



U.S. COAST GUARD WITNESS STATEMENT FORM

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Witness Name: Kennedy Huang	Employer Name: Gulf States Marine Technical
Street Address: [REDACTED]	Employer Address: [REDACTED]
City/State/Zip: [REDACTED]	City/State/Zip: [REDACTED]
Phone No: [REDACTED]	Phone No: [REDACTED]
Position: Welder / Fitter / Cutter	License/Doc. # [REDACTED]

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 not aware of the Port of New Orleans Hot Work Policy. My bosses are aware of the rules and they tell me what work to do.

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

I do not know what is meant by the word "secured". I can reconfirm that at 3:45 we begin cool down watch and cleaned up the work area. Doc swept the floor. We shut off the torch and gas, pulled hoses, unplugged our blower and lamp and brought to our truck. At 4:30 we left the boat. Arthur was still on the boat when we left.

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

I can reconfirm that at 4:30 on May 3, 2022 we left the boat with Arthur still on the boat.



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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?

When I was cutting, Doc was fire watch. As I 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.

At 4:30 on May 3, 2022 I left the boat and Arthur was still onboard continuing as fire watch.

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

I 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.

S [Redacted Signature]

11-23-22  
DATE