



U.S. COAST GUARD WITNESS STATEMENT FORM

(Please Print Clearly)

Witness Name: <u>Arthur Anderson</u>	Employer Name: <u>Dixie Marine, Inc.</u>
Street Address: <u>[REDACTED]</u>	Employer Address: <u>[REDACTED]</u>
City/State/Zip: <u>[REDACTED]</u>	City/State/Zip: <u>[REDACTED]</u>
Phone No: <u>[REDACTED]</u>	Phone No: <u>[REDACTED]</u>
Position: <u>Project Superintendent</u>	License/Doc. # <u>[REDACTED]</u>

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

1) What is your awareness of the Port of New Orleans Hot Work Policy?

I am aware that the Port of New Orleans has published a tariff addressing "hot work" performed at Port of New Orleans properties. I am aware that the Port of New Orleans Harbor Police Department issues permits when cutting, welding and other "hot work" is to be performed. Upon information and belief, prior to any work performed on the Natchez by the Dixie Marine workers, the Harbor Police issued a permit to the Natchez owners authorizing Dixie Marine's "hot work" aboard the vessel.

2) Can you please reconfirm when the hot work was secured on 03 MAY 2022?

I am not certain what is meant by the term "secured" in the question. I can reconfirm that cutting stopped at approximately 3:45 p.m. on May 3, 2022. From approximately 3:45 p.m. until approximately 4:30 p.m. we monitored the area where we had been cutting. My guys left the Natchez at around 4:30 p.m. and I did not leave until around 4:50 p.m.

3) Can you please reconfirm when you departed the NATCHEZ on 03 May 2022?



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4) Can you please reconfirm where the fire watch was physically positioned after hot work was completed, what fire prevention equipment was on hand, when the fire watch was secured, and when the fire watch departed the NATCHEZ?

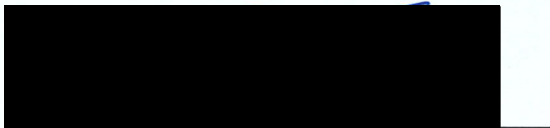
While cutting, Dixie Marine utilizes a two-person team – one person cuts (Kennedy) while another (Doc) works as a fire watch. When cutting is complete, both Kennedy and Doc, as well as all other Dixie Marine workers watch for indications of fire in the area where the cutting work had occurred. On May 3, 2022, as Kennedy cut, Doc stood in the work area on fire watch so that he could remove cut material and have access to a fire extinguisher, a bucket filled with water, and a hose supplying water from the dock.

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5) Was any equipment/debris removed from the generator compartment after the fire?

Dixie Marine did not remove equipment/debris from the generator room
after the fire.

I have read my statement as documented above (and, if applicable, on continuation pages), and to
the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true and correct.



SIGNATURE

11/15/2022
DATE