



PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORT (PAR)

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PREPAREDNESS

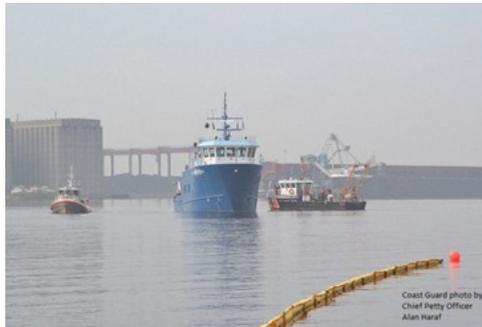
Wildlife Services' Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois programs participated in operation "Peeking Duck" last week, a mock oil spill in Lake Superior. "Peeking" represented the security portion of the training exercise and "Duck" represented the environmental cleanup. The exercise brought 50 state and federal agencies together to help prepare for future catastrophic events in their region.

The scenario for this exercise was a vessel spilling 40,000 gallons of oil in the harbor near Duluth, MN, along with a terrorist event simultaneously taking place nearby.

Wildlife Services was called in to assist with the protection and recovery of contaminated wildlife. Several personnel were mobilized and participated in the 2-day exercise.

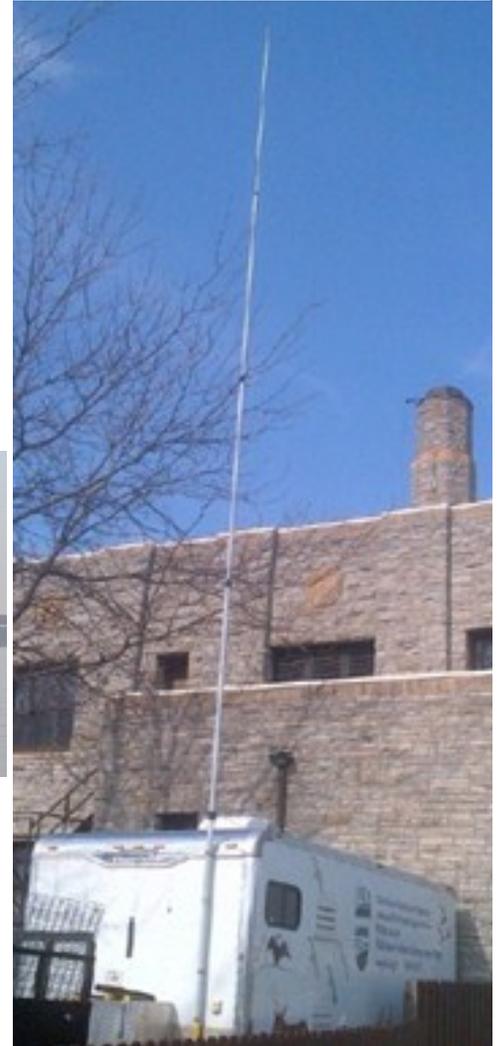


One of the key components to an effective response is communication. The Minnesota WS program equipped their emergency response trailer to accommodate one of the three NWDP portable repeaters. The portable repeaters have the ability to be linked together to expand their range if needed on a larger scale incident. The unique con-



Coast Guard photo by
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figuration allows this mobile lab to arrive on site and rapidly deploy people and equipment into the field to aid in the ongoing incident. With this mobile communication system, information can be rapidly disseminated out to the field keeping personnel up-to-date and out of harm's way. The mobile communication system was a huge success for Wildlife Services and a tool that will be extremely helpful in future events.



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