Ingalls using advanced deep-cleaning technology to protect shipbuilders

Ingalls implemented enhanced cleaning and sanitizing processes measures shortly after the first employee COVID-19 case was confirmed. Teams of Ingalls employees are continuing to manually clean facilities and equipment throughout the shipyard. This precautionary cleaning is occurring every night and on weekends and is being done throughout the shipyard in an effort to prevent further spreading of the virus.

At the same time, the Company is continuing research to find, and implement, new ways to supplement and improve our cleaning efforts.

Over the last week, we just implemented one of those new methods. Now, one of Ingalls’ environmental cleaning contractors is using portable “foggers” that provide great coverage in disinfecting large and high-traffic areas of the shipyard. You may see operators walking through various areas using these devices, which disperses a mist of a hospital-grade disinfectant solution designed to reduce or eliminate microorganisms such as viruses, bacteria, fungus, mold and mildew.

This solution is safe for use on all surfaces; and areas that have been fogged are safe for work within 10 minutes.

Crews are also disinfecting other high-volume, high-traffic areas. On the nights of March 30-31, crews fogged and manually cleaned the following areas:

- Ship accesses / gangways
- Wet Dock Building restrooms, stairs, conference rooms
- Gates 1, 2 & 4, including turnstiles, vending machines, drinking fountains, golf carts / mules, water fountains, and ice machines
- LBTF lobby
- All four employee buses
- Medical screening trailers
- Paint department office area
- North and South screening trailers
- CSA III lobby, elevator and stairs
- Admin 1, 2, 3, & 4 lobbies
- Human Resources & Administration Building lobbies

“The health and safety of our employees is our top priority,” said David Glynn, director of Environmental Health and Safety. “As we work through this situation together, we will continue to identify areas that we will be fogging and/or manually cleaning to keep work areas safe and our shipbuilders safe from coronavirus. We appreciate their hard work and dedication during this challenging time.”