

# Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund Disbursements for FY 2022

Report to Congress July 18, 2023



#### Foreword

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I am pleased to present the following report, "Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund Disbursements for FY 2022," prepared by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Section 2712 of Title 33, United States Code, directs the annual submission of a report listing each incident that occurred in the preceding two fiscal years that resulted in disbursements of \$500,000 or more from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund and an accounting of any amounts reimbursed to the Fund in the preceding fiscal year that were recovered from a responsible party for incidents with disbursements that totaled \$500,000 or more.



Pursuant to Congressional requirements, this report is provided to the following members of Congress:

The Honorable Maria Cantwell Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

The Honorable Ted Cruz Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

The Honorable Sam Graves Chairman, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

The Honorable Rick Larsen Ranking Member, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

I would be pleased to answer any questions you have, or your staff may contact my Senate Liaison Office at (202) 224-2913 or House Liaison Office at (202) 225-4775.

Sincerely,

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Commandant



## Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund Disbursements for FY 2022

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## I. Legislative Language

This report responds to the language under Section 2712 of Title 33, United States Code (U.S.C.), which states:

#### 33 U.S.C. §2712. Uses of Fund

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#### (1) Reports

- (1) IN GENERAL.—Each year, on the date on which the President submits to Congress a budget under section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, the President, through the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating, shall—
  - (A) provide a report on disbursements for the preceding fiscal year from the Fund, regardless of whether those disbursements were subject to annual appropriations, to—
    - (i) the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and
    - (ii) the House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and
  - (B) make the report available to the public on the National Pollution Funds Center Internet website.

#### (2) CONTENTS.—The report shall include—

- (A) a list of each incident that—
  - (i) occurred in the preceding fiscal year; and
  - (ii) resulted in disbursements from the Fund, for removal costs and damages, totaling \$500,000 or more;
- (B) a list of each incident that—
  - (i) occurred in the fiscal year preceding the preceding fiscal year; and
  - (ii) resulted in disbursements from the Fund, for removal costs and damages, totaling \$500,000 or more; and
- (C) an accounting of any amounts reimbursed to the Fund in the preceding fiscal year that were recovered from a responsible party for an incident that resulted in disbursements from the Fund, for removal costs and damages, totaling \$500,000 or more.
- (3) AGENCY RECORDKEEPING.—Each Federal agency that receives amounts from the Fund shall maintain records describing the purpose for which such funds were obligated or expended in such detail as the Secretary may require for purposes of the report required under paragraph (1)."

## II. Background

This report is the fifth submission of a revised Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF) Disbursement Report since the *Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018* amended Section 2712 of Title 33, U.S. Code. The report identifies incidents with cumulative disbursements of \$500,000 or more for removal costs or damages from the OSLTF.

- Section III Table 1 of this report lists incidents that occurred in fiscal year (FY) 2022 and resulted in disbursements from the Fund, for removal costs and damages, totaling \$500,000 or more.
- Section III Table 2 lists incidents that occurred in FY 2021 and resulted in disbursements from the Fund, for removal costs and damages, totaling \$500,000 or more.
- Section IV provides an accounting of any amounts reimbursed to the Fund in FY 2022 that were recovered from a responsible party for an incident that resulted in disbursements from the Fund, for removal costs and damages, totaling \$500,000 or more.

The OSLTF is the federal funding source for oil pollution prevention, response, and compensation under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90). Amounts are available until expended and are administered by the National Pollution Funds Center (NPFC). The OSLTF is also a source of annual appropriations to federal agencies responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing various oil pollution prevention programs under OPA 90 and section 311 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (FWPCA).

NPFC provides funding to Environmental Protection Agency and Coast Guard Federal On-Scene Coordinators (FOSCs) acting under FWPCA section 311(c) authority. FOSCs coordinate agency removal actions through contracts with commercial entities and interagency agreements with federal, state, and local response partners.

## III. Disbursements for Pollution Incidents

Table 1 identifies incidents which occurred in FY 2022 and resulted in disbursements from the OSLTF for removal costs and damages, totaling \$500,000 or more.

