



14 July 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR : The Officer-In-Charge, Office of the Regional Director  
EMB MIMAROPA Region**

**FROM : The Chief, Air and Water Management Section**

**SUBJECT : SUBMISSION OF REPORT ON THE FINAL OFFSHORE SURVEY  
AND UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND POST- ORIENTAL  
MINDORO MEETING FOR THE TERMINATION OF THE OIL  
SPILL RESPONSE OPERATIONS RELATIVE TO THE SINKING  
OF THE MT PRINCESS EMPRESS TANKER**

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This is reference to the Naujan Oil Spill Response being conducted by the Unified Incident Command Post (UICP) of Oriental Mindoro composed of EMB MIMAROPA Region, Philippine Coast Guard, PENRO Oriental Mindoro, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Office of Civil Defense MIMAROPA and the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro, among others.

Please be informed that through the attached Notice dated 12 July 2023 by CG Commodore Geronimo B. Tuvilla UICP members were invited for a Final Offshore Survey on 13 July 2023 rendezvous by 0900H at Coast Guard Station Oriental Mindoro, Brgy. San Antonio, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro. Personnel of EMB MIMAROPA Region were deployed to participate in the activity, namely: Engr. IV Dan Goodwin S. Borja, Sup EMS Ederlita U. Labre, Senior EMS Ma. Teresa Riziel I. Caya and EMS II Adz Hazen M. Dimapilis.

At 0900H, the EMB MIMAROPA team boarded the BRP Bagacay (MRRV-4410) and the vessel left Calapan Port by 1000H headed towards the location of the sunken MT Princess Empress tanker. There were no representatives from the Municipal Government of Naujan and the Municipal Government of Pola aboard the BRP Bagacay to participate in the activity.

BRP Bagacay reached Balingawan Point at around 1145H to undertake the final offshore survey at the site of the sunken MT Princess Empress tanker. Two (2) tugboats were stationed in the area, namely: Titan I and Cabilao, with oil spill boom laid out to monitor oil sightings and control any oil spills as previously committed by the Philippine Coast Guard. Faint gasoline-like odor was observed on the site whenever there was wind blowing against the direction of the vessel but dissipated immediately. During the course of the survey, traces of rainbow-colored to silver-metallic sheens were observed at the site. Liquid rising to the water surface was also seen, possibly remaining oil from the vessel, but immediately dissipates as it reaches the surface. At this juncture, the EMB MIMAROPA team proposed



that water samples be taken for Oil and Grease determination as the team brought sampling container in case that sampling is needed. However, PCG officers and personnel expressed their disapproval in the proposal citing that the samples will produce Oil and Grease results that will fail the water quality guideline values considering the situation in the area. Thence, PCG demonstrated to the UICP members options to speed up the dispersal of oil sheen mechanically. One method is by agitating the oil sheen by passing vessels such as rubber boats. Another method is by high pressure spraying of seawater to the oil sheen. By around 1245H, the team departed ground zero and arrived Calapan Port by 1355H.

The team assembled by 1430H at the UICP – Oriental Mindoro office at the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office Building, Provincial Capitol Compound, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro for briefing and discussion for the termination of oil spill response operations at Oriental Mindoro. The PCG showed the drone videos made during the final offshore survey. The meeting was concluded with a collective agreement among the members of the UICP – Oriental Mindoro who attended the meeting recommending the termination of the oil spill response operations as per attached copy of the minutes of the meeting. Finally, it was announced that the initial schedule of the signing of the resolution for the termination of the oil spill response operations will be on 17 July 2023. After the signing of the minutes by the attendees, the meeting was adjourned by 1651H.

For your information, record and further instructions.



