



LOUISIANA MARITIME ASSOCIATION

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RE: CORPS' 2017 REVETMENT SCHEDULE AND TRANSIT RESTRICTIONS

The updated schedule for the Corps' Mississippi Valley New Orleans (MVN) 2017 Mississippi River bank stabilization program schedule (revetment and rock work), with applicable navigation restrictions, is enclosed below. There are two work locations between Baton Rouge and New Orleans (Avondale Bend) and five additional locations in or below New Orleans that require revetment and/or bank stabilization efforts.

The restrictions needed to ensure safe vessel transits at the locations of the revetment operations, as agreed upon by the Coast Guard, the Corps and the applicable Pilot Associations, are addressed below. The Corps agreed to Industry's request to fold in the Mat Sinking Unit (MSU) at night on revetment locations that warranted concern. During times of actual revetment work, the MSU extends from approximately 300 to 800 feet channelward from the bank. When the Unit is not folded in, it extends about 480 feet from the bank channelward. When it is folded in, the MSU extends 250 feet from the bank. The working times for the MSU are normally scheduled from 0600 hours to 1900 hours, at times the work may be completed slightly before or after 1900 hours. The Pilots and VTS will utilize the Contact Pilot on the Unit to promote navigational safety.

The updated schedules from the Corps will be distributed upon receipt. LAMA will notify our members of any changes; however, please keep in mind that some changes occur without notice to Industry. The scheduled dates may change but those shown below are based on the latest schedule from the Corps. LAMA will attempt to provide accurate and updated information as time permits.

The two locations above New Orleans are both at Avondale Bend, including one work site just above the Huey P. Long Bridge (Mile 106.1 Above Head of Passes [AHP]) and one just below the Huey P. Long Bridge. The two locations are expected to be the most complex revetment locations in 2017. The operations in these areas are expected to test the ability of vessels with high air drafts to make their normal approach through the Huey P. Long's main navigation span. The location below the Huey P. Long Bridge at Avondale Bend (Mile 105.7 AHP) on the right descending bank is expected to require special monitoring and the prospective impacts could change especially depending on the river stages at the time of this work. The revetment operations at this location are presently scheduled from December 14, 2017 to December 17, 2017.

2017 Corps' Revetment Schedule and Restrictions Locations Above New Orleans

Location	Mile (Right or Left)	2017 Scheduled Date(s)	Restriction
Avondale Bend	105.7 RDB	December 14 to December 17	One-way transits with slow bell during working hours. Fold in at night.
Avondale Bend	107.7 RDB	December 18 to December 20	One-way transits with slow bell during working hours. Fold in at night.



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2017 Corps' Revetment Schedule and Restrictions Locations At or Below New Orleans

Location	Mile (Right or Left)	2017 Scheduled Date(s)	Restrictions
Greenville Bend	98.5 RDB	December 11 to December 13	One-way transits with slow bell during working hours.
Poydras	82.2 LDB	November 30 to December 5	One-way transits with slow bell during working hours. Fold in at night.
Tropical Bend	29.4 RDB	November 21 to November 24 November 27 to November 29	No restrictions.

2017 Corps' Rock Work Schedule and Restrictions Locations

Location	Mile (Right or Left)	2017 Scheduled Date(s)	Restrictions
Avondale Bend	105.7 RDB	July 14 to August 7	No restrictions, expected.
Greenville Bend	98.5 RDB	August 10 to August 20	No restrictions, expected.
Tropical Bend	29.4 RDB	August 23 to October 14	No restrictions, expected.
Buras	25.0 RDB	October 16 to November 6	No restrictions, expected.
Point Michel	44.0 RDB	November 8 to December 2	No restrictions, expected.
Gouldsboro Bend	96.2 RDB	December 4 to December 23	No restrictions, expected.

There are no restrictions expected during the rock work at the locations above. However, throughout the bank stabilization efforts changes based upon river stages and vessel transits may be required. The NOBRA and Federal Pilots report no concerns and are complying with the Vessel Traffic Service Lower Mississippi River's requests for a minimum wake and wide berth at the Avondale Bend location. The working hours for rock work operations are 0700 hours to 1730 hours and the contact vessel M/V PINE BLUFF can be reached on VHF channel 67 or channel 8.

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Attachment