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Waterway status for Captain of the Port Mobile (COTP) Zone

1. All ports are Port status Normal:
 - a. Port of Bienville
 - b. Port of Gulfport
 - c. Port of Pascagoula
 - d. Port of Mobile
 - e. Port of Pensacola
 - f. Port of Panama City
2. All waterways are currently open with no restrictions. Vessels are still required to comply with the provisions of MSIB 2-10 regarding vessel self-assessments and reporting procedures.
3. The Deepwater Horizon spill is a continually developing incident and may require long term response efforts. The most up to date information regarding the oil spill locations and response efforts can be found at www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com.
4. Vessel traffic is highly encouraged to avoid spill areas and contact with oil while ensuring safe navigation. Compliance with the provisions of this bulletin will greatly reduce the need for a vessel's hull to be decontaminated.
5. The Captain of the Port Mobile's intent is to continue facilitating the movement of all marine traffic throughout the duration of the oil spill response.
6. To provide for the continued facilitation of marine traffic, vessel decontamination sites have been established for deep-draft vessels at all AOR offshore fairway anchorages, numerous in-port secondary (refined) sites, and three deep sea outbound sites for vessels departing areas impacted by the spill. Shallow-draft vessels shall utilize refined decontamination sites located along the GICW and on back bays, rivers, and bayous as necessary.

The following decontamination sites and coordinates supersede any sites listed in MSIB 3-10 and are subject to change.

Offshore (Anchorage) Decontamination Sites:

Coordinates:

-Gulfport, MS
-Pascagoula, MS
-Mobile, AL
-Pensacola, FL
-Panama City, FL

30° 08'N; 088° 52'W
30° 06'N; 088° 34'W
30° 04'N; 088° 04'W
30° 11'N; 087° 20'W
30° 03'N; 085° 44'W

Secondary Inshore (Refined) Decontamination Sites:
(inactive until needed)

Coordinates:

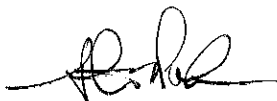
-Gulfport, MS (State Docks, East Pier)	30° 21'N; 089° 05'W
-Pascagoula, MS (Bayou Cassote, Terminal F)	30° 20'N; 088° 30'W
-Pascagoula, MS (River Harbor, South Terminal)	30° 21'N; 088° 34'W
-Pascagoula, MS (Chevron, Docks)	30° 20'N; 088° 30'W
-Pensacola, FL (Harbor Safe Anchorage)	30° 20'N; 087° 15'W
-Panama City, FL (Harbor Safe Anchorage)	30° 08'N; 085° 41'W
-Mobile, AL (Alabama State Docks; Pier South A)	30° 42'N; 088° 02'W
-Mobile, AL (ORC Docks, North River Inlet)	30° 08'N; 088° 02'W
-Western GIWW (Dauphin Island)	30° 16'N; 088° 09'W
-Eastern GIWW (Foley Land Cut)	30° 19'N; 087° 55'W

Deep Sea Outbound Decontamination Sites:

Coordinates:

-Mobile, AL (Deep Sea Outbound One)	28° 45'N; 087° 15'W
-Mobile, AL (Deep Sea Outbound Two)	28° 45'N; 085° 45'W
-Houma, LA (MS Canyon Offshore Cleaning Station)	28° 17'N; 088° 42'W

7. Vessels transiting to the Mobile Ship Channel may face restrictions due to booming operations in the areas around Dauphin Island and Fort Morgan. Restrictions may also occur in smaller passes; closures will only be made after careful consideration with stakeholders regarding environmental and vessel traffic impacts and will be released via future MSIBs. These potential closures should not interrupt barge or deep-draft vessel traffic, but may impact fishing and/or other commercial vessel operations that are able to operate in channels less than nine feet in depth.
8. A Vessel Traffic Monitoring (VTM) program has been established for all ports within Sector Mobile's AOR. A separate MSIB containing the details of the VTM is forthcoming.



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