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Geological Survey  
Gulf of Mexico Area  
Office of the Oil and Gas Supervisor  
OCS Operations Safety Alert  

Barrels of Deadly Poisonous Cyanide Adrift in the Gulf  

The U.S. Coast Guard has advised this office of a ship collision on August 5, 1973, 90 miles off the Yucatan Peninsula which resulted in the loss of 390 barrels of highly poisonous sodium and potassium cyanide.  

These barrels are two and one half feet high and sixteen inches in diameter, painted blue with white stenciling. Hurricane Delia has widely scattered these barrels throughout the Gulf.  

Please advise all offshore personnel of the following:  

1. If a barrel is sighted - do not try and recover, but note the time, location, and direction of drift.  

2. Notify all sightings immediately to the Commander Eighth Coast Guard District at A/C 504 527-6225.  

These barrels are extremely dangerous and your help in locating them is greatly appreciated.  

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