

# MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## Pipeline Crossing Safety Advisory

As a result of the extreme high water conditions in the Lower Mississippi River, pipeline crossings at river banks and along shorelines may be vulnerable to vessel and barge operations such as anchoring, wheel washing, spudding, or mooring operations. As a result, these activities may cause inadvertent damage to oil and gas pipelines possibly resulting in explosion, fire, or spill.

Louisiana state law requires any person, including mariners, to call 811 at least 48 hours prior to any movement or removal of earth. Notification of planned marine operations near pipelines ensures the safety of waterways and local communities.

If activities result in unintended contact with a pipeline or if a gas or hazards liquid release occurs, notify the following:

- Call 911
- Hazmat Hotline (877) 925-6595
- National Response Center (800) 424-8802
- If known, contact the pipeline owner or operator

All mariners are reminded to use extreme caution when operating in these high water conditions.

For additional information, contact the following:

**Coast Guard Sector New Orleans Facility Compliance Branch: (504) 365-2370**

**Vessel Traffic Center Lower Mississippi River (24 hours): (504) 365-2230, VHF-FM ch 05A, 11, or 12**

**Coast Guard Sector New Orleans Command Center (24 hours): (504) 365-2200**

**Coast Guard Waterways Management: (504) 365-2280**

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For a current list of MSIBs within the COTP New Orleans Zone visit: <https://homeport.uscg.mil/my-homeport/safety-Notifications/MSIB?cotpid=39>