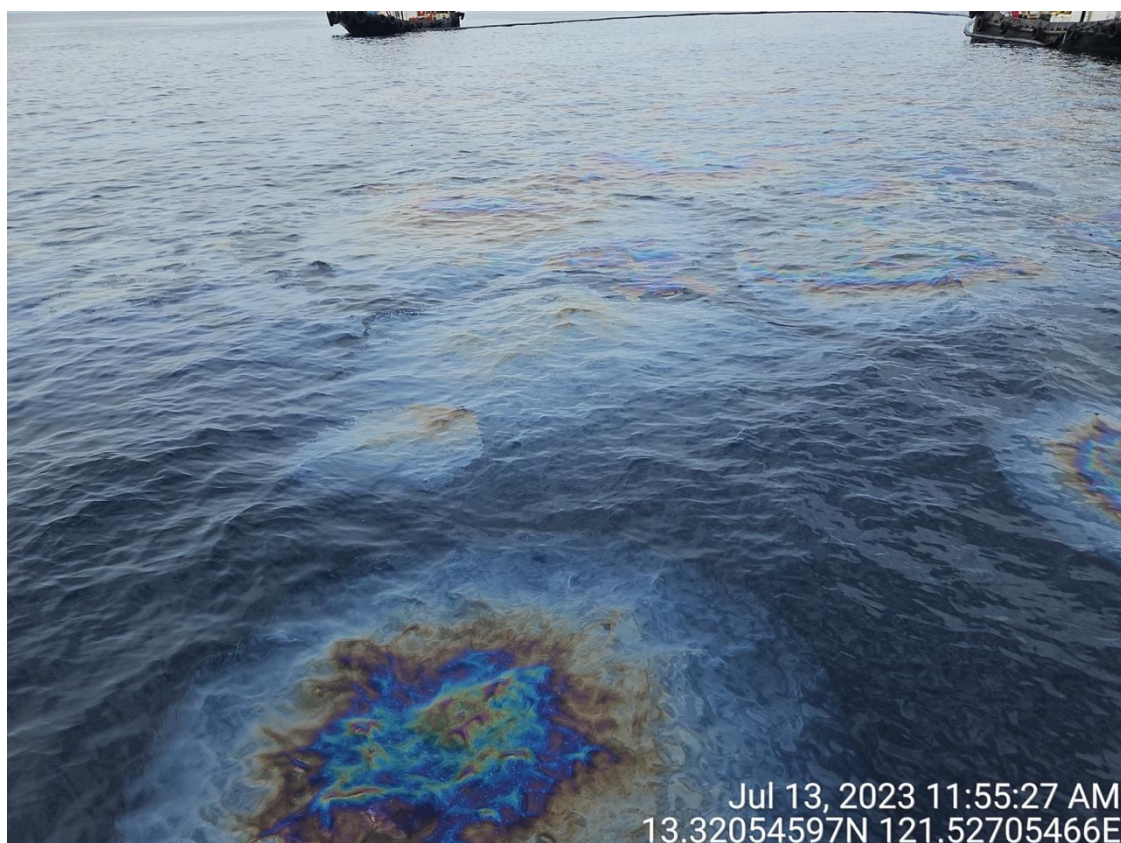
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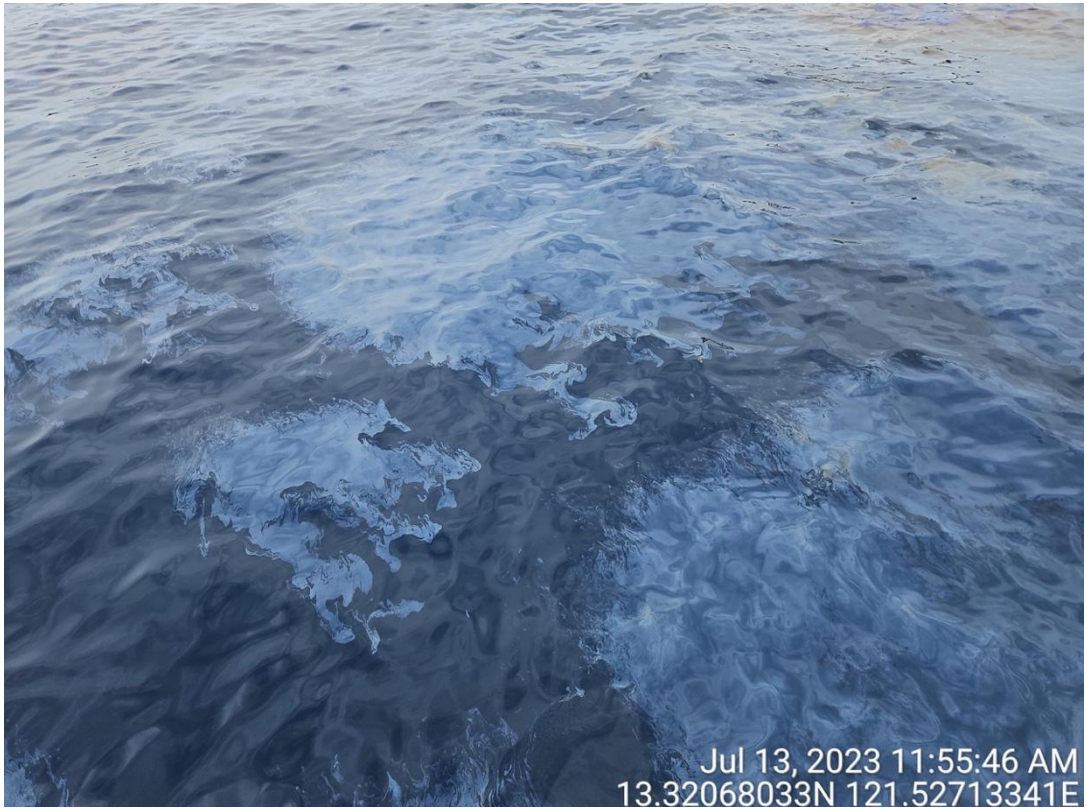
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**Provincial Environmental Management Unit – Oriental Mindoro**  
*PENRO Compound, Brgy. Suqui, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro*

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