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HIGH WATER SAFETY ADVISORY: MORGAN CITY-PORT ALLEN ALTERNATE ROUTE

As a result of the Bayou Sorrel river gauge reading 6.5 feet and rising, the COTP New Orleans has implemented an advisory with the following restrictions in accordance with the Waterways Action Plan Baton Rouge Annex:

Bayou Sorrel Lock area:

- -One way traffic is required for all vessels from MM 37.6 to MM 45.
- -All mariners are advised to transit the area at minimum safe speed with no discernible wake.
- -Lower Grand River Waterway (landside route by Bayou Sorrel) is closed to all commercial traffic.
- -If the Bayou Sorrel river gauge reaches 6.9 feet and continues to rise, the waterway will be closed from Bayou Sorrel Lock to Port Allen Lock, with the exception of local facility traffic from MM 60 to MM 65, including the Sun Plus Canal, on a limited basis.

For further information, contact:

Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Baton Rouge: (225) 298-5400

Coast Guard Sector Command Center New Orleans (24 hours): (504) 365-2543

Bayou Sorrel Lock: (225) 659-7773 or VHF Channel 14

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