

MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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High Water Safety Advisory: LMR MM 219 TO MM 237 **AHP LMR (30' and Falling)**

This Marine Safety Information Bulletin supersedes Volume XXV, Issue 048: VTS Safety Measure at LMR MM 170 to MM 237 AHP LMR (35' and Falling).

1. As a result of the Baton Rouge gauge expected to reach **30' and continue to fall**, the COTP New Orleans has issued a Safety Advisory effective **Friday, June 6, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.** for all waters of the Lower Mississippi River (LMR) from Mile 219 to Mile 237 Above Head of Passes (AHP) in accordance with the Waterways Action Plan Baton Rouge Annex.

2. Port Allen Lock LMR MM 219-229:

- A. Companies should consider staffing vessels with the most experienced crews.
- B. All tows greater than 600' (excluding the towboat) are recommended to employ an assist vessel of at least 1200 hp when entering the Port Allen Lock.
- C. All tows exiting the Port Allen Lock intending to turn northbound are recommended to use an assist vessel or proceed southbound and then top around at or below MM 221 prior to heading north.
- D. Towing vessels shall catch a headline when entering the Port Allen Lock.
- E. Vessels will be put on queue for lock turn when their tow is built and may remain in the area in which their tow was built until it is time for lock turn.

3. Line Tows Transiting Wilkinson Point LMR MM 232-237:

- A. Companies should consider staffing vessels with their most experienced crews.

For further information, contact the following:

Vessel Traffic Service Lower Mississippi River: (504) 365-2514, VHF-FM CH 1005 (05A), CH 12, CH 67
Coast Guard Baton Rouge Waterways Management: (225) 298-5400 x 230
Coast Guard Sector New Orleans Waterways Management: (504) 365-2278
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