

# MARINE SAFETY BULLETIN

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## **HIGH WATER SAFETY ADVISORY:** **LMR MM 219 TO MM 240 (33' and falling)**

As a result of the Baton Rouge gauge reading 33 feet and predicted to fall, the COTP New Orleans has issued a Safety Advisory for all waters of the Lower Mississippi River (LMR) from Mile 219 to Mile 240 Above Head of Passes. This safety advisory is effective immediately. The following are recommendations for the advisory:

Tows should use their most experienced crews.

Additionally tows entering and exiting the **Port Allen Lock LMR 219-229** are reminded that:

1. All tows greater than 600' (excluding the towboat) are recommended to employ an assist vessel of at least 1200 hp when entering the locks.
2. It is recommended that all tows exiting Port Allen Lock into the Mississippi River intending to turn northbound use an assist vessel or proceed South below MM 221 and top around before heading North.
3. Towing vessels shall catch a headline when entering the Port Allen Lock.
4. Vessels will be put on queue for lock turn when their tow is built and may remain in the area in which their tow was built until it is time for lock turn.

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For further information, contact the following:

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

**Coast Guard Sector Command Center New Orleans (24 hours):** (504) 365-2542

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