

Pacific States/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force
Fall Coordinating Committee Meeting
Conference Calls
October 1 and 4, 2007

October 1 Conference Call: Jurisdictional Updates

Participating: Steve Sawyer, California Office of Spill Prevention & Response; Curtis Martin, Hawaii Office of Hazards Evaluation and Emergency Response; Graham Knox, British Columbia Ministry of Environment; Mike Zollitsch, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality; Leslie Pearson, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation; Jon Neel and Sean Orr, Washington Department of Ecology; Greg Pollock, Texas General Land Office; Phil Woods, Alabama Department of Environmental Management; and Jean Cameron, Pacific States/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force.

California Office of Spill Prevention and Response, Steve Sawyer reporting:

- Steve noted that OSPR is engaged with the Western States Petroleum Association in ongoing discussions regarding the need to provide permanent funding for inland spill response. The inland response fund was created with no funds in it, but OSPR settled a case in 1998 and put the \$11.5 million in the inland fund. It is now down to \$3 million, with the only source of new funds being fines and settlements.
- OSPR has looked at various "healthy" funds, but no one wants to let go of these monies. Fees on inland production, pipelines, trucks, etc. are also unpopular. They've even considered changing the name of the current fund for marine response to make it apply statewide.
- OSPR and WSPA are also discussing the issue of credits for out-of-state drills. Steve noted that OSPR is creating a new Drill/Exercise program with 7 new FTEs. Barbara Foster heads the new program. Contingency plan holders are required to make advance "reservations" for OSPR staff to attend their drills; this should solve the problem of all the drills coming in the fall, Steve noted.

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Mike Zollitsch reporting:

- Mike noted that ODEQ staff is also busy with the "fall drill season." They're developing an NPREP drill with Sause Brothers that would involve a spill on the Smith River in Northern California. The drill is scheduled for May of 2008; USCG District 11 is taking the lead on planning.
- Garrett Wickham, a new ODEQ employee, will be serving as the Drill Coordinator, and will be in touch with his Ecology and OSPR counterparts. ODEQ hopes to do more unannounced drills in the future.
- Mike will also be a player in the TOPOFF exercise this month.
- He noted that the new Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee has both adopted a charter and convened an anchorage subcommittee.
- Rian Hooff is ODEQ's new Marine Transport Aquatic Invasive Species Project Manager, a position funded by the 2007 Legislature. He'll be looking for opportunities to coordinate with

the other states, especially regarding vessel inspections for compliance with ballast water control standards.

Washington Department of Ecology, Jon Neel reporting:

- Jon reported that the Spills Program is completing a new strategic plan for the current biennium.
- The strategic plan will be rolled out at the program's "all hands" program training workshop at the end of the month, on October 25 & 26th.
- Jon explained that the Spills Program funding will be reviewed by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC), beginning this fall and will likely lead to a legislative recommendations next fall in anticipation of the 2009 legislative session.
- He also noted that the Washington Oil Spill Advisory Council is considering a study comparing local, state, federal and international oil spill regulations in order to identify gaps. (On 11/2/07 Jon reported that OSAC will likely scale back the scope of study.)
- Regarding spill prevention initiatives, Jon reported that Senator Cantwell's USCG Reauthorization bill was still in committee and had not changed since it was dropped on July 27.
- He also reported that the Neah Bay rescue tug was beginning its 2007-2008 season on October 1.
- The Prevention Section staff is completing their *Safe and Effective* evaluations for pre-booming arrangements pursuant to their new oil transfer rules. This is a key technical and policy issue for the program at this time, since the booming regulations are effective 10/26/07.
- Jon also noted that maintenance and life cycle replacement on aging dock transfer lines is an issue.
- The Coast Guard Reauthorization act, if passed in its current form, would move the high volume port line from Port Angeles to Neah Bay. This action would improve coastal response planning requirements for federal Vessel Response Plans (VRPs),
- On the preparedness side of the house, Ecology's Spills Program staff is focusing on new contingency plan requirements that will require all plan holders to deploy all response equipment during drills over the next 6 years. This should help the program identify any shortcomings in both state and federal response planning standards.
- Jon noted that Ecology received some funding in the last legislative session for abandoned vessels, but only enough to deal with a limited number of small vessels. There are several large vessels as well as a large drydock which have been abandoned in the state.
- Ecology has submitted a claim to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund for the approximately \$3.7 million which they spent to clean up the *Catala* and will have a total claim of around \$6 million. Ecology is pleased with the cleanup effort in retrospect because it was an imminent threat and a large release (up to 38,000 gallons of heavy oil) would have cost a great deal more to clean up along with the serious environmental damages that would have occurred.

