

GENERAL MESSAGE (ICS 213)

1. Incident Name (Optional): MC-20 Taylor Energy Response		
2. To (Name and Position): Capt. Kristi Luttrell FOSC		
3. From (Name and Position): Will Pecue IC for RP/TEC		
4. Subject: Q4c_Media Inquiry & Response process	5. Date: 9/12/18	6. Time 0900
7. Message: <p>The current ICS233 Action Tracker lists Item No. 10 as "Insure that all external communication reporting is approved by Command prior to release".</p> <p>In conversation between RP's & CG's Public Information representatives it became apparent that any process documented and approved by UC would be applied to TEC but limited to Coast Guard Sector New Orleans. As RP has been told in the past by previous FOSCs, Sector Command cannot control outcomes at other levels of Coast Guard.</p> <p>Despite having an agreed process in the past - on three different occasions, Coast Guard has unilaterally released information to the media/public without the RPs knowledge or consent. One by Coast Guard HQ making statements unsupported by the Response Record, one by Coast Guard Office of Congressional Affairs in response to an inquiry from Sen Landrieu containing a false statement, and a more recent release months ago by the previous FOSC. The media release by the FOSC occurred despite the fact that the RP's view of the draft language was "incomplete and misleading and therefore inaccurate".</p> <p>The RP concludes that any process will only be applied when it serves the interest of Coast Guard. The RP also concludes that Coast Guard will deliberately bypass the process at higher levels of its organization, and even be bypassed by the FOSC, when the true facts of the Response are inconsistent with prior statements and positions communicated to the media/public by Coast Guard or other federal agencies.</p> <p>For the reasons stated above, the RP will not agree to any process that limits and/or impairs its constitutional right to present the true facts of the Response to the public and media.</p>		
8. Approved by: Name: _____ Signature: _____ Position/Title: _____		
9. Reply:		
10. Replied by: Name: _____ Position/Title: _____ Signature: _____		
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