

MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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**Safety Advisory – Dredging Operations in the Port Allen Lock
near MM 228 AHP LMR**

1. The Captain of the Port New Orleans is issuing a safety advisory for the waters of the Lower Mississippi River near Mile Marker 228 Above Head of Passes (AHP). This advisory is needed to protect persons and vessels from the potential safety hazards associated with dredging operations in the forebay of the Port Allen Lock. **The lock will be closed to navigation from 8:00 AM July 20, 2023, to 8:00 AM July 22, 2023.**
2. Mariners are urged to transit at their slowest safe speed in the vicinity of the dredging operations and proceed with caution after passing arrangements have been made.
3. The Dustpan Dredge WALLACE McGEORGE can be contacted on VHF Ch. 16 and 67.
4. The Port Allen Lockmaster, Adam McFarlain, can be reached at (225) 343-3752 for up-to-date closure information. The points of contact for the New Orleans District are Victor Landry at (504) 862-2407 and Robert Swazy at (504) 862-2060.

For additional information, contact the following:

Coast Guard Sector New Orleans Command Center: (504) 365-2200

Coast Guard MSU Baton Rouge Waterways Management: (225) 298-5400 x230

Vessel Traffic Service Lower Mississippi River: (504) 365-2230, VHF FM Ch. 05A, 12, 67



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*For a current list of MSIBs within the COTP New Orleans Zone visit: <https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/new-orleans> under "Safety Notifications"