British Columbia Ministry of Environment, Graham Knox reporting:

- His program is planning a training event in November for their two 20-person Incident Management Teams, as well as for about sixty technical experts, Graham reported.
- Nine staff from the Ministry participated in the CANUSDIX exercise in Ketchikan September 17-21. He noted some improvements in working relationships with the Canadian Coast Guard, but there were still three command centers: one in the U.S. and two in Canada (CCG and MOE).
- The Minister wrote to the federal minister responsible for the Canadian Coast Guard expressing concerns regarding the Province's lack of access to "unified command." They have a meeting set for October 5th to discuss this issue further.
- His program is working on a review of their legislative authorities regarding environmental emergencies and is deciding which initiatives to put forward to the Minister. They plan to initiate a change to the spill reporting regulations to harmonize with federal regulations.
- Staff was directed to revise spill cost recovery standards to include costs of reasonable environmental restoration and monitoring. They're evaluating U.S. models for this, and Graham also believed that Environment Canada has been working on a NRDA model on the east coast of Canada
- The Ministry is planning five outreach meetings with First Nation Communities to address how these communities would liaison with the Provincial government during a spill response. Burrard Clean Operations will participate in order to describe the cleanup process and logistics.
- Graham noted that Stafford Reid retired on 9/28/2007. He had been with the program for 17 years, so it's a big loss to the program. New staff will be hired to replace Stafford as well as to fill Graham's old position, since he's now officially Unit Manager for Environmental Emergencies.

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Leslie Pearson reporting:

- Leslie noted that "typical" fishing vessel incidents were occurring, but there have been no major spills lately.
- DEC staff is also getting into "drill season," she noted. Twelve DEC staff persons participated in the CANUSDIX drill in Ketchikan.
- A project is underway to test some of the Geographic Response Strategies in Prince William Sound, specifically focused on the Copper River Delta.
- \$3 million of the *Selendang Ayu* federal criminal plea agreement will be allotted to conduct a Risk Assessment for the Aleutian Islands. A National Academy of Science Marine Board committee is currently developing a framework which will be used to implement the risk assessment.
- Leslie also reported that funding for a Cook Inlet and Aleutian Island Risk Assessment is in the version of the USCG Reauthorization Act that was passed by the House.
- The Emergency Towing System for the Aleutians is still under development. The workgroup has designed two towing packages for two different sized vessels. More information is available on SPAR's website (<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/index.htm>).

- Other initiatives that have grown out of the *Selendang Ayu* experience include a plan to develop subsistence sampling procedures and a plan to address gaps in the Environmental Sensitivity Index maps for the area. Commercial fisheries protection strategies is another focal point where DEC hopes to capture the "Lessons Learned" from the *Selendang Ayu* response.
- Area Committees are also working on Geographic Response Strategies for the Aleutians, focusing on the Unimak Pass zone this month. The Pribilof Islands and the zone east of Unimak will be initiated next.
- DEC is working with the Cook Inlet Regional Citizen's Advisory Council (CIRCAC) on a pilot Clean Marina program; CIRCAC secured a ConocoPhillips grant for this.
- Leslie also mentioned that DEC is working with the community of Kivalina on the North West Arctic coast which is experiencing severe erosion of their shorelines as a result of waters now free of ice due to Global Warming. This has threatened a tank farm in the community. Arctic ice is not expected to move south until January, she noted.
- She also reminded the Coordinating Committee of the 2nd International Oil and Ice Conference, which will be held in Anchorage October 10-11. For more information, see <http://www.slross.com/OII2007/OII2007main.htm>.

