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Waterway Status - VTS Measure MM 90 – 91 AHP LMR

Vessel Traffic Service Lower Mississippi River (VTS LMR), in accordance with the Navigation Safety Regulations, Code of Federal Regulations Title 33, Subpart 161.11, will establish a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Measure for the waters of the Lower Mississippi River from Mile Marker (MM) 90 Above Head of Passes (AHP) to MM 91 AHP. This Measure is needed to protect persons and vessels from the potential safety hazards associated with a sunken vessel in General Anchorage at MM 90.4 AHP. This Measure is in effect with the following provisions:

- 1) New Orleans General Anchorage (MM 90.1 – 90.9 AHP Right Descending Bank) is closed. Vessels shall not enter or depart this anchorage without permission from VTS LMR.
- 2) **All vessels** are restricted to **one-way traffic**, no meeting or overtaking, between MM 90 and 91 AHP.
- 3) **All vessels** shall transit MM 90 - 91 AHP at **minimum safe speed** and favor the left descending bank.

Effective immediately, Marine Safety Information Bulletin, Volume XVIII, Issue 022, is rescinded.

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