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MEMORANDUM

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From: Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston
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Subj: COTP POLICY ON RESTRICTED MOORING, BUNKERING, AND/OR
LIGHTERING LOCATIONS

Under the authority of Title 33 United States Code 1231 and Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations part 160, the Coast Guard has certain responsibilities to manage the safety of vessels and waterfront facilities for reasons of weather, visibility, temporary port congestion, or other temporary hazardous circumstances. In light of these responsibilities, vessels mooring, bunkering, and or lightering at various locations within the port of Houston are restricted to specific conditions due to the dangers involved with the physical constriction of Sector Houston-Galveston waterways. Enclosure (1) is a list of these locations and the restrictions.

This list was originally compiled in 1993 and revised in 1998 and 2004 after consultation with industry stakeholders and the Houston Pilots Association. A recent validation process with these same entities was completed to update the locations and waterfront facility names. With these restrictions along the Houston Ship Channel, we can best accommodate the diverse interests of multiple waterway users.

The COTP must be notified immediately, through Vessel Traffic Service (VTS), of any failure of by a party to this COTP policy or of any disagreement amongst any of the parties regarding its application or intent.

For further information regarding this policy, contact the Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston at (713) 671-5103.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "ME Woodring".

M. E. Woodring
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston

Enclosures: (1) COTP Restricted Mooring, Bunkering and/or Lightering Locations

Dist: Vessel Traffic Service Houston-Galveston
Local Bunkering Companies
Impacted Facility Terminal Managers
Unit Websites
Unit COTP Policy File

COTP Restricted Mooring, Bunkering, and/or Lighting Location	
Dock/Facility	Requirements
Barbours Cut Container Docks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (If ship is over 106' beam) Chevron-Phillips Docks 8, 9 City Docks 01, 02, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 41, 42 Exxon Ship Dock 4 Green Earth Processing Lyondell-Citgo Dock C Houston Cement East and West Docks Inbessa ITC Ship Dock 1, 2, 7, 8 Jacintoport Docks 1, 2, 3 Kinder Morgan Liquid Terminals Ship Dock 4 Oiltanking Ship Dock 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Shell Dock East, Center, West Stolthaven Ship Dock 2, 3 VOPAK Ship Dock 1 VOPAK Galena Park	Prior approval is required. An attending towboat shall be present at all times. Attending towboat must maintain an active wheelhouse watch, monitor CH 13 or 16, and be able to move within 30 minutes. Requests to bunker/lighter at these locations must be made to the Captain of the Port via the Vessel Traffic Service.
Gates Stripping Facility	No double ups in excess of 108 feet in width. All double ups must have an attending towboat with an active wheelhouse watch monitoring CH 13 or 16.
City Docks 03, 04, 27, 28, 32 Georgia Gulf Houston Fuel and Oil Ship Dock 3 Industrial Terminals Dock 2 New Manchester Dock A OXY Vinyls Houston Old Manchester South Central Cement	An attending towboat shall be present at all times. Attending towboat must maintain an active wheelhouse watch, monitor CH 13 or 16.
Valero Manchester Barge Docks 1 and 4 Kinder Morgan Liquid Terminals Pasadena Barge Docks 1,2 Ship Dock 1	No bunkering, lightering or double-ups At Ship Dock 1, no vessels greater than 750 foot in length or 108 foot in width.
Agrifos Ship 1, 2	No bunkering, lightering, or double-ups in excess of 90 feet in width.
Pasadena Refining Ship Dock	No bunkering, lightering or double-ups in excess of 95 feet in width
Arrow Terminals	No double-ups on channel side berth
Magellan	No double ups at Barge Dock 3. No double ups at Barge Docks 1/2 if ship or offshore barge is moored at Agrifos.
Shell Barge Lay Berth	No more than 3 empties or 2 loaded barges abreast.
Texas Port Recycling	No triple ups
Kinder Morgan Bulk 2 (Lay Berth)	No more than 2 barges abreast