



**Marine Safety Information Bulletin**  
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**Sabine-Neches Security Zones**  
**LNG and other Hazardous Cargoes**

The Captain of the Port, Port Arthur, Texas will, from time to time, implement a Moving Security Zone to insure the protection of Certain Dangerous Cargoes (CDC's) as they transit the Sabine-Neches Waterway. Establishment of a formal Security Zone is a legal tool that clarifies legal authority for escorting U. S. Coast Guard and local law enforcement security forces to provide enhanced protection in the immediate vicinity of CDC cargo vessels during their transit.

The affected area of each Moving Security Zone is described as "two miles ahead, one mile behind, and bank to bank on each side" of the protected vessels. This description is not intended to routinely exclude all vessels from entering the zone. Rather, it gives escort security forces a buffer area to screen, monitor, and direct movements of other vessels as they near the proximity of the designated CDC vessels. It gives them further enforcement authority to protect the designated CDC vessels as other vessels transit through the zone. Vessel Traffic Service Port Arthur and the on-scene U. S. Coast Guard Patrol Commander in charge of the security escort will coordinate movement of vessels into and within the zone on VHF channels 13, 01A, or 65A.

Moving Security Zones will be implemented for most loaded, deep draft vessels carrying LNG, LPG, Anhydrous Ammonia, and other Hazardous Cargoes. They may be implemented for other cargoes at Captain of the Port discretion. Mariners will be notified of the Moving Security Zones by Broadcast Notice to Mariners on VHF channels 16 and 22A and by the Port Arthur Vessel Traffic Service through regular advisories.

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.

Semper Paratus,

  
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Captain of the Port