



From: Commander, NYS Military Emergency Boat Service

Subj: OPSUM 7 FEB 2025 MEBS PROGRAM

The link to the MEBS LOG APP is <https://www.jotform.com/app/222037196822152>

The following is the status of the New York State Military Emergency Boat Service

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KUL'S KWIZ

(A test of your nautical knowledge brought to you by BMC Bill Kaul, OIC of the "Black Jacks".
See answers at the end of OPSUM)

While underway in fog, you hear a vessel sound 1 PROLONGED blast followed by 2 SHORT blasts.
What does this signal indicate?

- A. vessel towing
- B. vessel engaged in pilotage
- C. vessel being towed
- D. vessel aground

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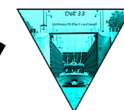
1) ADMINISTRATION:

a. NYNM Headquarters has received word that some of our members who have Naval Militia license plates are getting charged for other persons' tolls. With the advent of congestion pricing in Manhattan, this is becoming even more of a critical issue. The solution to this problem is to re-code your license plate number in your EZ-Pass account. Rather than just listing your plate number, include the NLM pre-fix in your EZ-Pass account. This is the same number that you will see on your NYS vehicle registration document.

b. Upcoming Events:

- i. Empire Challenge planning meeting #2; 19 FEB 25/ 1300; MS TEAMS/DMNA J3
- ii. NYNM Leadership Meeting; 21 FEB 25/1000; Leeds
- iii. Communications Training, 21-22 FEB 25; Leeds
- iv. Eastern Great Lakes AMSC, 26 FEB 25; Oswego
- v. Western NY Area Maritime Committee, 4 MAR 25/0900; Erie County TBD
- vi. MEBS SOUTHCOM Kick-off Weekend, 4-5 April, Glenwood Landing
- vii. Canal System opening, 16MAY 25; State-wide
- viii. "City-Piece" MSPP events, 2-4 JUN 25, NYC
- ix. Exercise Empire Challenge '25, 4-6 JUN 25, Niagara County
- x. Operation Commanding Force '25 Phase 1, 24-26 July 2025, Alexandria Bay
- xi. Operation Commanding Force '25 Phase 2, 31 July - 2 August 2025, Alexandria Bay
- xii. Exercise Northern Lights, TBD Late August, Rouses Point
- xiii. Canal System closing, 3 NOV 25; State-wide

2) INFORMATION: FEMA Announcement regarding federal funding for grants, such as the Port Security Grant Program that we participate in:





Notice Regarding Funding Pause - Temporary Restraining Order

Effective immediately, this temporary restraining order prohibits certain actions. Additional guidance is forthcoming regarding DHS's separate authority.

NOTICE OF COURT ORDER

You are hereby advised that a temporary restraining order has been entered in the case of *New York et al. v. Trump*, No. 25-cv-39-JJM-PAS (D.R.I.), ECF No. 50 (Jan. 31, 2025). You are receiving this Notice pursuant to the Court's directive that notice of the order be provided "to all

Defendants and agencies and their employees, contractors, and grantees by Monday, February 3, 2025, at 9 a.m." A copy of the Court's Order is attached for reference.

This case challenges an alleged "pause" of certain Federal financial assistance, related to OMB Memorandum M-25-13, *Temporary Pause of Agency Grant, Loan, and Other Financial Assistance Programs* (Jan. 27, 2025) ("OMB Memo"). Although that OMB Memo was rescinded on January 29, 2025, the plaintiffs in the above-referenced case allege that the funding pause directed by the OMB Memo is still in effect, including because of recently issued Executive Orders by the President.

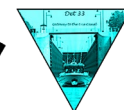
In response, the Court has entered a temporary restraining order prohibiting certain actions by the Defendants in the case, which is effective immediately. All Defendants—including their employees, contractors, and grantees—must immediately comply with the Court's Order. For complete details and terms of the Court's Order, please refer to pages 11 and 12 of the enclosed Order.

