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May 11, 2015

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: SOUTHWEST PASS, RECOMMENDED DRAFT LIMITATION

The Bar Pilots for the Port of New Orleans recommend that vessels should not have a deep draft in fresh water in excess of **Forty-Five feet (45 feet) beginning May 10, 2015 @ 10:30 AM** when transiting the area of the Southwest Pass of the Mississippi River from the Southwest Pass Sea Buoy (Entrance Lighted Whistle Buoy "SW") to Mile 1.5 above Head of Passes in the Mississippi River.

This draft recommendation, which may be increased or decreased at any time as conditions warrant, becomes effective at 1030 hours CST on May 10, 2015 and replaces the draft recommendation that was effective on June 28, 2012.

Nothing in the recommendations of the Bar Pilots should be construed as limiting a pilot in the exercise of his judgment.

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