

# MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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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 the removal of the temporary submerged discharge line for Hopper Dredge Disposal Area (HDDA) dredging operations crossing the channel, and are in effect with the following provisions:

- **January 10, 2023, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. local time:** all vessels are **prohibited from transiting** between MM 0 and MM 2.0 AHP.
- **(Back-up Date) January 12, 2023, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. local time:** all vessels are **prohibited from transiting** between MM 0 and MM 2.0 AHP.

Contact the on-scene pilots stationed on the dredge CAPT FRANK via VHF-FM channels 67 and 71, or at (985) 237-5014 for questions or status updates.

Updates and/or changes to this 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 5:30 a.m. or Southwest Pass Entrance Light (inbound) no later than 4:00 a.m. on the morning of the closure.

For additional information, contact:

Vessel Traffic Service Lower Mississippi River: (504) 365-2514, VHF-FM Ch. 05A, 12, or 67  
Sector New Orleans Command Center (24 hours): (504) 365-2545  
Sector New Orleans Waterways Management: (504) 365-2280 or [Secnola-wpm@uscg.mil](mailto:Secnola-wpm@uscg.mil)



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