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Mr. John Pertgen
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Dear Mr. Pertgen:

This is in response to your inquiry regarding recent changes to the regulations for post incident chemical testing of individuals involved in a serious marine incident (SMI) on a foreign flagged Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODUs) and questions regarding the immediate notification and written reports required following various marine casualty.

I applaud the partnership formed between the Eighth Coast Guard District and the IADC to develop a MODU casualty reporting matrix which details the applicable notification and follow-on chemical testing requirements based on the vessel's flag, location and current activity. The matrix reflects the current Federal Regulations and should aid your membership to determine the appropriate reporting and chemical testing requirements for any reportable marine casualty. I truly appreciate the time you spent working with members of my staff during the development of this document.

As always, it is a pleasure assisting you with Coast Guard matters affecting your organization and member companies. If you have any additional questions regarding this issue, please contact Lieutenant Commander Stewart, a member of my Inspections and Investigations staff, at (504) 671-2164.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. D. Hooper".

T. D. HOOPER

Captain, United States Coast Guard
Chief, Prevention Division
By direction of the Commander
Eighth Coast Guard District

Encl: (1) MODU Matrix for Marine Casualty Reporting and Chemical Testing Requirements