



8<sup>TH</sup> COAST GUARD DISTRICT MARINE INFORMATION SECTION OF THE  
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**TIME LINE: PROVIDE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION IDEALLY 7 TO 10 DAYS  
PRIOR TO THE ACTIVITY.**

**INFORMATION REQUESTED:**

ANY DREDGING OR OTHER OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY THAT IMPACTS THE SAFE  
NAVIGATION ON FEDERAL WATERWAYS.

1. DATES (INCLUSIVE) OF OPERATION.
2. HOURS OF OPERATION (24 HOURS/DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY).
3. NAMES OF THE INVOLVED VESSEL(S).
4. WORKING AND STANDBY FREQUENCIES.
5. SPECIFIC LOCATION (MILE MARKER/BANK).
6. ANY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS OR CONCERNS THAT WOULD BE PERTINENT TO THE MARINER. NOTE: WE CAN ONLY PROVIDE INFORMATION. WE CANNOT DIRECT THE MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS. WE URGE THE MARINER TO ADHERE TO THE REQUESTED ACTIONS.

ACTION: THE COAST GUARD WILL ISSUE A BROADCAST NOTICE TO MARINERS AND/OR INCLUDE THE INFORMATION INTO THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Our office is responsible for issuing Broadcast Notice to Mariners and publication of the Local Notice to Mariners (Gulf of Mexico and Mississippi River System). Through our notices the public is made aware of your dredging and other operational activity. This is one of your first and best lines of defense against equipment damage and personnel injuries resulting from incidental boating activity in the vicinity of dredging/your operation. From a legal standpoint, this is the cheapest insurance that could be purchased. If your company is dredging/operating in or near a waterway, that our office be notified so that the mariner, in-turn can be notified through a Broadcast Notice to Mariners and/or inclusion in the Local Notice to Mariners. The preferred method of notification to our office is E-mail. The requested timeline for notification to the Coast Guard is 7-10 days prior to the dredging or operational activity. This allows time for the event to be published in the appropriate Local Notice to Mariners and the broadcast be issued prior to the event. The information requested is the dates of operation, hours of operation, names of the involved vessels, working and standby channels, specific location (mile marker, bank) and any specific instruction or concerns for the mariner.

We are only in the information business. I cannot direct the movements/actions of vessels. I can only urge the mariner to do requested actions.

IF THE SITUATION DICTATES (LAST MINUTE CHANGES OR NOTIFICATION), A CALL TO MY OFFICE AND THE BROADCAST NOTICE TO MARINERS CAN BE ISSUED/CHANGED/MODIFIED.