

**NEW ORLEANS – BATON ROUGE STEAMSHIP PILOTS ASSOCIATION  
SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**VIA EMAIL AT: [wattigneylmjr@nobrapilots.com](mailto:wattigneylmjr@nobrapilots.com)**

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*Re: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 2024 Revetment Operations – NOBRA Transit Restrictions*

Dear Captain Wattigney:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is set to begin revetment operations beginning this month and continuing through March. Currently, revetment operations, among other locations, are scheduled to begin January 12, 2024 through January 20, 2024 at MM 214.2 LDB (“Manchac”) and January 21, 2024 through January 31, 2024 at MM 199 LDB (“St. Gabriel”). Based upon current Mississippi River conditions and to assist industry during this revetment project, 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.<sup>1</sup>

This restriction should run concurrently with the revetment operations 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

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<sup>1</sup> 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, December 21, 2023 MSIB, “VTS Safety Measure –  
Revetment Operations: January – March 2024”

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