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Captain Stephen H. Hathorn, President
Board of New Orleans - Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots Association
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RE: 2019 High Water Restrictions

Dear Captain Hathorn:

Effective immediately, the Board of Examiners for New Orleans - Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots for the Mississippi River (hereinafter "Board of Examiners") rescinds all remaining 2019 high water safety restrictions (*i.e.* all remaining restrictions from MM 193 AHP – MM 234 AHP) with the following exceptions:

1. All vessels operating within the Baton Rouge Harbor (*i.e.* MM 225 AHP - MM 234 AHP) shall utilize *tethered* tug escorts with adequate horsepower alongside while transiting above the I-10 bridge to the dock, as well as departing the dock and transiting downbound past the I-10 bridge; and
2. Only one vessel at a time will be allowed to be underway between the I-10 bridge and the U.S. 190 bridge.

These restrictions shall remain in effect until further notice.

The Board of Examiners will continue to monitor river conditions in order to implement necessary river restrictions and/or additional Standards of Care.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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With professional regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Robert D. Heitmeier

Captain Robert D. Heitmeier
President, NOBRA Board of Examiners

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