

MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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VTS Safety Measure – USACE Vicksburg District Revetment Operations and Restriction/Closure at MM 249.2 Lower Mississippi River – Update 03

****Update 03**** All vessels intending to transit must make passing arrangements with the M/V William James on Marine VHF 13, 16, 82 or by phone at (601) 529-5824.

Southbound Traffic: Tows are limited to 25 barges or less & all southbound tows with 12 or more barges must flank.

Northbound Traffic: No restrictions.

1. The Captain of the Port New Orleans is issuing a VTS safety measure for the waters of the Lower Mississippi River at mile marker 249.2. Revetment operations will be conducted daily from **November 20, 2024, to December 1, 2024, from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. daily** on the right descending bank at Profit Island.
2. All vessels are required to pass both the Mat Sinking Unit and the Quarters Barge at their slowest safe speed after making passing arrangements with the M/V William James on Marine VHF 13, 16, 82 or by phone at (601) 529-5824.
3. **During revetment operations, the following vessel traffic restrictions are in effect:**

Southbound Traffic:

- Tows are limited to 25 barges or less and
- Tows with 12 or more barges must flank.

Northbound Traffic:

- No restrictions.

For additional information, contact the following:

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

Coast Guard Sector New Orleans Waterways Management: (504) 365-2278

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M/V William James: VHF 13, 16, 82 or by phone at (601) 529-5824



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