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January 6, 2016

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

Dear Captain Hathorn:

As you are aware, the NOBRA Board of Examiners is charged by the State of Louisiana with the responsibility of promoting and maintaining the safety of maritime commerce along the Mississippi River. To this end, and in recognition of the present river conditions with respect to the impending historical river gages, the Board of Examiners requests that when the Carrollton Gage reaches 16 ft. the implementation of the following emergency procedures are as follows:

- 1. Mile 233.0 AHP to Mile 90.5 AHP, [REDACTED]**
- 2. Mile 166.0 AHP to Mile 232.2 AHP, all vessels will be daylight only.**
- 3. Vessels anchoring in NOBRA's area of responsibility [REDACTED]
a pilot on board while at anchor to insure safety of the vessel.**

These emergency procedures will remain in effect until the Baton Rouge gage has a reading of 40 feet falling in combination with the Carrollton Gage reading of 16 feet falling.

The NOBRA Board of Examiners would like to thank the New Orleans-Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots for their efforts in maintaining a safe river by being mindful of vessel wakes and swells. We ask that you continue your vigilance in ensuring low wake/swell conditions during this extreme period of history on the Mississippi River.

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With professional regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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Captain Robert D. Heitmeier, President

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January 9, 2016

River Port Pilots for the Port of New Orleans
C/P Capt. A J Gibbs, President
Crescent River Port Pilot Association
8712 Hwy 23
Belle Chasse, LA 70037

Re: Mississippi River High Water Restrictions

Dear Capt. Gibbs:

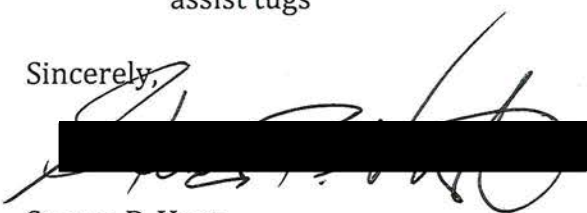
The Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners in recognition of the inherent issues resulting from the current High River circumstances is requesting you, as agent for the members of the Crescent River Port Pilot Association, to inform River Port Pilots and pilot users of the implementation of following emergency procedures as follows:

When the Carrollton Gauge is at or above **16 feet**, and
The vessel has a draft of **30 feet** or greater and
The vessel is scheduled to arrive southbound at mile 90.5 AHP at **1600 hours** or later and
Fog is predicted by the National Weather Service,

Then the River Port Pilot shall be contacted to determine whether:

1. The vessel should stay at a safe location above mile 90.5 or
2. Arrive at mile 90.5 AHP and continue to proceed southbound with 2 assist tugs

Sincerely,


[Redacted Signature]

Steven B. Vogt
President Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners