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MISSISSIPPI RIVER
OLD RIVER CONTROL STRUCTURES PROJECT
SAFETY ZONE NOTICE

Mariners are advised that effective 24 April 2025 and continuing until further notice, an emergency safety zone will be established restricting traffic near the Old River Control Structures on the Lower Mississippi River, mile marker 311 to mile marker 317 Above Head of Passes (AHP).

1. All vessels are required to check in with the U.S. Government M/V WILLIAM JAMES or M/V BENYAURD prior to entering the zone on VHF Channel 13 or 16.
2. Guidelines within the above safety zone, mile marker 311 to mile marker 317 AHP, are as follows:
 - a. Vessels shall not meet, pass, or overtake between mile markers 311 and 312, and mile markers 314 and 317 AHP on the Lower Mississippi River.
 - b. Vessels shall be permitted to meet, pass, or overtake between mile markers 312 and 314 AHP once proper bridge to bridge communications have been completed.
3. Mariners with large or heavy loaded tows passing the structures are directed to steer a course sufficiently and safely as far toward the left descending bank as possible.
4. Additional information may be obtained from the M/V WILLIAM JAMES or M/V BENYAURD.
5. Mariners are requested to transit the area with caution.

The point of contact with the New Orleans District is Russell Beauvais at (225) 492-2169 (Work) or (225) 202-3851 (Cell).

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