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July 18, 2017

Maki Ocean Shipping
RE: ARGENT COSMOS
16th Floor
Calle 53 EST
Urbanizacion Obarri
Panama City, Panama

To whom it may concern:

On July 6, 2017, the Tank Vessel ARGENT COSMOS experienced a loss of propulsion and grounded on the Columbia River near Skamakowa, Washington.

We would like to commend you for reporting this incident as required to the Washington Emergency Management Division (WEMD). We received an initial notification from the Maritime Fire and Safety Association (MFSA), who is your contingency plan coverage provider while operating on the Columbia River. We also received a secondary notification from ECM Maritime Services.

Washington State requires covered vessels to report vessel emergencies like the one that occurred directly to WEMD. A vessel emergency is defined in the law as “substantial threat of pollution originating from a covered vessel, including loss of or serious degradation of propulsion, steering, means of navigation, primary electrical generating capability, and seakeeping capability.”

We appreciate these notifications. Reporting these incidents early on is extremely important as it allows the Department of Ecology to monitor the situation, coordinate with the United States Coast Guard and be ready for a response if one were necessary.

Again, thank you for your efforts. If you have any questions you can discuss them with Sean Orr at (360) 407-7420 or sean.orr@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Nhi Irwin
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cc: United States Coast Guard, Sector Columbia River
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