To assist in your compliance, here is a summary of the key terms:

1. Federal agencies cannot pause, freeze, impede, block, cancel, or terminate any awards or obligations on the basis of the OMB Memo, or on the basis of the President's recently issued Executive Orders.
2. This prohibition applies to all awards or obligations—not just those involving the Plaintiff States in the above-referenced case—and also applies to future assistance (not just current or existing awards or obligations).
3. Agencies may exercise their own authority to pause awards or obligations, provided agencies do so purely based on their own discretion—not as a result of the OMB Memo or the President's Executive Orders—and provided the pause complies with all notice and procedural requirements in the award, agreement, or other instrument relating to such a pause.

a. On pages 11 and 12 of the Order, the Court prohibits agencies from pausing funding "except on the basis of the applicable authorizing statutes, regulations, and terms." Thus, agencies remain free to exercise their own discretion under their "authorizing statutes, regulations, and terms," including any exercise of discretion to pause certain funding. Additionally, agencies remain free to take action pursuant to the terms of the relevant award or obligation, such as in cases of grantee noncompliance.

b. Any exercise of agency discretion, however, cannot be based on the OMB Memo or the President's Executive Orders, given that the Court has prohibited agencies from "implementing or giving effect to the OMB [Memo] under any other name or title[.]" (Order, pg.12). Additionally, any decision to pause, stop, delay, or otherwise withhold federal financial assistance programs must





comply with all notice and procedural requirements in the award, agreement, or other instrument setting forth the terms of the award or obligation.

4. Out of an abundance of caution, all federal agencies (even those not named as defendants in the case) should comply with the above-referenced terms.

As the Court's Order reflects, the above terms are temporary as litigation in the case is ongoing. At present, however, the Court's Order is in effect and must be complied with.

If you have any questions about the scope or effect of the Court's Order, please contact your agency's Office of General Counsel or your grant officer, as appropriate. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

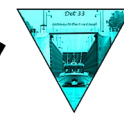
3) OPERATIONS:

a. We have received a solicitation from the NYS Canal Corporation where they propose to offset a majority of our costs if we can provide public safety patrols on the NYS Canal System. Our proposal focuses on the western end of the Erie Canal in Erie, Niagara, and Orleans Counties, the eastern end of the Erie Canal in Saratoga, Schenectady, and Montgomery Counties, along with the length of the Champlain Canal. We will be floating this proposal past the OTAG for concurrence. Our request for grant funding would be due by 31 MAR 25.

b. We have received feedback from the USNR Medical Training units at Portsmouth VA and Jacksonville FL regarding their iterations of Operation Commanding Force. The proposed dates of the training will be 25 JUL 25 and 1 AUG 25, at USCG Station Alexandria Bay. Our intent is to support each of these events with a 3-day/2-night training on the St. Lawrence River.

c. Readiness Rating:

MEBS Readiness Rating		Minimum Standard	Actual	Rating	Goal
Personnel Census	P-Rating	60	55	2	120 MEBS Members
Personnel Staff	S-Rating	7	12	1	13 Key Staff
Training Qualifications	Q-Rating	27	35	1	45 Qualified Coxswains
Training Proficiency	T1-Rating	86	83	2	240 Proficiency Mandays (2/member/year)
Additional Training	T2-Rating	90%	114.35%	1	Basic Course, Towing Cert., UECO, and +
Communications Reliability	K-Rating	90%	98.55%	1	100% Functionality
Equipment Maintenance	E-Rating	90%	95.65%	1	100% Operational
Equipment Vehicle Quantity	V-Rating	11	9	2	11 Trucks
Overall Readiness R-RATING			1.38	2	
Date:		7-Feb-25			





4) LOGISTICS:

a. A purchase order has been let to Coeymans Landing Marine for a replacement air conditioner unit for PB-400. The part is being picked up today.

