

MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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VTS Safety Measure – USACE Vicksburg District Revetment Operations and Restriction/Closure at MM 249 Lower Mississippi River – Update 05

****Update 05**** Restrictions are in place from December 2, 2024, from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. daily through December 05, 2024, ending at 6:00 P.M.

Southbound Traffic: Tows are limited to 800 feet in length or less and tows over 600 feet in length 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 December 2, 2024, to December 5, 2024, from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. daily on the right descending bank at Profit Island/Solitude Light.
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 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 over 600 feet in length 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:

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



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