 3 miles off northwestern shore between Duluth and Grand Marias.

Cement:

13.8 miles generally. Special rule of 3 miles off shore of Lake Superior west of a line due north from Bark Point.

Other Nonhazardous Dry Bulk Cargo Residues:

13.8 miles.

All cargos:

No discharge in the following special protection areas:

Caribou Island & Southwest Bank Protection Area: The area enclosed by rhumb lines connecting the following coordinates, beginning on the northernmost point and proceeding clockwise:

47°30.0'N	85°50.0'W
47°24.2'N	85°38.5'W
47°04.0'N	85°49.0'W
47°05.7'N	85°59.0'W
47°18.1'N	86°05.0'W

Stannard Rock Protection Area: 6 miles radius from Stannard Rock Light.

Superior Shoal Protection Area: 6 miles radius from the center of Superior Shoal, at 48°03.2'N 87°06.3'W.

Lake Michigan

Limestone and Other Clean Stone:

No distance limitations, as long as no apparent impact on wetlands, fish spawning areas, and potable water intakes.

Iron Ore:

General rule: 12 miles from shore north of 45°N and 6 miles from shore south of 45°N. Special rules: (a) Discharge allowed at 4.75 miles off Big Sable Point and Point Betsie, along established LCA track lines. (b) Discharge allowed along 056.25° LCA track line between point due east of Poverty Island to a point due south of Port Inland Light.

Coal and Salt:

General rule of 13.8 miles. See also coal below.

Coal:

Special rules for coal: (a) Discharge allowed along 013.5° LCA track line between 45°N and Boulder Reef, and along 022.5° LCA track running 23.25 miles between Boulder Reef and the charted position of Red Buoy #2. (b) Discharge allowed along 037° LCA track line between 45°20'N and 45°42'N. (c) Discharge allowed along 056.25° LCA track line between point due east of Poverty Island to a point due south of Port Inland Light. (d) Discharge allowed at 3 miles for coal carried between Manistee and Ludington along customary route.

Other Nonhazardous Dry Bulk Cargo Residues:

13.8 miles.

All Cargos Except Clean Stone:

No discharge anywhere in Green Bay.

All cargos:

No discharge in the following special protection areas:

Milwaukee Mid-Lake Protection Area: The area enclosed by rhumb lines connecting the following coordinates, beginning on the northernmost point and proceeding clockwise:

43°27.0'N	87°14.0'W
43°21.2'N	87°02.3'W
43°03.3'N	87°04.8'W
42°57.5'N	87°21.0'W
43°16.0'N	87°39.8'W

Waukegan Protection Area (not so labeled on charts): The area enclosed by rhumb lines connecting

the following coordinates, beginning on the northernmost point and proceeding clockwise:

42°24.3'N	87°29.3'W
42°13.0'N	87°25.1'W
42°12.2'N	87°29.1'W
42°18.1'N	87°33.1'W
42°24.1'N	87°32.0'W

Lake Huron

Limestone and Other Clean Stone:

No distance limitations, as long as no apparent impact on wetlands, fish spawning areas, and potable water intakes.

Iron Ore:

6 miles, generally. Special rules for vessels upbound along the Michigan thumb: (a) 3 miles from shore between 5.8 miles northeast of entrance buoys 11 and 12 to the track line turn abeam of Harbor Beach. (b) For vessels bound for Saganaw Bay only, 4 miles from shore and not less than 10 fathoms of depth between the track line turn abeam of Harbor Beach and 4 miles northeast of Pte. aux Barques Light. (No discharge anywhere in Saganaw Bay.)

Coal and Salt:

13.8 miles generally. Special rules for vessels upbound along the Michigan thumb: (a) 3 miles from shore between 5.8 miles northeast of entrance buoys 11 and 12 to the track line turn abeam of Harbor Beach. (b) For vessels bound for Saganaw Bay only, 4 miles from shore and not less than 10 fathoms of depth between the track line turn abeam of Harbor Beach and 4 miles northeast of Pte. aux Barques Light. (No discharge anywhere in Saganaw Bay.) See also coal below.

Coal:

Special rule for vessels upbound from Alpena into ports along the Michigan shore south of Forty Mile Point: 4 miles from shore and not less than 10 fathoms of depth.

Other Nonhazardous Dry Bulk Cargo Residues:

13.8 miles.

All Cargos Except Clean Stone:

No discharge anywhere in Saganaw Bay.

All cargos:

No discharge in the following special protection area:

Six Fathom Scarp Mid-Lake Protection Area: The area enclosed by rhumb lines connecting the following coordinates, beginning on the northernmost point and proceeding clockwise:

44°55'N	82°33'W
44°47'N	82°18'W
44°39'N	82°13'W
44°27'N	82°13'W
44°27'N	82°20'W
44°17'N	82°25'W
44°17'N	82°30'W
44°28'N	82°40'W*
44°51'N	82°44'W
44°53'N	82°44'W
44°54'N	82°40'W

(*Note: This point lies approximately 0.5 statute miles east of the 161° LCA Westerly Limit Downbound line, thus allowing discharge while passing the Scarp within 0.5 miles of the limit line.)

Lake St. Clair

Limestone and Other Clean Stone:

No distance limitations, as long as no apparent impact on wetlands, fish spawning areas, and potable water intakes.

All Other Cargos:

No discharge.

Lake Erie

Limestone and Other Clean Stone:

No distance limitations, as long as no apparent impact on wetlands, fish spawning areas, and potable water intakes.

Iron Ore:

6 miles, generally, but no discharge in Western Basin (west of a line due south from Point Pelee), unless covered by the special rule on the Western Basin below.

Coal and Salt:

13.8 miles generally, but no discharge in Western Basin (west of a line due south from Point Pelee), unless covered by the special rule on the Western Basin below.

Iron Ore, Coal, and Salt in the Western Basin:

No discharge in the Western Basin (west of a line due south from Point Pelee) except for vessels needing to discharge iron ore, coal, or salt residue after unloading in Toledo or Detroit and immediately thereafter loading new cargo in Toledo, Detroit, or Windsor. These vessels may discharge the iron ore, coal, or salt residue over the dredged navigation channels running between Toledo Harbor Light and Detroit River Light.

Other Nonhazardous Dry Bulk Cargo Residues:

13.8 miles generally, but no discharge in Western Basin (west of a line due south from Point Pelee).

Lake Ontario

Limestone and Other Clean Stone:

No distance limitations, as long as no apparent impact on wetlands, fish spawning areas, and potable water intakes.

Iron Ore:

6 miles.

Other Nonhazardous Dry Bulk Cargo Residues:

13.8 miles.

Tributaries, Connecting Rivers, and St. Lawrence River

Limestone and Other Clean Stone:

No distance limitations, as long as no apparent impact on wetlands, fish spawning areas, and potable water intakes.

All Other Cargos:

No discharge.

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