



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill Information for COTP Port Arthur Stakeholders

As of Wednesday, May 5, 2010 there are no restrictions on vessels entering or departing the Calcasieu River or Sabine-Neches Waterway. At this time, there is no intention of closing waterways and it is the intent of the Captain of the Port to facilitate the movement of marine traffic to the maximum extent possible throughout this event. The Coast Guard is monitoring arriving vessels closely from those ports close to the affected area.

Mariners are strongly encouraged to avoid the spill areas during their voyages in the vicinity of southeast Louisiana and approaches to Southwest Pass. Vessels should make every effort, consistent with safe navigation practices, to avoid heavy floating black oil. These practices will greatly reduce the possibility that they will need their hull cleaned on arrival.

No inspection or decontamination requirements have been implemented for the Calcasieu River or Sabine-Neches Waterway. Vessels that are emanating a sheen or are oil-stained should self-report to the port contacts listed below. Vessels that require cleaning can coordinate reimbursement with BP Claims at 1-800-440-0858.

This spill, and associated response efforts continue to develop and is expected to be a long term event. Information regarding its effect on southeast Texas and western Louisiana will be disseminated thorough Port Coordination Team calls and additional Marine Safety Information Bulletins (MSIB). Additional sources of information include:

General and Contact Information

1. www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com
2. MSU Port Arthur (COTP) – 409-723-6500
3. VTS Port Arthur – 409-719-5070 (or channels 01A / 65A VHF-FM)
4. MSU Lake Charles – (337) 912-0073
5. Sector Command Center New Orleans – (504) 846-5923
6. VTS New Orleans – (504) 589-2780 or channel 12 VHF-FM.
7. Coast Guard Waterways Management – (504) 565-5103 or (504) 565-5108 or e-mail D08-PF-SECNEWORLEANS-WATERWAYS@uscg.mil.
8. D8 Media Affairs. Includes PPT slideshow of affected areas and projections. <http://www.d8externalaffairs.com/go/site/2931/>
9. BP Claims – 1-800-440-0858
10. Report oiled shoreline – (866) 448-5816
11. Report oiled wildlife – (866) 557-1401
12. Submit your vessel as a vessel of opportunity for skimming system – (281) 366-5511
13. Fishery closure information:

Federal fishery closures: <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov>

Texas fishery closures: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us>

Louisiana fishery closures: <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/>

Mississippi fishery closures: <http://home.mdwfp.com/>

Alabama fishery closures: <http://www.outdooralabama.com>

Florida fishery closures: <http://myfwc.com>

This notice will be posted on the HOMEPORTR website <http://homeport.uscg.mil> and the VTS Website www.uscg.mil/d8/vtsportarthur. If you have any questions, please call VTS Port Arthur at (409) 719-5070.



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