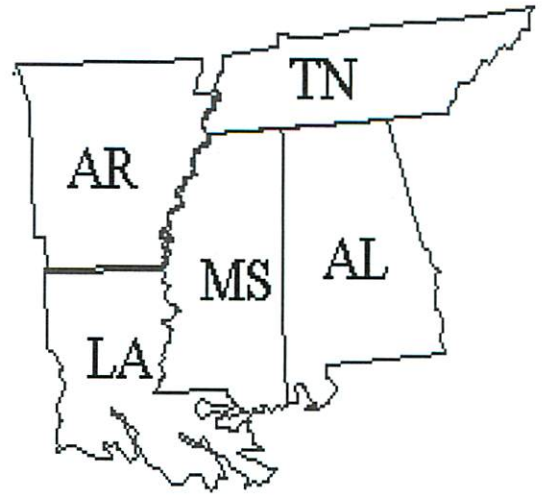


# Southern Currents



## Notice to the Area Port of New Orleans Trade Community

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Date April 13, 2018

No.: 18-026

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**SUBJECT: Blanket Delay in Departure Due to LMR Closure**

**Blanket Delay in Departure:**

The CBP Area Port Director has approved a blanket **Delay in Departure** for those vessels unable to depart the lower Mississippi River due to USCG Restrictions between mile markers 91 and 101 as a result of the oil spill in the LMR on Thursday April 12, 2018.

The blanket Delay in Departure grants an additional 24 hours for vessels to depart port after clearance has been granted, i.e. allows a vessel up to 72 hours to sail after clearance.

*Example: The delay in departure for a vessel's clearance granted on Thursday April 12, 2018 allows until Sunday April 15, 2018 for the vessel to depart.*

There is no requirement to have a Vessel Entrance and Clearance Specialist (VECS) stamp/annotate a vessel's clearance "Delay in Departure" when a blanket Delay in Departure is authorized.

If a vessel cannot depart within 72 hours the original clearance should be surrendered to the Marine Desk which granted the clearance, and cancelled. A fax copy of the clearance will not be accepted.

*A delay in departure does not provide additional time for filing complete outbound manifests and export declarations.*

Questions in the Port of New Orleans should be directed to Supervisor Sharla Russell at (504) 670-2053 or via e-mail at [SHARLA.S.RUSSELL@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:SHARLA.S.RUSSELL@cbp.dhs.gov)

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