



Before the Mast *Lightship News Highlights*

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From the Captain's Quarters

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The EPA is finalizing new stormwater regulations that will have a direct impact on commercial and some residential property owners. When finalized, regulated properties within the Charles River Watershed located in the towns of Milford, Bellingham and Franklin, Massachusetts will be required to reduce pollutant levels in their stormwater. Although the proposed regulations will only apply to three towns, environmental groups have petitioned the USEPA to extend the Upper Charles River Residual Designation to the entire Charles River Watershed. The MassDEP is currently developing similar regulations that will apply to all towns within the Charles River Watershed.

The new EPA regulations will require implementation of comprehensive Storm Water Management Plan, a Phosphorus Reduction Plan, a Baseline Performance Standards, an Annual Certification of Compliance, Water Quality Based Effluent Limitations, and Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss how this issue may impact your operations, please contact either Tim Condon or Brian LaPierre.

As the Crow Flies

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Once again, I would like to thank all those who responded to our *Nautical Phrase Contest*. The reply was outstanding. **Our Round Three question** – what is the derivation of the nautical expression, “Batten down the hatches?” I am looking for the general meaning and the earliest known citation for the expression. Please submit your response at the email address above.

Lightship Engineering joined the historic cleanup effort underway in the Gulf region. In late May, Lightship employee Tom Remmers departed for

Dauphin Island located off the coast of Alabama in a massive deployment coordinated by Trident Environmental Group. The Trident Group response consisted of over 300 petroleum cleanup professionals. Tom supervised the decontamination of hard booms as well as the overall preparation for the petroleum cleanup.



Offshore Gas Rig in Alabama

Scuttlebutt

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On June 3, 2010, Lightship Engineering hosted the Massachusetts Mandatory Home Heating Oil Pollution Coverage Seminar with Mullen & McGourty, P.C. and Ambrose Environmental Management. Lightship's presentation focused on the new requirements requiring protective sleeves on fuel oil supply lines associated with residential fuel oil above ground tanks. Upgraded systems are eligible for insurance coverage associated with a release of fuel oil to the environment. Lightship's presentation also provided an overview of LSP Services required as well as case studies and examples of assessment and remediation of fuel oil releases to the environment.

July 4th Holiday

Lightship Engineering's offices will be closed on July 4th in celebration of our Nation's Independence Day. Lightship Engineering wishes you and your family a happy and safe holiday.