

MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Safety Advisory – Southbound River Closure on July 4 for Salvage Operations from MM 233.2 to MM 234 AHP LMR

1. The Captain of the Port New Orleans is issuing a safety advisory for the waters of the Lower Mississippi River from Mile Marker (MM) 233.2 to MM 234 Above Head of Passes (AHP). This advisory is needed to protect persons and vessels from the potential safety hazards associated with the salvage and removal of a sunken barge occurring on the left descending bank of the River near MM 233.5.
2. **Mariners are advised that the Lower Mississippi River will be closed to all southbound traffic from MM 233.4 to MM 234 AHP on July 04, 2024, from 7:00 am until 9:30 pm.**
3. All northbound vessels transiting this area are requested to proceed at slowest safe speed after checking in with the M/V SUE ELLEN DIAMOND on VHF Ch. 67 or 87A. Alternatively, the M/V SUE ELLEN DIAMOND may be contacted by phone at (225) 937-9550.

For additional information, contact the following:

McKinney Salvage & Heavy Haul: (225) 445-5230

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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