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Update to Krotz Springs Railroad Bridge Repair Schedule, Atchafalaya River at Mile Marker 41.5

Beginning July 19, 2017 through August 1, 2017, emergency repairs will continue to be conducted on the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge located at mile marker 41.5 on the Atchafalaya River in Krotz Springs, LA. These repairs will now be conducted 24 hours a day, each day of the week.

For the duration of the project, there will be a staging area in the river that is located west of the swing span on the north side of the bridge. This staging area will include multiple deck barges anchored in the river, utilizing four anchors. Orange and white buoys will be used to mark the northern boundary of the staging area and indicate the point where the anchor lines will be at least 15 feet below the waterline. Located along the right descending bank, approximately 600 feet above the bridge, will be a temporary mooring facility for the towing vessel and additional barges. At night, the barges and buoys in the staging area, as well as the barges in the mooring facility, will display an all-around white light. Mariners are advised to proceed with caution when transiting near these areas.

There will be periods where the western portion of the swing span will be blocked due to pile driving operations. Mariners planning to transit the area are advised to contact the Krotz Springs Railroad Bridge at least three hours in advance of arrival to determine if the span will be available to open on demand. The towing vessel BILL O'DONOLEY will be onsite monitoring VHF-FM channel 13 and 69.

For further information, contact the following:

Coast Guard MSU Baton Rouge Waterways: (225) 298-5400 ext. 230

Coast Guard Sector New Orleans Command Center: (504) 365-2200

Krotz Springs Railroad Bridge: (337) 566-3713 or VHF-FM channel 13

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