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Coast Guard extends filing deadlines for ALJ cases in Eighth District

WASHINGTON - The Coast Guard's ALJ Docketing Center announced today that deadlines for filing documents in administrative proceedings regarding mariners will be extended due to the disruptions caused by Hurricane Gustav.

The Docketing Center issued the following statement.

As a result of Hurricane Gustav affecting the Gulf Coast Region, the ALJ Docketing Center will be granting requests for extensions (Answers, reply motions and Notice of Appeals) received this week through close of business on September 12. Restated, if a party's responsive pleading is due sometime between today September 2, 2008 and next Friday, September 12, 2008, we will grant an extension.

Who does this affect: Individuals in the Gulf States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Texas.

Furthermore, the ALJ Docketing Center will stay pending Motions for Default which are due for ALJ Assignment until next Friday September 12.

The Docketing Center estimates that up to twenty pending cases concerning mariners may be impacted by this Hurricane. Questions can be directed to the ALJ Docketing Center Call Center at 1-866-612-7524 (toll-free) or at (410) 962-5100.

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