Hawaii Office of Hazards Evaluation and Emergency Response, Curtis Martin reporting:

- Curtis reported that HEER staff had participated in refinery drills with both Tesoro and Chevron; both drills focused on the operational planning changes in ICS guidance.
- He mentioned the "Superferry" saga, noting that it's currently not running to Kauai due to protests there, nor to Maui, due to a restraining order based on environmental concerns. The ferry isn't scheduled to run to the Big Island until next year.
- Curtis also mentioned that a sailboat had grounded on a reef between Diamond Head and Waikiki Beach. The vessel was broken up by the surf within hours, but PENCO was able to remove the petroleum products on board with minimum spillage.
- He also reported a spill of 10 bbls in the Honolulu harbor which occurred during a diesel transfer.

Texas General Land Office (TGLO), Greg Pollock reporting:

- TGLO's newest Oily Bilge Water Reclamation facility will be operational in the next few weeks. This new one in Rockport makes six altogether (although one was damaged by Hurricane Rita). These facilities are located in areas where the shrimp fleets primarily operate and are provided as a service to this depressed industry. The same service is available commercially to other recreational and commercial vessels.
- The program has just recycled one million gallons of used engine oil from these recycling facilities. The Texas legislature provides \$150,000 to \$180,000/year, which has previously been used for construction. Henceforth, it will be used for facility maintenance.
- Greg also reported that the 2005 Texas Legislature had given TGLO enhanced authority to deal with abandoned and submerged vessels, but no funding. His agency is requesting a \$500,000 grant from federal offshore oil royalties to initiate removal activities. He noted,

however, that this amount would only be a beginning, since abandoned and submerged vessels are a huge problem in Texas.

- Greg also noted that a couple of hurricane "scares" had provided good drills for his program staff. Five field offices along the Gulf coast had activated their hurricane plans both times. Fortunately, both storms missed Texas.

Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Phil Woods reporting:

- Phil reiterated that the Gulf States had been lucky so far this year with regard to hurricanes, and hoped it would continue. That's the good news.
- The bad news is that the Alabama Department of Environmental Management has a \$3 million shortfall going into this fiscal year, so there's a lot of cost-cutting going on.
- To add to ADEM's worries, they seem to have become a target for negative media attention, including a focus on some pre-RCRA waste cleanup problems.
- Regarding spills, Phil commented that Alabama has seen more than its share of train wrecks over the past few months. There was a recent release of 12,000 gallons of fatty oil into a creek, but most was recovered. Some fish died due to oxygen depletion caused by the fatty oil.
- Noting that developers recently caused a 450-gallon release from an old, abandoned vessel which they moved, Phil said that although Federal legislation exists Alabama has not adopted an abandoned vessel problem:

October 5th Conference Call: Review of Annual Work Plan Projects

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STATUS OF SPILL PREVENTION PROJECTS

Database Project

- Jean reported that 111 records had been reported below the 42 gallon threshold, mostly in 2006. She and Camille will work with the Data Workgroup to improve QA/QC on this process.
- She also noted that Camille wants to receive the 2007 data in two six-month segments, so they'll be asking the Workgroup members to submit the January - June 2007 data soon.
- Graham reported that the Province is moving ahead with further scoping for development of Provincial software; Jean encouraged him to integrate the Task Force Data Dictionary (as revised on our website).

Pipeline Spills

- Jean reported that no action had been taken on this project since the June Coordinating Committee meeting.

WCOVTRM Implementation Analysis

- Jean reported that the following persons participated on a conference call on 9/28 to discuss recommendations for future actions on the West Coast Offshore Vessel Traffic Risk Management (WCOVTRM) Project, based on the 5-year implementation review of the 2002 recommendations:
 - Steve Danscuk (Co-Chair), Leslie Kagami, Bob McFarland: USCG PACAREA
 - Rick Holly, OSPR (Co-Chair)
 - Ed Irish, WSPA
 - John Berge and Mike Moore, PMSA
 - LT Fred Seaton and CAPT Bill Devereaux, USCG D13
 - Dick Lauer, Sause Brothers
 - Ruth Yender, NOAA
 - Chip Booth and Jon Neel, WA Ecology
- She explained that WCOVTRM Workgroup members had submitted rankings, comments, and further recommendations based on the 5-year study. She compiled these into a worksheet, which Steve and Rick had then developed into a "strawman" with regard to who should undertake each draft recommendation and the target date for completion. This was a good discussion starter.
- Based on the 9/28 conference call, Jean sent a revised draft of recommendations to Rick and Steve for their comment, and had also shared this with the Coordinating Committee. She reviewed the draft recommendations that would be the Task Force's responsibility, including a role for the Task Force as a clearinghouse for Harbor Safety Committee Standards of Care and Best Practices. She reported that she'd participated by phone in OSPR's Harbor Safety Committee meeting on 10/4, and Rick Holly and Steve Danscuk had given the group an overview of the WCOVTRM project. Jean reported that OSPR is asking the California HSCs to formulate Best Practices over the coming year, so there is a nice convergence of effort on this topic.
- After Steve and Rick's input on the revised recommendations, Jean will send it to those on the call for comment, then to the full Workgroup. We'll also post it on our website with the final draft report and invite public comment. She hopes to have the report and further recommendations finalized by the end of the 2007 calendar year.

