USCG Sector Lake Michigan
PREP Full Scale Exercise

• Exercise Name: Persistent Badger
• Dates: 26-28 Aug 2014
• Agency led
• Plans exercised: Geographic Response Plan
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- The scenario involved a Oil Spill/HAZMAT/TSI in the Milwaukee port area. A freight train intentionally derailed, spilling chlorine and heavy oil. The heavy oil traveled down Sauk Creek, 2 miles from Lake Michigan. USCG involvement began following chlorine containment by locals.
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- Participants:
  - Sector Lake Michigan Reservists
  - Wisconsin Emergency Management Agency
  - Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
  - Ozaukee County Sheriff’s Department
  - Ozaukee County Emergency Management
  - Regional HazMat Team
  - Port Washington Fire/Police Department
  - Federal EPA
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- Objectives:
  - Prepare SLM reserves for mobilization as members of an Incident Management Team; emphasis on ICS, oil spill response, & site security.
  - Set up a forward operating base and staging area on site.
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- Lessons Learned/Remarks
  - ICS 320 conducted prior to exercise highly beneficial
  - Designated personnel were on site to sign off on qualification tasks; resulted in numerous quals earned
  - Improved cooperation with locals
  - Highlighted need for additional equipment for full ICP
  - Aided in development/testing of response strategies