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## PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA RECEIVES PIPELINE SAFETY GRANT

RESERVE, LOUISIANA

The Port of South Louisiana was recently awarded a fifty thousand dollar grant to provide marine pipeline safety outreach to the Lower Mississippi River Maritime Community. The U.S. DOT (PHMSA-Pipeline & Hazardous Material Safety Administration) underwritten grant is being administered by Lester Millet III (Policy & Planning Director), and will include a DVD, Website, and miscellaneous printed material (i.e. Tri-fold brochure, Poster, Carded Checklist, and Calendar).

Situated along one of the busiest waterway systems in the world ( Lower Mississippi River), the Port of South Louisiana handles approximately 4,000 deep draft vessels and 55,000 barges per year, transversing 72 pipelines (6 major). The Port of South Louisiana is the origin of Capline (800,000 Barrels of oil per day) and the terminus of the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (500,000 Barrels Daily). Approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the oil that enters the Port of South Louisiana is transported via pipeline.



*L-R: Capt. Peter (Pete) Gautier (USCG Sector N.O. COTP) & Lester Millet III (Port of South LA)*

The Port of South Louisiana, a 54-mile port district on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, is the largest tonnage port in the Western Hemisphere. The cargo it handles accounts for over 50 percent of all Louisiana imports/exports.

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