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**March 19, 2015**

**Board of New Orleans-Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots Association**  
**Attention: Captain Stephen H. Hathorn**  
**2805 Harvard Avenue**  
**Metairie, Louisiana 70006**

**Re: High Water Conditions**

**Dear Captain Hathorn:**

**In recognition of current high water conditions on the NOBRA route, the Board of Examiners hereby promulgates the following safety regulation, and requests your assistance in the implementation of these rules in order to enhance the safety of maritime commerce along the Mississippi River. Effective immediately, and continuing until the Carrollton Gage reaches 12 feet and falling:**

- 1. Mooring and unmooring operations at all mid-stream transfer facilities shall be restricted to daylight hours.**
  
- 3. Vessels shall be separated by a distance of at least 0.2 nautical miles (1,200 ft) when anchoring in prescribed anchorages along the NOBRA route, with the exception of Kenner Bend, Bonnet Carre' and Upper Grandview Reach Anchorages, where normal anchoring of vessels less than 30 ft. draft will continue.**
  
- 4. Vessels with drafts greater than 40 feet transiting above Bayou Lafourche Water Intake, Mile 175.4, A.H.P., shall be restricted to daylight only.**

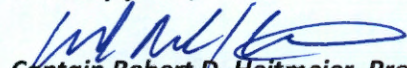
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*Captain Hathorn, thank you for your assistance in these matters. Please contact this Board if you feel there are any issues which need to be addressed.*

*With professional regards, I remain,*

*Sincerely yours,*



*Captain Robert D. Heitmeier, President*

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