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**OLD RIVER LOCK**

Effective immediately and continuing until further notice, due to unforeseen problems with the Old River Lock gantry crane, all tows will be restricted to a length no more than 1100 feet and will line up along the floating guidewall before proceeding into the lock's chamber. Two line handlers (with life vests) are required when approaching and exiting the lock.

All vessels must be moored by bow and stern lines to the floating timberheads. These restrictions will be in effect until crane repairs are completed.

Mariners are urged to transit at their slowest safe speed.

The Lockmaster, Morris Oubre, can be reached at (225) 492-3333 for up-to-date information. The point of contact with the New Orleans District is Russell Beauvais at (225) 492-2169.



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