



MEMORANDUM

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10 Feb 2020

From: J. P. Nadeau, RADM
CGD EIGHT (d)

To: Mr. [REDACTED]
Lead Investigating Officer

Subj: FORMAL MARINE CASUALTY INVESTIGATION CONCERNING COLLISION
BETWEEN ITV COOPERATIVE SPIRIT, ITV RC CREPPEL AND M/V GLORY
FIRST

1. Pursuant to the authority contained in Title 46, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 6301 and the regulations promulgated thereunder, you are to convene a formal investigation for the collision between the ITV COOPERATIVE SPIRIT, the ITV RC CREPPEL, and the M/V GLORY FIRST, which occurred near Mile Marker 122 on the Lower Mississippi River on January 26, 2020. In conducting your investigation, you shall adhere, as closely as possible, to the policy, guidance, and operational procedures for the Coast Guard Marine Investigations Program, as found in the Marine Safety Manual, Volume V, COMDTINST M16000.1A.

2. Due to the scope and complexity of the investigation, I have assigned the following persons to assist you with your investigation. For purposes of this investigation, the below persons are all designated as Investigating Officers as defined under 46 C.F.R. § 4.03-30, and therefore, shall enjoy the powers outlined in 46 C.F.R. § 4.07-5:

- LT [REDACTED], Assistant Investigating Officer
- LTJG [REDACTED], Assistant Investigating Officer
- Mr. [REDACTED], Investigations NCOE Technical Advisor

3. Upon completion of the investigation, you will issue a report to me with the collected evidence, the established facts, and conclusion and recommendations. Conclusions and recommendations concerning commendatory actions or misconduct that would warrant further inquiry shall be referred to me, by separate correspondence, for consideration and action as appropriate. If a public hearing is convened, a daily summary of significant events shall be transmitted to me via CGD Eight (dp) while the hearing is in session.

4. You will complete and submit your investigative report to me within 210 days of the convening date. If this deadline cannot be met, you shall submit a written explanation for the delay and notice of the expected completion date. You are highly encouraged to submit any interim recommendations intended to prevent similar casualties, if appropriate, at any point in your investigation.

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5. If a public hearing is convened, you will preside over it. LT [REDACTED], District 8 Legal, will serve as your legal advisor, and may assist you and your team as you direct. If a public hearing is convened, a Recorder will be identified for assistance. Further, at your discretion, you may utilize the services of Coast Guard and other Government-employed subject matter experts.

6. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is also charged with the responsibility of determining the cause or probable cause of this casualty by the Independent Safety Board Act of 1974 (49 U.S.C. 1901, et. seq.) and may designate a representative to participate in this investigation. The NTSB representative may make recommendations regarding the scope of the inquiry, may identify and examine witnesses, and/or submit or request additional evidence.

7. CGD Eight will furnish such funding and technical assistance as may be required by the Investigation when deemed appropriate and within the requirements for the scope of the investigation. Your point of contact for funding and technical assistance is LCDR [REDACTED], CGD Eight (dpi).

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