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**MISSISSIPPI RIVER**  
**DEEP DRAFT CROSSINGS (UPDATE)**

Reference Navigation Bulletin No. 18-128, dated 14 September 2018, stating that the U.S. Government Contract Dustpan Dredge WALLACE McGEORGE will be working at the Mississippi River Deep Draft Crossings between mile 234 and mile 151 Above Head of Passes (AHP) until approximately 19 September 2018, then move to the Port Allen Lock Forebay and perform dredging operations through approximately 24 September 2018. And upon completing the work at the Port Allen Lock Forebay, the dredge will resume working at the Mississippi River Deep Draft Crossings until approximately 7 November 2018.

**MARINERS ARE ADVISED THAT THE DREDGING OPERATIONS AT THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER DEEP DRAFT CROSSINGS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 23 SEPTEMBER 2018.**

**THE DREDGE WILL THEN MOVE TO PERFORM DREDGING OPERATIONS AT THE FOREBAY OF PORT ALLEN LOCK THROUGH APPROXIMATELY 28 SEPTEMBER 2018. THE DREDGED MATERIAL WILL BE DEPOSITED THROUGH A FLOATING PIPELINE INTO DEEP WATER OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. NAVIGATION TRAFFIC SHOULD EXPECT SOME INTERMITTENT DELAYS WITH LOCKING THROUGH THE STRUCTURE DUE TO THE DREDGING OPERATIONS.**

**ON APPROXIMATELY 28 SEPTEMBER 2018, THE DREDGE WILL THEN RESUME WORKING AT THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER DEEP DRAFT CROSSINGS BETWEEN MILE 234 AND MILE 151 ABOVE HEAD OF PASSES (AHP) UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 17 NOVEMBER 2018. THE DREDGE WILL WORK 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK, AND WILL GIVE WAY TO VESSELS USING THE WATERWAY. THE DREDGE CAN BE CONTACTED ON EITHER VHF CHANNEL 16 OR 67 FOR SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.**

Mariners are urged to transit at their slowest safe speed to minimize wake and proceed with caution after passing arrangements have been made.

The points of contact with the New Orleans District for dredging operations at the Deep Draft Crossings are Michelle Kornick at (504) 862-1842 and Heather Jennings at (504) 862-1253.

The point of contact with the New Orleans District for dredging operations at Port Allen Lock is Victor Landry at (504) 862-2407.

Port Allen Lockmaster, Adam McFarlain, can be reached at (225) 343-3752 for up-to-date information.



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