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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN....01-02

Subj: RISING WATER LEVELS AND INCREASING FLOWS THROUGHOUT THE COTP HUNTINGTON ZONE

The Captain of the Port Huntington, WV advises mariners to proceed with caution due to rapidly rising water levels and increasing flows on the Ohio, Kanawha and Big Sandy Rivers. Heavy rains over the last couple of days have significantly raised water levels and flow rates. High current velocities and out-draft conditions exist at all locks within the COTP Huntington Zone. Mariners are urged to exercise extreme caution while transiting these areas. All vessels must have adequate horsepower to maintain control of their tows. All fleet operators shall regularly check their fleets. Any barge breakaways shall be immediately reported to USCG Marine Safety Office Huntington at (304) 529-5524 during normal working hours or to USCG Group Ohio Valley on Channel 16 or at 1-800-253-7465 after 4:00 P.M.

If you have any comments or concerns you may contact my Chief of Port Operations at (304) 529-5524.

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