

## **Oil Spill erroneously reported at Lyon Shipyard**

**On Monday March 1, 2010, an oil spill occurred at the Six M Marine facility in Norfolk, located at the head of a small creek near Campostella Road which drains into the Eastern Branch of the Elizabeth River. The initial call received by the Coast Guard reported the spill as being “across from Lyon Shipyard”. Lyon Shipyard operates a small repair yard on the south side of the Elizabeth River at the mouth of this creek; Six M is approximately 200 yards upstream and is not associated with Lyon Shipyard in any way.**

**The Six M facility has no signage, and because on-scene personnel failed to consult us or otherwise seek to confirm the proper name of this facility, initial reports cited Lyon Shipyard as the source location. These reports were picked up by the local newspaper, television stations, and various internet sites. None of these news outlets contacted us to either confirm the accuracy of the reports or to seek a comment from us prior to publication or broadcast. Pictures that accompanied some of this coverage are of the Six M facility, NOT of Lyon Shipyard.**

**The Coast Guard and Norfolk Emergency Response personnel have apologized for the error. The Virginian-Pilot Newspaper printed a correction in the Wednesday March 3, 2010, edition and corrected the online version of the article that also erroneously identified Lyon Shipyard as the spill site.**

**In spite of these corrections, some reports still linger on the internet misstating Lyon as the source. Interested parties seeking more information about the error are invited to contact us at 757-622-4661. Anyone seeking additional information about the spill, cleanup measures, or subsequent events should contact the Coast Guard Public Affairs Office at 757-398-5500, Norfolk Emergency Response at 757-664-6600, or the Six M facility.**