



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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COTP ZONE PORT ARTHUR – BALLASTING OPERATIONS

Due to the recent oil spill in the Sabine Neches waterway, vessels intending to take on ballast should be mindful of the ongoing oil spill cleanup operations and the potential for taking on contaminated water. As such, all vessel operators are encouraged to use extra caution prior to onloading ballast, especially in vicinity of the Port of Port Arthur and Texaco Island. If ballasting operations are essential, you are advised to take prudent actions to ensure ballast tanks are not contaminated.

This notice will be posted on the HOMEPORT website <http://homeport.uscg.mil>. If you have any questions, please call MSU Port Arthur at (409) 723-6500.


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