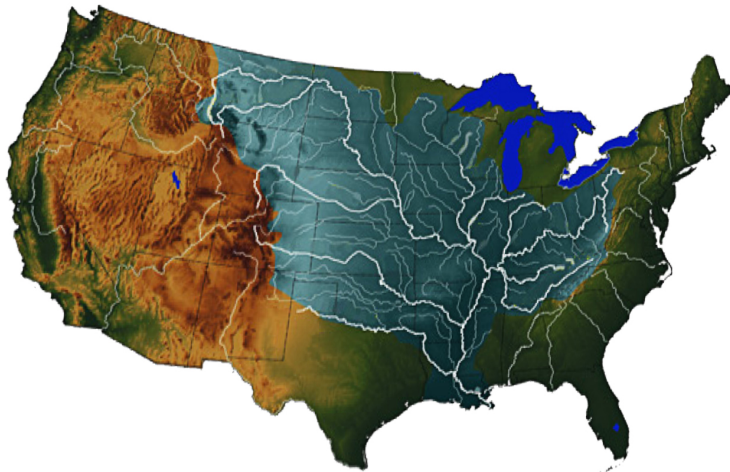


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## Lower Mississippi River (LMR) Dredging Update 8716

Members,

The Corps of Engineers Mississippi Valley New Orleans (MVN) continues dredging operations on the Crossings Above New Orleans with the three dustpan dredges and the MVN's hopper dredge WHEELER working in Southwest Pass (SWP).

### Dustpan Dredge(s) on the Crossings Above New Orleans:

**HURLEY:** The government dustpan dredge is currently dredging full channel dimensions (500 feet) at Missouri Bend (Mile 222 AHP). The HURLEY completed restoring full channel dimensions earlier today at Red Eye Crossing (Mile 224 AHP). The HURLEY began dredging on the Crossings (Red Eye) on June 26, 2016.

**JADWIN:** The JADWIN continues dredging full channel dimensions at Smoke Bend Crossing (Mile 158.8 AHP). The dustpan dredge commenced dredging on the Crossings on May 1, 2016.

**WALLACE McGEORGE:** The industry dustpan dredge WALLACE McGEORGE continues dredging full channel dimensions (500 Feet) at Bayou Goula Crossing (Mile 198.2 AHP). However, the dustpan dredge will begin its next assignment at Alhambra Crossing (Mile 190.5 AHP) tomorrow morning (Monday, August 8, 2016). **The New Orleans Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots Association and Federal Pilots will not use the White Castle Anchorage (Mile 191.1 AHP to Mile 190.4 AHP) while the dustpan dredge is working at Alhambra Crossing. The White Castle Anchorage will be off limits for vessel usage beginning at 0700 hours tomorrow and is expected to be off limits for approximately one week.**

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## **Hopper Dredge(s) working in the area of Southwest Pass (SWP):**

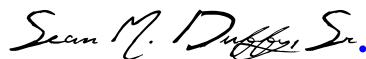
**WHEELER:** The MVN's hopper dredge WHEELER continues dredging in the area of the Head of Passes from Mile 1.2 AHP to 0.5 AHP. The WHEELER began dredging under Readiness Exercise #3-2016 on July 19, 2016 and is expected to complete this Readiness Exercise on August 8, 2016. MVN plans to utilize the WHEELER's final Readiness Exercise (#4-2016) in the area of SWP from August 16, 2016 to September 4, 2016.

## **Cutterhead Dredge(s) working in the New Orleans Harbor:**

**MIKE HOOKS:** The industry cutterhead dredge MIKE HOOKS began dredging at the Port of New Orleans on Saturday, July 23, 2016. The cutterhead continues working at the Erato Street Cruise Terminal and is presently located on the downriver end of the terminal.

**EDWARD S. "NED" REED:** The Port of New Orleans' cutterhead dredge NED REED is working at Napoleon Avenue Wharf A (Mile 100 AHP approximately) and is reported to be working from 400 feet to 800 feet from the left descending bank. **In order to promote safe vessel transits around the cutterhead, the Coast Guard's Vessel Traffic Service Lower Mississippi River may once again request one-way traffic in the vicinity while the dredge is working for ship and large tow traffic.**

Sincerely,



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