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CAPTAIN OF THE PORT (COTP) PORT ARTHUR – FOUR HOUR TRANSFER NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

In the past year, there have been 175 oil spills on the Sabine Neches Waterway and its connecting tributaries. Of these spills, the majority were the result of human error in ensuring the items in the Declaration of Inspection had been inspected properly as per 33CFR155, and 33CFR156. The Coast Guard is concerned because many of these small spills were preventable had the appropriate procedures been followed.

Therefore, in accordance with 33 CFR 156.118, the Captain of the Port is requiring all mobile facilities, and certain fixed facilities which will be notified individually, to notify the Coast Guard of each oil transfer operation on the Sabine Neches Waterway (and its connecting tributaries) at least four hours before the transfer begins. Fixed facilities that are required to give notification have been chosen based on their spill history, in particular having 3 or more spills in the past 12 months. This requirement is in addition to the requirements of 33 CFR 127.1319 which require notification to the Captain of the Port for all bulk liquefied hazardous gas transfers operations.

The notice of transfer should include the anticipated time of the transfer, location/facility name, barge/ship name, product and amount to be transferred. Enclosure (1) is an example of a transfer notification. The notification can be made to the Coast Guard by calling (409) 719-5040, emailing at d08-pf-msuportarthur-mep@uscg.mil, or faxing (409) 723-6534. In accordance with 33 CFR 156.118, failure of a directed facility to comply with this requirement may subject the facility to a penalty of up to $11,000 per violation.

This notice will be posted on the HOMEPORT website. If you have any questions, please call Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur's Facilities Branch at (409) 719-5040.

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USCG MARINE SAFETY UNIT PORT ARTHUR
FOUR HOUR TRANSFER NOTIFICATION FORM

REFERENCE SITE 33 CFR 156.118 ***The operator of a mobile or waterfront facility handling oil or hazardous material shall notify the COTP of the time and place of each transfer to or from a vessel with the capacity of 250 barrels or more at least 4 hours before it begins.***

UPON COMPLETION YOU CAN E-MAIL TO D08-PF-MSUPortArthur-MEP@USCG.MIL
FAX TO (409) 723-6534
OR CALL IN THE INFORMATION TO (409) 719-5040

NOTIFICATION SECTION

Date _____ Transfer Start _____

Facility _____ Transfer Stop _____

Person making notification _____
FULL NAME / POSITION

TRANSFER INFORMATION

Product _____ Amount _____

Loading _____ Discharging _____ DOI Complete _____
YES / NO YES / NO YES / NO

Vessel Name _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Notification Received _____