



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Gulf of Mexico

Mississippi Canyon 252 Oil Spill Update

United States Coast Guard, Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Port Arthur, in conjunction with local and State agencies, is continuing to monitor the spill's trajectory in case the spill moves westward. In addition, MSU Port Arthur and MSU Lake Charles personnel are routinely patrolling Louisiana and Texas beaches from the Mermentau River to High Island to assess protection strategies and check for any incursion of oil.

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 as outlined in MSIB 11-10 dated May 5, 2010. There are currently no restrictions on vessels entering or departing the Calcasieu River or Sabine-Neches Waterway. In addition, no inspection or decontamination requirements have been implemented for the Calcasieu River or Sabine-Neches Waterway. However, vessels that are emanating a visible sheen or are oil-stained should self-report to the arriving port using the contact list below.

One of the resources we are monitoring to determine potential impact to our waterways is our newly installed velocity and directional current meters, mounted on offshore buoys near the mouth of the shipping channels. They will be valuable tools for responders in implementing mitigation strategies. The current meter for the Calcasieu Waterway is located at Lighted Buoy 36, approximately 4.1 miles offshore from Cameron, LA. The current meter for the Sabine-Neches Waterway is located at Lighted Buoy 34, approximately 3.2 miles offshore from Sabine Pass, TX. Real-time data from these current sensors is available through the NOAA PORTS website at <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/ports.html>.

Another resource for monitoring offshore tides and currents off the entire Texas Coast is the Texas Automated Buoys System (TABS) website at <http://tabs-os.gerg.tamu.edu/tglo/>.

Additional general reference and contact information is listed below:

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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