

MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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VT S Safety Measure – USACE Vicksburg District Revetment Operations and Restriction/Closure at MM 249 Lower Mississippi River – Update 04

****Update 04**** Restrictions are in place from November 26, 2024, to December 3, 2024, from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. daily except for the following period with no restrictions: November 29, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. to December 2, 2024, at 6:00 A.M.

Southbound Traffic: Tows are limited to 800 feet in length or less and tows 600 feet in length and over must flank, not including the length of the towing vessel.

Northbound Traffic: Tows are limited to 30 barges or less with a maximum length of 6 barges.

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. Revetment operations will be conducted from November 26, 2024, to November 28, 2024, from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. daily, November 29, 2024, from 6:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., and from December 2, 2024, to December 3, 2024, from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. daily on the right descending bank at Profit Island/Solitude Light.
2. No restrictions are in place from November 29, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. to December 2, 2024, at 6:00 A.M.
3. At all times, until December 3, 2024, at 6:00 P.M., 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.
4. During the revetment operations, the following vessel traffic restrictions are in effect:

Southbound Traffic:

- Tows are limited to 800 feet in length or less, not including the length of the towing vessel.
- Tows 600 feet in length and over must flank, not including the length of the towing vessel.

Northbound Traffic:

- Tows are limited to 30 barges or less with a maximum length of 6 barges.

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

Coast Guard MSU Baton Rouge Waterways Management: (225) 298-5400 x231

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



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