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Calcasieu River

I-10 Bridge Soil Borings and Union Pacific Railroad Bridge Closure (Update 1)

This MSIB updates information provided in MSIB 21-21 dated September 16, 2021. All mariners are advised that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) will begin soil borings on the Calcasieu Ship Channel from October 5th through October 19th, 2021. DOTD will have two barges in the vicinity of Mile Marker 36, between the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge and I-10 Bridge that will impede vessel traffic. Barges will remain on site and will be lit and manned for the duration of work.

The Union Pacific Railroad Bridge will also be closed to continue repair and replacement of critical machinery and structures in conjunction with the soil borings. All traffic needing transit through the area must coordinate with the Union Pacific Rail Road Project Engineer at (512) 844-9970 for further information regarding available transit times.

During this time there will be periods of reduced channel width. All mariners are advised to plan accordingly and transit through this area at a slow bell.

This notice will be posted on the Coast Guard's HOMEPORT website at <http://homeport.uscg.mil> and the VTS website at <https://www.atlanticarea.uscg.mil/vtsportarthur/>. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call MSU Port Arthur at (409) 723-6500 or MSU Lake Charles at (337) 912-0073.

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