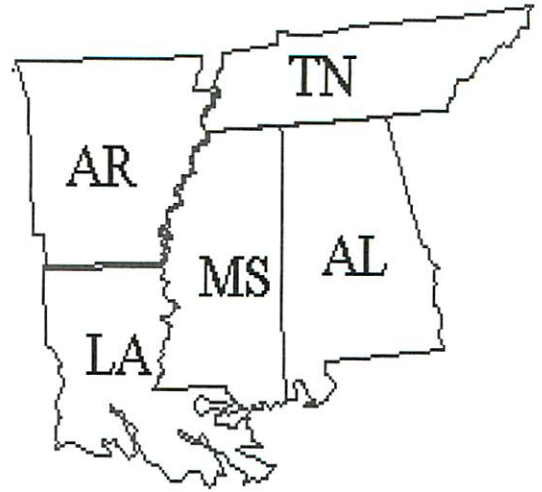


# Southern Currents



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

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Date February 20, 2019

No.: 19-020

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**SUBJECT: Extended Blanket Delay in Departure Due to Daily LMR Closures – Dense Fog Conditions**

**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 dense fog conditions.

This blanket Delay in Departure grants **additional time** for vessels to depart port **after 11:59 PM** on Wednesday February 20, 2019.

**All vessels currently held in port due to river closures have until Saturday February 23, 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 Supervisor Frank Foster at (504) 670-2057 or via e-mail at [frank.d.foster@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:frank.d.foster@cbp.dhs.gov).

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