TABLE 1: FY 2022 Incidents and Disbursements<sup>1</sup>

Federal Project #	Name of Case <sup>2</sup>	Incident Start Date	Source of Spill	Sum of All Tasks
N22009	LIBERTY SHIP	22-Dec-2021	Vessel	1,718,966
N22003	BLOCK 10 JEFFERSON COUNTY	7-Oct-2021	Facility	1,026,822
G22005	LAKE SUPERIOR	21-Mar-2022	Vessel	889,707
A22001	HUNTINGTON BEACH CA	1-Oct-2021	Facility	775,210
S22025	ALEUTIAN ISLE	13-Aug-2022	Vessel	588,782
N22028	PATRICK E	2-Jun-2022	Vessel	586,283
		•	Total:	\$5,585,770

Table 2 identifies incidents that occurred in FY 2021 and resulted in disbursements from the OSLTF for removal costs and damages, totaling \$500,000 or more.

**TABLE 2: FY 2021 Incidents and Disbursements** 

Federal Project #	Name of Case <sup>2</sup>	Incident Start Date	Source of Spill	Sum of All Tasks
M21017	MUNGER T. BALL	2-Mar-2021	Vessel	12,810,145
A21014	M/V AMERICAN CHALLENGER	6-Mar-2021	Vessel	12,651,069
J21010	F/V ST PATRICK	6-Aug-2021	Vessel	4,632,112
N21032	MESAGULF	21-Jul-2021	Facility	2,457,521
P21001	BROADKILL BEACH	19-Oct-2020	Mystery	2,452,716
N21003	MAIN PASS 2	15-Oct-2020	Facility	1,138,236
E21702	DESTINY	1-Apr-2021	Facility	806,193
M21003	JIMMY & CHARLIE JR	12-Nov-2020	Vessel	676,247
N21013	YUMA MP BLOCK 4	3-Feb-2021	Facility	674,401
N21046	BAY MARCHAND PIPELINE	8-Sep-2021	Facility	624,410
M21004	CAPE LOOKOUT	17-Nov-2020	Vessel	550,181
			Total:	\$39,473,232

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The MC-20A TAYLOR ENERGY incident (Federal Project Number N13024) is on ongoing spill not listed in these charts because the project commenced in FY 2013. For this offshore facility spill, the OSLTF's disbursements total \$119,172,667 through FY 2022. Because the spill is ongoing and the response is not yet complete, additional disbursements are expected in the future.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As named by Federal On Scene Coordinator

### IV. Amounts Reimbursed and Recovered

Table 3 provides an accounting of any amounts reimbursed to the OSLTF in FY 2022 that were recovered from a responsible party for an incident that resulted in disbursements from the Fund, for removal costs and damages, totaling \$500,000 or more. The incidents identified are not limited to those occurring only in the two preceding FYs—the incident may have occurred in any prior FY.

**TABLE 3: Amounts Reimbursed and Recovered (FY 2022)** 

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Federal Project #	Name of Case <sup>3</sup>	Amount Recovered		
N10DWH	DWH CONSENT DECREE	66,822,000		
N13024	MC-20A TAYLOR ENERGY	12,478,260		
H19001	M/V GRAND MARIANA I	1,416,729		
J17021	M/V AKUTAN	412,250		
E15001	ALASKA PETROLEUM DISTRIBUTORS	304,495		
E10901	CUC POWER PLANTS 1&2	164,480		
H18001	PACIFIC PARADISE	109,609		
J18009	ABANDONED CANNERY	58,200		
H04007	F/V MWALIL SAAT	21,340		
E13202	CROOKS OIL LEASE	13,802		
S13012	M/V HELENA STAR	11,640		
N09006	MISS RHIANNA	10,228		
E15004	DEATON FARM AST SPILL	9,840		
E10111	CHARLTON WELDING	5,422		
E16202	BEE-LINE FUEL TANKS SPILL	1,160		
M16004	M/V ENDEAVOUR	1,102		
E17607	THREE TANKS	243		
	Total:	\$81,840,800		

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Table 3 provides an accounting of amounts reimbursed to the Fund in a single fiscal year. Additional amounts for each incident may have been reimbursed in previous years or may be reimbursed in subsequent years.

# Appendix A: Abbreviations

Abbreviations	Definition
FOSC	Federal On-Scene Coordinator
FWPCA	Federal Water Pollution Control Act
FY	Fiscal Year
NPFC	National Pollution Fund Center
OPA 90	Oil Pollution Act of 1990
OSLTF	Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund
U.S.C.	United States Code