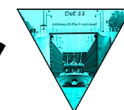
b. The new SeaPro engines for LC-351 are expected to be received by the vendor (White's Hudson River Marina) on 11 FEB 25. We anticipate taking custody of the engines late next week.

c. SFY 2024-25 NPS Expenditures to date:

Cost Area	Cost	Budget	Remaining	
General	\$16,824.43	\$10,000.00	-\$6,824.43	168.24%
Boat Maintenance	\$99,949.11	\$95,000.00	-\$4,949.11	105.21%
Truck Maintenance	\$1,881.38	\$3,000.00	\$1,118.62	62.71%
Trailer Maintenance	\$609.01	\$1,500.00	\$890.99	40.60%
Travel/Per Diem	\$12,506.57	\$20,000.00	\$7,493.43	62.53%
Boat Gasoline	\$12,215.13	\$18,000.00	\$5,784.87	67.86%
Truck Diesel	\$6,442.61	\$8,000.00	\$1,557.39	80.53%
Major Acquisition	\$43,712.62	\$47,000.00	\$3,287.38	93.01%
Grants Reimbursement	-\$20,492.54	-\$70,000.00	-\$49,507.46	29.28%
Total	\$173,648.32	\$202,500.00		% Year Gone: 91.94%
Available:	\$28,851.68			% SFY Remaining: 8.06%
				% Money Obligated: 85.75%

d. Boat, Truck and Trailer Status / Locations:

Bow / Bumper #	Boat / Vehicle	Location	Status	Mission	Comments
PB 220	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC		Ready. On trailer
PB 221	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC		Ready. On trailer
PB 230	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC		Ready. On trailer
PB 280	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC		Ready. On trailer
PB 281	Patrol Boat	Leeds	NMC		Engines Removed. ETR 28FEB25
PB 300	Patrol Boat	Jones Beach	FMC	Training	Ready, in water.
PB 301	Patrol Boat	Leeds	FMC		Ready. On trailer
LC 350	Landing Craft	Glenwood Landing	FMC	JTFES DET 3	Ready, in water.
LC 351	Landing Craft	Leeds	FMC		Ready. On trailer
PB 400	Patrol Boat	Verplanck	FMC	JTFES DET 1	Ready, in water.
PB 440	Patrol Boat	Staten Island	FMC	JTFES DET 2	Ready, in water.
F350-5274	Prime Mover	Camp Smith	FMC		Ready
F350-5275	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC		Ready