Recommended Best Industry Practices (BIPs)

- Jean reported that Jason Lewis of the American Waterways Operators, Pacific Region, and CAPT Paul Gugg of the USCG Pacific Area had convened a meeting on September 19th to review a draft AWO/USCG Regional Quality Steering Committee (RQSC) charter. They hope to convene the RQSC and adopt a final charter in March of 2008. Jean has requested that the Task Force's Best Industry Practices be considered by the RQSC once they're officially reconstituted.
- She also noted that the RQSC is considering establishing a Quality Action Team (QAT) to address the need for an updated inventory of west coast tugs and barges. The QAT would

also consider how to keep the inventory updated and who should have access. An updated inventory is one of the draft WCOVTRM recommendations.

- Jean also referred the Coordinating Committee to the prior discussion regarding California Harbor Safety Committees developing Best Practices, noting that she's made OSPR and the HSCs aware of the BIPs as recommended to the HSCs by the USCG Pacific Area in March of 2005 at the Task Force's request.

POSPET

- Jean reported that POSPET would be meeting at Ecology's Headquarters on 10/16 to review summer outreach activities and discuss the need for more *Spills Aren't Slick* materials for the 2008 season.

TAPS Conversions

- Laura Stratton of Ecology reported that there have been no changes in the TAPS fleet since her last report, noting that there are 17 tankers and all but two are double hull.

Roundtable on Green Ports

- Jean walked the Coordinating Committee through the project description in the Annual Work Plan, reminding them of decisions to be made at their January meeting.
- Jon suggested incorporating the Texas model for collecting and recycling oily bilge water; Jean will check on how this might be integrated.

Spill Prevention Topics of Concern (only those topics with updates are noted below)

- Federal preemption issues and tug escort requirements (Phil Ferester from the Washington Attorney General's office joined this discussion)
 - The Coordinating Committee was interested in reviewing this issue, since current federal tug escort requirements on the West Coast apply only to single-hull tankers. As the single hull tankers are phased out, the federal escort regulations may no longer apply, leaving state regulations to fill the gap.
 - Federal regulations for Puget Sound only apply to laden single-hull tank vessels; they do not cover tank barges. Washington state's tug escort regulations cover single and double hull laden tank vessels, but not tank barges. California's escort regulations do cover tank barges.
 - Leslie noted that DEC is in conversation with the Prince William Sound tanker operators on this issue, and they're assuring the state that they will continue to use tug escorts, even if not required by regulation to do so. DEC could require it as part of the Prince William Sound contingency plan.
 - Steve explained that California's regulations allow tanker operators to avoid tug escorts IF they meet certain standards for redundant steering and propulsion as well as bow thrusters.
 - Phil Ferester explained that the Prince William Sound and Puget Sound tug escort regulations, as required by OPA 90, included a Federalism clause stating that they do not preempt state regulations on this issue.
 - A federal judge in Massachusetts had ruled that that state's tug escort requirements were preempted by federal authority; Phil explained that Massachusetts's tug escort

regulations for double hulls were among several issues recently sent back to the lower court by the First Circuit Court of Appeals for fact-finding and/or trial, after the appeals court overturned that preemption ruling. This is where the Amicus Brief by several coastal states added significant value.

