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Waterway Status – Temporary Closure MM 0 – MM 2 AHP LMR

Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Lower Mississippi River, in accordance with the Navigation Safety Regulations, Code of Federal Regulations Title 33, Subpart 161.11, will establish a series of VTS measures for all waters of the Lower Mississippi River from Mile Marker (MM) 0 to MM 2.0 Above Head of Passes (AHP). These measures are needed to protect persons and vessels from the potential safety hazards associated with Great Lakes Dredge & Docks dredge and pipeline crossing operations and are in effect with the following provisions:

- **January 15, 2021 from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon) local time:** all vessels are **restricted from transiting** between MM 0 and MM 2.0 AHP.
- **January 15, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 6:00 p.m. local time:** all vessels are restricted to **one-way traffic along the west side of the river** between MM 0 and MM 2.0 AHP.

On January 15, all vessels shall contact the on-scene pilots stationed on the dredge ILLINOIS via VHF-FM channels 67 or 82 to make passing arrangements.

- **January 16, 2021:** traffic will be open to all vessels with no restrictions.
- **January 17, 2021 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. local time:** all vessels are **restricted from transiting** between MM 0 and MM 2.0 AHP.

On January 17, all vessels shall contact the on-scene pilots stationed on the M/V LAYLA RENEE via VHF-FM channels 67 or 82 to make passing arrangements.

Updates and/or changes to the published schedule will be broadcast via Broadcast Notice to Mariners and/or industry-wide email.

Vessels intending to arrive or depart the Mississippi River on the day of a closure must arrive at Pilottown (outbound) no later than 4:00 a.m. or Southwest Pass Entrance Light (inbound) no later than 3:30 a.m. on the morning of the closure.

For additional information, contact:

Waterways Management: SecNOLA-WPM@uscg.mil

Sector New Orleans Command Center (24 hour): (504) 365-2200

Vessel Traffic Center (24 Hour): (504) 365-2514 or VHF-FM channels 5A, 12 or 67



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