

MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Hurricane Season 2017: Regulated Waterfront Facilities

A. Severe Weather/Hurricane Plans:

1. Facilities are strongly encouraged to review their existing Severe Weather/Hurricane Plans or develop plans if they do not have one. It is extremely important to have a plan to minimize the risk associated with the impact of a hurricane on your facility.
2. The Captain of the Port (COTP) ***strongly recommends*** facilities with bulk liquids have a plan to either empty or press up tanks in preparation for severe weather (or flooding, etc.).
3. A Facility Pre-Storm and Post-Storm Checklist reporting tool template (identified as MSIB XVII , Issue 018a and 018b) is supplied with this MSIB for your use. This, or a similar form, is highly recommended for your pre-storm preparations, and may be required to be submitted when the COTP sets Port Condition WHISKEY (gale force winds predicted at Southwest Pass in 72 hours).

B. Change to Operations or Security:

Facilities are reminded that the COTP shall be notified if any modifications to facility operations or security procedures due to severe weather which are NOT in accordance with the Facility Security Plan, Operations Manual, or Response Plan. Verbal notification shall be followed up with a written notification to the Sector New Orleans Facility Compliance Branch at (504) 365-2370 or by e-mail at Facilitiesnola@uscg.mil.

C. Facility Status Reporting:

1. Facilities are also reminded that prior to and following severe weather incidents, the COTP may request facility status reports to identify potential risks pre-storm, and to identify which facilities are in a condition post-storm to receive/resume vessel traffic.
2. An MSIB will be issued outlining the specific Port Condition or other COTP reporting requirements which may require the Facility Post Incident Assessment checklist.
3. The Facility Post Incident Assessment checklist template may be modified for incident specific needs. Use of this checklist is for Coast Guard purposes in assisting the reopening and/or reconstitution of port operations.

Mariners should also familiarize themselves with MSIB XVII, Issue 32 “Hurricane Season 2017”.

For additional information, contact the following:

Coast Guard Facility Compliance Branch phone: (504) 365-2370; **e-mail:** Facilitiesnola@uscg.mil
Coast Guard Sector New Orleans Command Center: (504) 365-2200

CAPTAIN W. R. ARGUIN
Captain of the Port New Orleans

For a current list of MSIBs within the COTP New Orleans Zone visit: <https://homeport.uscg.mil/nola> and look under “Safety and Security”

Facility Pre-Storm Checklist

Date Completed:	
Facility Name:	
Address (Street, City, Zip):	
Point of Contact:	
Contact Number(s):	
E-mail Address(es):	

*An asterisk ("**") is listed by each item that represents a potential issue. If your answer coincides with the asterisk, please provide additional details in the comments section to describe the current situation and your plans to manage the situation created by the issue.*

1. <u>General Pre-assessment</u>			
a. Has your facility conducted a pre-storm assessment survey?	Yes	No*	N/A*
b. Will you have facility crews on site during/after the storm?	Yes	No*	
c. Does the facility have vessel mooring plans in place?	Yes	No*	N/A*
d. Has your facility reviewed its contingency plan?	Yes	No*	N/A*
e. Does your facility have plans to anchor or nest barges with other vessels?	Yes*	No*	N/A*
<u>Comments:</u> 			

2. <u>Hurricane Port Condition Whiskey (72 hours prior to gale force winds)</u>			
a. Is your facility in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Port Condition Whiskey MSIB issued by the COTP?	Yes	No*	N/A*
b. Are your storage tanks empty or pressed up? (it is preferred to have empty and/or pressed up tanks vice multiple tanks partially full)	Yes	No*	N/A*
c. Have you secured or removed facility equipment/missile hazards?	Yes	No*	N/A*
d. Has the facility ensured that hazardous materials/pollution hazards are secured and away from waterfront areas?	Yes	No*	N/A*
e. For Container Facilities/Container Yards: have you appropriately secured all containers and facility equipment?	Yes	No*	N/A*
f. Have vessel arrival schedules been reviewed and appropriate measures been taken?	Yes	No*	N/A*
g. If utilizing permanently moored barges for oil storage have moorings been inspected/ doubled up?	Yes	No*	N/A*

Comments:

3. Hurricane Condition X-Ray (48 hours prior to gale force winds)

a. Is your facility in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Port Condition X-Ray MSIB issued by the COTP?	Yes	No*	N/A*
b. Is the facility making preparations to terminate all cargo operations? Explain when?	Yes*	No*	N/A*
c. Has the facility moved all containers stored near flood prone areas?	Yes	No*	N/A*
d. Have special needs or intentions of vessels moored at the facility been determined?	Yes	No*	N/A*
e. Are there intentions to ballast empty barge tanks?	Yes	No*	N/A*

Note: Notify Captain Of The Port of vessels allowed to stay moored at the facility.

