

# Southern Currents



## Notice to the Area Port of New Orleans Trade Community

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Date January 4, 2019

No.: 19-011

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**SUBJECT: Extended Blanket Delay in Departure Due to Daily LMR Closures – Fog, Revetment Operations, and Vessel Grounding**

**Blanket Delay in Departure:**

The CBP Area Port Director has **extended** a blanket **Delay in Departure** for those vessels unable to depart the lower Mississippi River because of daily U.S. Coast Guard River Closures due to fog and the grounded vessel at Mile Marker 3.5, as well as the ongoing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers revetment operations at Mile Markers 80 – 83.

This blanket Delay in Departure grants **an additional 48 hours** for vessels to depart port **after 11:59 PM on Friday January 4, 2019.**

**All vessels currently held in port due to river closures have until Sunday January 6, 2019 at 11:59 PM to depart without having to surrender and cancel previously granted clearances.**

There is no requirement to have a Vessel Entrance and Clearance Specialist (VECS) stamp/annotate a vessel's clearance "Delay in Departure" when a blanket Delay in Departure is authorized.

A delay in departure **does not provide** additional time for filing complete outbound manifests and export declarations.

Direct questions about this trade notice to Acting Area Port Director Mark Choina at (504) 670-2287 or via e-mail at [mark.s.choina@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:mark.s.choina@cbp.dhs.gov).

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark S. Choina".

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