



Marine Safety Information Bulletin
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May 1, 2023

Channel Closure – Gulf Intracoastal Waterway
Pipeline Leak Response Operations
UPDATE 1

Pipeline response and repair operations continue at the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) at Mile Marker (MM) 260 WHL, approximately 5 miles east of Orange, TX.

The setting up of spud barges on site and dive operations has been delayed. Therefore, plans to limit the width of tows to 70-feet and to stop traffic past the site on May 2, 2023, is also being delayed.

Effective at 6 PM CDT, May 1, 2023, only the following traffic measures apply:

1. No meeting or overtaking within 1/4 mile of spill response operations at Mile Marker 260.
2. When transiting past the operation, tows shall maintain minimum safe speed and minimum wake.
3. Tows shall hold to the center of the channel.

Additional information regarding response and repair operations and impacts to GIWW traffic will be communicated as soon as known via Broadcast Notice to Mariners, VTS Port Arthur Advisory and updates to this MSIB. Concerned vessel traffic may contact VTS Port Arthur on VHF channels 65A or 13 or at (409) 719-5070.

This notice will be posted on the Coast Guard's HOMEPOR**T** website at <http://homeport.uscg.mil> and the VTS Port Arthur website at <https://www.atlanticarea.uscg.mil/vtspportarthur/>. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact VTS Port Arthur by phone (409) 719-5070 or email vtspa-sup@uscg.mil.

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