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VTS Measure: Barge Fleeting Standards, Head of Passes to MM 88 Lower Mississippi River

A U.S. Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Measure is being established in accordance with the Navigation Safety Regulations, Code of Federal Regulations Title 33, Subpart 161.11, to enhance the safety of barge fleets from Head of Passes to mile marker (MM) 255 Above Head of Passes (AHP), Lower Mississippi River. **This Measure is effective when published with the following provisions:**

33 CFR 165.803 regulations requiring stricter barge fleeting standards on the Lower Mississippi River are being extended to include all barge fleets from Head of Passes to MM 255 AHP.

Mariners should also familiarize themselves with:
MSIB XVII, Issue 019, Carrollton Gauge 12' and Rising

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