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Vessel Traffic Service Lower Mississippi River (VTS LMR), in accordance with the Navigation Safety Regulations, Code of Federal Regulations Title 33, Subpart 161.11, has established a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Measure for the waters of the Lower Mississippi River from Mile Marker (MM) 89 Above Head of Passes (AHP) to MM 95 AHP. This Measure is needed to protect persons and vessels from the potential safety hazards associated with the salvage of a sunken vessel at MM 90.4 AHP. This Measure is in effect with the following provisions:

- 1) New Orleans General Anchorage (MM 90.1 - 90.9 AHP Right Descending Bank) is closed. Vessels shall not enter or depart this anchorage without permission from VTS LMR.
- 2) Ocean-going deep draft vessels are restricted to one-way traffic, no meeting or overtaking, between MM 89 and 95 AHP. Down-bound transits only during daylight hours and up-bound transits only at night.
- 3) Tows shall not meet or overtake between MM 89 - 90.5 AHP.
- 4) All vessels shall transit MM 89 - 90.5 AHP at minimum safe speed and favor the left descending bank.

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