- The group noted that, in the meantime, the USCG has issued tug escort regulations for Buzzards Bay which apply only to single hull barges. Now a new bill has been introduced in the Massachusetts Legislature which would authorize the state to fund and dispatch "rescue tugs" to accompany double hull barges transiting Buzzards Bay.
- Jon noted that the language in Cantwell's bill (S.1892) has a statement indicating that the state is not preempted on the issue of rescue tugs.

STATUS OF SPILL PREPAREDNESS/RESPONSE PROJECTS

Increase U.S. Limits of Liability

- Jean reported that no action had been taken on this project yet.

U.S./Canadian Transboundary Issues

- Jean reviewed highlights of her report on the CANUSDIX drill, which she'd sent 9/26. She noted the issue of increasing traffic along the SE AK/British Columbia border and the fact that there is no VTS for that area.
- She also noted issues that came up in the drill over having separate command centers on both sides of the border, as well as some challenges integrating the Canadian Coast Guard's Response Management System with the Incident Command System used by the U.S. players, the Province, and Burrard Clean.
- Graham explained that integration with the Canadian Coast Guard was improved, and that some MOE staff had embedded in the Environmental Unit on the U.S. side, providing a liaison with the REET on the Canadian side; this had worked well.
- Jean reported to the Coordinating Committee that, based on the Clean Pacific Transboundary session as well as the CANUSDIX exercise, she drafted a list of issues which she sent to Dave Byers, Bob Mattson, & Graham Knox. She will work with them to draft a Scope of Work (issues and project organization, and Stakeholder list) for the Coordinating Committee's 1/9 meeting.

Track ICS changes to guidance and forms

- Jean noted that she had a chance to chat with Kristy Plourde, the USCG NIMS ICS Program Coordinator, at Clean Pacific. Ms. Plourde had mentioned that the NIMS Integration Center would soon be releasing a revised NIMS Operating Guide, designed to be a desk reference and teaching tool. Regarding the suggestion in our FEMA FOG comments that a standing advisory group be established to include state representatives, she noted that such groups already exist, but on a topic-specific basis. She will promote the idea of doing so on behalf of oil spill responses and will let us know.
- Jean had also spoken with CDR Anthony Lloyd, now the CO for the USCG Office of Response in D.C.; she had copied him on our FEMA FOG comments. He noted that about 5,500 comments had been received to the FEMA FOG, so we shouldn't expect a direct response.

Jean has asked Larry Iwamoto, as workgroup chair, to see if there's a web docket where all comments are posted.

- Jean is planning to visit the USCG Training Center in Yorktown next Monday to meet with Bill Whitson and Kristy Plourde (NOTE: This turned out to be a federal holiday, so the meeting was cancelled.)

Maintain and Expand OILS 911

- Leslie confirmed that there was no single 24-hour spill reporting number in Alaska into which the OILS 911 number could roll. Jean noted that DEC could adapt the *Spills Aren't Slick* materials for use in Alaska if they wished to do so.
- Jean reported that a total of 66 calls had been made on the system in July and August of 2007; 39 were in California, 2 in Oregon, 5 in Washington, and 20 in British Columbia.

Maintain the IVRP & other Comparative Tables

- Jean reported that no action had been taken on this project yet.

Spill Preparedness/Response Topics of Concern (only those topics with updates are noted below)

- Regarding oil spill drill programs, Jean noted that MMS had conducted an unannounced oil spill exercise on 9/26 with an operator in the Santa Barbara Channel.
- Regarding the status and solvency of the U.S. Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, Jean referenced an article in the 10/3 news clippings which stated that when EPA drops negligence charges against an RP, this allows that RP to access the fund for cost-recovery.
- Regarding spill response research and development, Leslie explained that the Oil & Ice Conference upcoming in Anchorage would focus on international oil spill response R&D developments for cold climates. She also noted that the oil industry is advocating use of dispersants in the Arctic, but the Beaufort Sea is shallow with limited mixing, so there's a lot of opposition to this in Alaska. Leslie also noted that NOAA is considering arctic bioremediation projects.
- Regarding coordination of inter-jurisdictional wildlife care, Jon noted that a Washington Fish & Wildlife committee is working to identify wildlife rescue and treatment resources. Mike noted that the Clean Rivers Coop may purchase an additional wildlife trailer. The NW Area Planning group is looking to identify six similar units that can treat up to 100 birds when used in tandem. They've had guidance from UC Davis on this. Curtis also offered to provide a tour of the Clean Islands Council trailer, which is designed for just such a "campus format."
- Regarding impacts of Avian Influenza on oiled bird rescue/rehabilitation and worker safety, Curtis reported that the HI Department of Health is testing all dead birds found in the islands.
- Regarding planning for Potential Places of Refuge, Leslie noted that the AK RRT is wrapping up the planning for the Aleutians. Curtis explained that Hawaii needs to adopt the guidelines into their Area Plan.

