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I received a phone call earlier today (1:00 pm) from Lt. Matthew Jones from the Thirteenth Coast Guard District concerning LST-1166. He stated that he had previously been in contact with Mary Queitzsch, and was calling me with a "heads up" that the CG Captain (no specific name was provided to me) had made a decision that the scope of work contemplated by the CG for management/disposal of LST-1166 was beyond the scope of CERCLA removal action, and that the CG either did not or was not willing to conduct a remedial action associated with LST-1166. Therefore, he indicated that the CG had made a decision to transfer responsibility for LST-1166 back to the owner of the vessel. The CG is in the process of drafting a letter to the R10 RA reflecting the CG's decision. Lt. Jones indicated that he would be briefing his chain of command sometime following my conversation with him.

My conversation with Lt. Jones was very brief, and I thanked him for the courtesy heads-up, noting that this decision by the CG would certainly raise management - level issues.