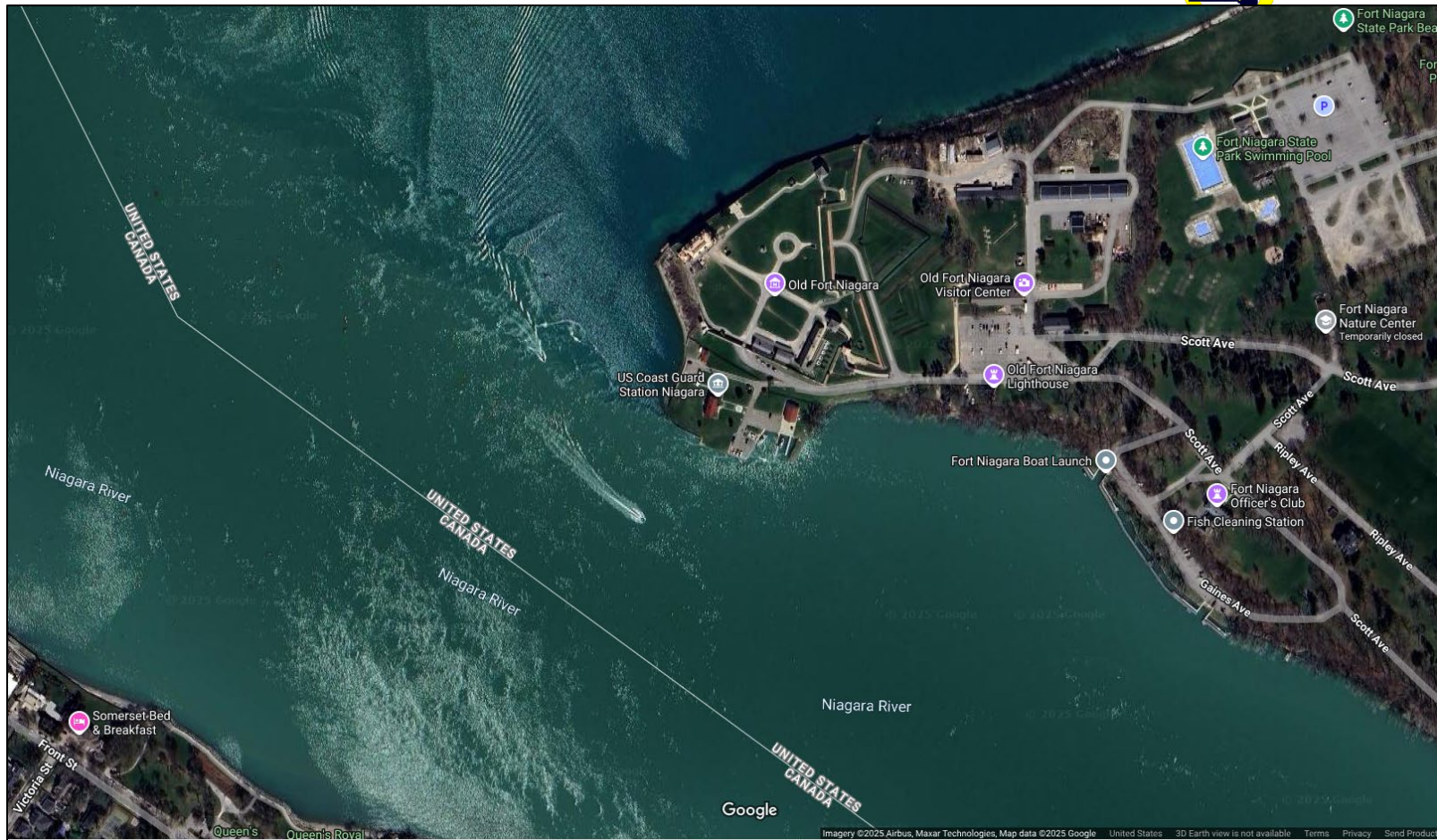


F350-5327	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC		Ready
F350-5329	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC		Ready
F350-5339	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC		Ready
F350-5340	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC		Ready
F350-5619	Prime Mover	Leeds	FMC		Ready
F550-5008	Prime Mover	Camp Smith	FMC	Service Truck	Ready
F550-5009	Prime Mover	Jones Beach	FMC	Service Truck	Ready
CT 8901	Cargo Trailer	Staten Island	FMC		Ready
CP 8902	C2 Trailer	Leeds	FMC		Ready
MT 8903	Maint Trailer	Leeds	FMC		Ready

5) PLANNING AND EXERCISES.

a. On 4 FEB 25, a NYNM planning team visited sites in Erie and Niagara Counties for the purpose of planning Exercise Empire Challenge. CAPT Dutcher, CAPT McKnight, LCDR Khosh, MNCM Niemitalo, and EMC Gerard met with staff at USCG Sector Eastern Great Lakes to propose the exercise with a scenario based on 2023's Operation Lake Thunder. To date, we have not seen significant obstacles to our plan, and we are pressing forward. In addition to a visit to the Navy Reserve Center at Buffalo, we also visited USCG Station Niagara where the focus of exercise activity will take place. Located at the mouth of the Niagara River as it enters Lake Ontario, this location provides an excellent exercise site, immediately on the border with Canada.





6) COMMUNICATIONS. MSgt Cuccurese has stepped down as MEBS N6 effective 24JAN25. We will continue to press forward with the training event on 21-22 FEB 25 at Leeds.

7) TRAINING.

a. Due to inclement weather, the scheduled Mercury University labs at Laconia, NH for MK1 Nugent and EM1 Malik this past week were cancelled. The next available opportunity for these classes is 20-21 March 2025.

b. SOUTHCOM Kick-off is slated for Tappan Beach Marina on the north shore of Long Island at Glenwood Landing. This is a two-day event for all MEBS SOUTHCOM personnel. The dates are 4-5 APR 25.

c. Kaul's Kwiz Answer

Answer A. (vessel towing)

