

**NEW ORLEANS – BATON ROUGE STEAMSHIP PILOTS ASSOCIATION
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Re: USACE 2022 Revetment Schedule and Transit Restrictions; and Enterprise Pipeline Removal

Dear Captain Wattigney:

On Wednesday, September 21, 2022, the NOBRA Safety Advisory Committee (NOBRA SAC) held a zoom meeting to discuss, among other safety issues, the USACE 2022 revetment schedule and transit restrictions and Enterprise pipeline removal. Based upon current Mississippi River conditions and to assist industry during these maintenance projects, all NOBRA route restrictions should be lifted but for the following:

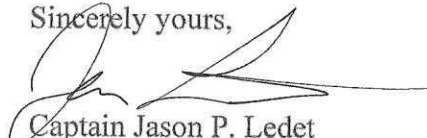
All vessels traversing northbound and southbound between Burnside and Baton Rouge shall maintain two pilots on board. NOBRA pilots shall work in two pilot teams actively working together with one pilot serving as the conning pilot and the other serving as the resource pilot.¹

This restriction should run concurrently with the aforementioned projects and remain in effect until completion.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

With professional regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



Captain Jason P. Ledet
Chairman, NOBRA SAC

¹ Any ship 41 feet or greater choosing to traverse the restricted zone at nighttime between MM 180 AHP through MM 234 AHP shall utilize two pilots. The first pilot will accept the original orders and apply the change rules applicable to their order. The second pilot ordered will be assigned to northbound vessels at a Burnside change. The same will be applicable for any second pilot making a southbound change at Burnside. The second pilot on a southbound change shall depart the vessel at Burnside.

Enclosure: U.S.C.G. Sector New Orleans – Marine Safety Information Bulletin “VTS Safety Measure – Revetment Operations, MM 70.7 – 239.3 AHP LMR

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VTS Safety Measure – Revetment Operations MM 70.7-239.3 AHP LMR

The Captain of the Port New Orleans is issuing a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Safety Measure for the waters of the Lower Mississippi River (LMR) from Mile Marker (MM) 70.7 Above Head of Passes (AHP) to MM 239.3 AHP to protect persons and vessels from the potential safety hazards associated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) revetment operations. The revetment operations will be conducted from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. local at the listed locations and dates:

Locations	Mile (Right or Left)	Scheduled Dates	Transit Restrictions
Allendale	239.3 RDB	September 18 - October 2	Southbound tows limited to 4 barges wide when the MSU is sparred out.
White Castle	193.6 RDB 193.4 RDB 192.7 RDB	October 3 to October 7 October 7 October 10 to October 15 November 16 to November 18 November 21 to November 26	No deep-draft transits during working hours. MSU will fold in at night.
Reserve	138.7 LDB	November 27 to December 2 December 5 to December 7	One-way transits with slow bell during working hours. MSU will fold in at night.
Kenner Bend	111.3 LDB	October 16 to October 20	One-way transits with slow bell during working hours. MSU will fold in at night.
Greenville Bend	99.8 RDB	December 8 to December 16 December 19 to December 21	One-way transits with slow bell during working hours for vessels with drafts of 40 feet or greater. MSU will fold in at night.
Linwood	70.7 LDB	December 22 to December 23 December 27 to December 29	No transit restrictions during working hours. MSU not required to fold in.

During times of actual revetment work, the Mat Sinking Unit (MSU) will extend approximately 300 to 900 feet channelward from the bank. When the Unit is not folded in, it will extend about 480 feet from the bank channelward. When the Unit is folded in, it will extend approximately 250 feet from the bank. M/V HARRISON and/or M/V WILLIAM JAMES will be the USACE on-scene pilot boats and can be contacted via VHF-FM Channels 67 or at (601) 415-1877.

Updates will be disseminated via VTS email distribution and/or Safety Broadcast Notice to Mariners. For further information, contact:

Sector New Orleans Command Center (24 hour): (504) 365-2545

Vessel Traffic Service (24 hour): (504) 365-2514, VHF FM Ch. 05A, 12, 67

Waterways Management: (504) 365-2280 or SecNOLA-WPM@uscg.mil



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Captain of the Port New Orleans