
From: Schimsa, Rebecca
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 8:54 PM
To: Haley, Nikki
Cc: Haley, Michael; Burns, James; Patel, Swati; Godfrey, Rob
Subject: Re: EMD Alert - Ravenel Bridge

The county did not report the incident to EMD, and Stenson believes that the City of Charleston and/or City of Mt. Pleasant might not have even notified the county -- being that the bridge is controlled by the two municipalities. Because EMD relies on the locals to report incidents, and because in this case, no state assistance was requested, EMD didn't know until they received information about the spill and closure from the National Response Center (under DHS), which is a standard national reporting system. I talked with Stenson tonight about the need for a heads-up on these types of significant local incidents that result in news coverage, and he said they'll try to monitor local issues better.

If there is anything else, please let me know.

> On May 26, 2015, at 7:35 PM, Haley, Nikki <govhaley@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

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> There was a major delay getting this info today. Please find out where the ball dropped and let me know. We should never find these things out from the news.

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> Sent from my iPad

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>> On May 26, 2015, at 5:14 PM, "Schimsa, Rebecca" <RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

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>> Earlier today, the Ravenel Bridge in Charleston was closed due fuel being spilled on the bridge. Per the City of Charleston, the Ravenel Bridge will continue to be closed for a few more hours, because the cleanup process is going slower than expected. (Originally, they hoped to have it open by 5pm today.) They are moving the fuel from one tanker into another tanker.

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>> No state assistance has been requested.

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