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Subject: RE: Atlantis Casualty
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Good Morning Mr. Flaherty,

I have spoken with our Waterways Management division personnel to get answers to your questions regarding the ATLANTIS incident. Please see the following:

- A Local Notice to Mariners (LNM) was put out for the USACE dredging project, please see link below to the Local Notice to Mariners page. The first LNM was released on 06MAR24 and its still being published, with the most recent LNM being sent out June 18th. The project is still ongoing, so the updates will continue to be published.

[Local Notices to Mariners | Navigation Center \(uscg.gov\)](#)

- There was no safety zone implemented due to the project not taking place within, or in close proximity to a navigational channel.

- I've already sent the document we had for the USACE project and the photos that we had.

- The CG did not require any additional marking other than the requirements per the Nav rules that you referred to.

Respectfully,

LT [REDACTED]

Investigations Division

USCG Sector Jacksonville

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Good Morning Capt. Flaherty,

I don't have the answers to these questions, but I will direct them to our Waterways Management Division POC, LT [REDACTED], so that he can help with getting them for you. Please see attached two photos of the dredge pipe from after the collision, and the USACE plans for the dredge pipe. FWC may have additional photos of the dredge pipeline as well.

Respectfully,

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Hi

Hope all is well.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could address these questions for the Coast Guard:

Was there a broad cast notice to mariners or other types of notification sent out by the CG about the location of the dredge pipe?

Was there a CG safety zone around the location of the dredge pipe?

Dose the CG (your unit) have any additional photos of the dredge pipe before or after the casualty?

Do you have any documents you can send to me from the USACE on the dredging project showing the layout of the dredge pipe?

Below are the Navigation Rules marking requirements for dredge pipes:

(iv) Dredge pipelines that are floating or supported on trestles shall display the following lights at night and in periods of restricted visibility.

(1) One row of yellow lights. The lights must be:

- (A) Flashing 50 to 70 times per minute,
 - (B) Visible all round the horizon,
 - (C) Visible for at least 2 miles,
 - (D) Not less than 1 and not more than 3.5 meters above the water,
 - (E) Approximately equally spaced, and
 - (F) Not more than 10 meters apart where the pipeline crosses a navigable channel. Where the pipeline does not cross a navigable channel the lights must be sufficient in number to clearly show the pipeline's length and course.
- (2) Two red lights at each end of the pipeline, including the ends in a channel where the pipeline is separated to allow vessels to pass (whether open or closed). The lights must be:
- (A) Visible all round the horizon, and
 - (B) Visible for at least 2 miles, and
 - (C) One meter apart in a vertical line with the lower light at the same height above the water as the flashing yellow light.

Did your unit or the CG require any additional Day Markers for this dredge pipe?

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks & Take Care

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