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Safety Advisory – Plaquemine Bend Stone Laying Operations MM 207.5-209.5 RDB AHP LMR

The Captain of the Port New Orleans is issuing a Safety Advisory for the waters of the Lower Mississippi River from Mile Marker (MM) 207.5 Above Head of Passes (AHP) to MM 209.5 AHP. This advisory is needed to protect persons and vessels from the potential safety hazards associated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) stone-laying operations occurring along the right descending bank (RDB) near MM 208.5 (Plaquemine Bend).

The stone-laying operations will be conducted daily from 7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. local time Monday, September 28 through Sunday, October 18, 2020, including the weekend. During stone laying, towing vessel CROSBY RAMBLER and its barge will extend 150-300' channel-ward from the bank.

One-way traffic will be required from MM 207.5 to MM 209.5 during stone laying operations. Passing arrangements shall be made with M/V CROSBY RAMBLER on channels 13 or 16.

Updates and/or changes will be disseminated via VTS email distribution and/or via Safety Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

For additional information, contact the following:

M/V CROSBY RAMBLER: (985) 278-1683

Coast Guard MSU Baton Rouge: (225) 281-2875

Coast Guard Sector New Orleans Command Center: (504) 365-2200

Vessel Traffic Services Lower Mississippi River (24-Hour): (504) 365-2230, VHF FM Ch. 05A, 12, 67



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