Comments:

4. Hurricane Port Condition Yankee (24 hours prior to gale force winds)

a. Is your facility in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Port Condition Yankee MSIB issued by the COTP?	Yes	No*	N/A*
b. Is the facility ensuring that all cargo operations not related to storm preparations have been terminated? If not, explain why and when below.	Yes*	No*	N/A*
c. Is there any dangerous cargo that cannot be stored in a safe location?	Yes*	No	N/A*

Note: Ensure vessels over 500 GT have departed, unless approved by the Captain Of The Port.

Comments:

5. Hurricane Port Condition Zulu (12 hours prior to gale force winds)

a. Is your facility in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Port Condition Zulu MSIB issued by the COTP?	Yes	No*	N/A*
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b. Has the facility suspended all waterfront operations?	Yes	No*	N/A*
c. Is small discharge containment empty and clean?	Yes	No*	N/A*
d. Have hoses been drained and blanked off?	Yes	No*	N/A*
<u>Comments:</u> 			

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facilitiesnola@uscg.mil

For questions, please call the Sector New Orleans Facilities Compliance
Branch at 504-365-2370

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Facility Post Incident Assessment Checklist

Date Completed:	
Facility Name:	
Address (Street, City, Zip):	
Point of Contact:	
Contact Number(s):	
E-mail Address(es):	

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1. <u>Firefighting</u>			
a. Dock/Facility firefighting systems are fully operational	Yes	No*	N/A*
b. Mutual aid/municipal firefighting support is fully available	Yes	No*	N/A*
<u>Comments:</u>			

2. <u>Medical Services</u>			
a. Is any known hazard from damage present?	Yes*	No	N/A
b. On-site or community emergency medical services are available (if applicable including E/R services)	Yes	No*	N/A*
<u>Comments:</u>			

3. <u>Security</u>			
a. Perimeter fencing is intact and entryways/gates secured or manned	Yes	No*	N/A*
b. Available means for 24-hour monitoring of security	Yes	No*	N/A*
c. Available for 24-hour access control	Yes	No*	N/A*
<u>Comments:</u>			

4. <u>Soundings</u>			
a. Soundings at berth and entrance channel to your facility taken to identify submerged objects and/or shoaling	Yes	No*	N/A*
b. Controlling depth for each facility based on soundings taken	Enter depth in feet:		
Note: Safety zones will be established as needed.			
<u>Comments:</u>			

5. Facility Services			
a. Key facility utilities are operational, including power, nitrogen, air and water, etc. (as appropriate).	Yes	No*	N/A*
b. Oil/HAZMAT response services (on-site and/or through an OSRO if required) confirmed available.	Yes	No*	N/A*
<u>Comments:</u>			

6. Facility Integrity			
a. Confirm the integrity of all MTR transfer systems is intact.	Yes	No*	N/A*
b. The integrity of all other storage tanks, piping, etc. is intact.	Yes	No*	N/A*
c. Report and respond to any spills/releases. Explain below and/or provide NRC number.	Yes	No*	N/A*
d. All alert/warning systems are tested and operational.	Yes	No*	N/A*
e. Integrity/operation of all mooring systems and dock structure confirmed.	Yes	No*	N/A*
f. Facility is in compliance with all other aspects of their Facility Operations Manual.	Yes	No*	N/A*
Note: Port assessment teams will assess waterway infrastructure			
<u>Comments:</u>			

7. Resume Operations: Expected dates/time:	
a. Ready for cargo transfers to begin:	
b. Ready for inspection by USCG facility inspectors:	
c. Operational concerns for facility (needs that will impact ops).	
Note: The Captain Of The Port will partner with bridge operators to open bridges.	
<u>Comments:</u>	

8. <u>Other comments:</u>

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