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Channel Closure for Movement of the Rig-Barge J P BUSSELL Orange, Texas to Sabine Pass, Texas

REVISED/RE-SCHEDULED

The drill rig-barge J P BUSSELL (215' x 196'), presently moored at Signal International, Orange, TX, is re-scheduled to depart under tow of the lead tug DELTA POWER at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, en route for Sabine Pass.

To facilitate the safe transit of this rig-barge, the Captain of the Port, Port Arthur, has issued a temporary Safety Zone for March 5, 2008, from 5 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Safety Zone will include the Sabine River (ICWW mile 260) from Signal International Dock in Orange, TX to the Neches River Intersection (ICWW mile 277) to Texaco Island Intersection in Port Arthur, TX (ICWW mile 288.8) including the Sabine-Neches Canal.

As the J P BUSSELL transits through the Safety Zone, all waters 100 yards or more behind the tows will be opened to all traffic.

Under the conditions of the Safety Zone, no vessel may enter or remain in the Safety Zone without the permission of the Captain of the Port, Port Arthur. Vessel Traffic Service Port Arthur and the on scene Coast Guard patrol vessel will coordinate traffic and enforce the Safety Zone. VTS Port Arthur may be contacted on channel 65A, 01A or 13 VHF-FM.

This notice will be posted on the HOMEPORT website http://homeport.uscg.mil. If you have any questions, please call MSU Port Arthur at (409) 723-6500.

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