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New Orleans, LA
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ATTN: LTJG [REDACTED]

Company: United States Coast Guard

Location: Steamboat Natchez

Re: Sequence of work and description, prior to May 3, 2022

The Generator switchboard removal in engine room started on April 18 due to delivery of new switchboard on May 9, 2022.

On April 18, 2022, Ericson temporary utility power box was placed near engine room. This Ericson temporary power box is used to supply power for lighting and construction tool. This device is designed especially for this application. Ericson power box has GFI, short circuit and overcurrent protection. Obtained temporary lighting to illuminate area.

Prior to installing, inspected temporary lighting, and verified in good condition. Installed light bulbs and cages. Evaluated and tested temporary lighting prior to installation. Installed temporary lighting in elevated area of generator room. Bluewater foreman and vessel C/E verified there was adequate lighting and installed in a safe manner. Connected temporary lighting to Ericson power box. Once lighting and temporary power box was installed, **480-volt shore power was disconnected and removed from Vessel. No 480 volt power in engine room.** 120-volt Power for the Ericson power box originated from shore side distribution panel. **No power available on vessel.** With all power removed from Switchboard, technicians started to label and remove all wiring. With all wiring removed from switchboard, Bluewater technicians secured all wiring above switchboard. Technicians removed all copper buss, metering, breakers, and control wiring from switchboard. By doing this, this allowed for easy removal of switchboard. With this work complete, Bluewater technicians vacated engine room for Dixie Marine to remove switchboard. Our work was completed on May 2, 2022. I received a phone call from C/E Scotty Viages around lunch time on May 3, 2022, expressing concern with Dixie Marine using cutting torches to remove gear. He was concerned with fire damaging some existing equipment. He also expressed concern about the equipment they were using. I directed one of our technicians to try and protect the generators from the cutting torch.

Around 8:15 pm May 3, 2022, I received a phone call from C/E Scotty about the fire in engine room. I reported to vessel and found fire department no longer on vessel. When I went to inspect condition found one employee from Dixie marine, Arthur Anderson in engine room and Captain Don on main deck, with New Orleans steamboat

Note: Temporary Ericson power box and temporary lighting was installed and in use from April 18, 2022 until May 3 ,2022 Dixie started cutting on May 3, 2022

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