STATUS OF ADMINISTRATIVE & COMMUNICATIONS ISSUES

Clean Pacific Conference Debrief

- Laura Liptak of the TradeFair Group joined the conference call for this discussion. She reported that a total of 1,007 registrants had attended the Clean Pacific Conference, with an additional 100 persons who came to visit the exhibit area only. Of the 550 delegates, 171 were non-paying (e.g., program committee or speakers). TradeFair Group is considering minimal fees for some attendees.
- Laura also reported that eight countries were represented, including the U.S., Canada, China, the United Arab Emirates, Brazil, Monaco, and Austria.
- Of those replies to TradeFair group's post-conference survey sent to exhibitors, 88% agreed that the event "met their dialogue needs." Some responders also noted a need for more industry involvement. A consistent comment was that sessions and presentations needed to be longer. Some didn't like ending on Friday; the 2009 Clean Pacific Conference will be on a Tuesday-Wednesday schedule.
- Regarding session attendance, it varied; but the security track was the least well-attended.
- Some attendees felt that the facility was too large.
- Regarding food service, more coffee was needed and no one liked having cookies with the open bar reception!
- The Coordinating Committee and Executive Coordinator need to invest more effort in reviewing the session topics and speakers. Jean recommended that the Program Committee agree to the topics first, then solicit abstracts, since she felt that some of the presentations did not fit into their sessions.
- Jon suggested that there be more of a combination of technical and policy presentations.
- Jean reported that she'd had all positive comments from the Task Force Members who had attended the full session.
- She also noted that the A/V was awkward, i.e., having each speaker load their own PowerPoints at each session, since not all speakers are computer-savy. She also recommended electronic or other aids to help moderators keep speakers on time.
- Jean reiterated her appreciation for the TradeFair grants that helped with travel and registration for those who requested it.
- The Coordinating Committee heartily thanked Laura and the rest of the TradeFair Group team of doing such a GREAT JOB!
- Laura plans to attend our 2008 Annual Meeting, and hopes to meet with the Coordinating Committee then to begin planning for the 2009 Clean Pacific.

2008 Annual Meeting location and date

- The Coordinating Committee agreed that they preferred September to July as a meeting time.
- Jean will work with the Task Force Members and the Coordinating Committee to determine a meeting date in September, 2008.
- Jean will then work with the British Columbia Ministry of Environment, who will host the 2008 meeting, to secure a location.

Stakeholder Outreach & Outreach to East Coast States/Provinces

- As noted above, Jean participated in the CANUSDIX drill and the USCG/AWO RQSC meeting on 9/19.
- She will be speaking at and attending the American Salvage Association conference 10/9-10/10.
- She will participate in the POSPET meeting on 10/16 in Lacey, WA.
- Since she'll be in Boston on vacation the week of 10/22-10/26, Jean has scheduled a meeting with staff from the MassDEP on 10/29.
- She reported that the next meeting of the Joint Assessment Team was not yet set.
- Jean also plans to attend Clean Gulf 11/15-11/16, and API's Spills Advisory Group will meet in Washington, DC on 12/13.

Meet with Federal Officials

- The Coordinating Committee is scheduled to meet with representatives from the USCG PACAREA on January 10th, in conjunction with their winter meeting.

Upcoming Coordinating Committee meetings

- As noted in the 2007-2008 Annual Work Plan, upcoming Coordinating Committee meetings are scheduled as follows:
 - January 9-10, 2008: Honolulu, Hawaii
 - April 9-10, 2008: LA/LB in conjunction with the Roundtable on 4/8
 - July 8-9, 2008: Alaska (location TBD)

The conference call adjourned at 11:45 a.m.