

## MARINE PIPELINE HAZARD AVOIDANCE CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to help reduce the potential for pipeline damage during your next operation.

### BEFORE YOU MOBILIZE:

- In State waters, call **8-1-1**, the national call before you dig number, to have pipelines located and operators notified of your activity. It's free and it's the law. Offshore or in OCS waters, contact **Gulfsafe.com** or call **1-888-910-4853** to report your work location.
- Establish, communicate and agree upon a safe route for your vessels with pipeline operators.
- Request the pipeline operator place personnel onboard during work near pipelines and platforms.
- Ensure the route or jobsite has been surveyed and properly marked.
- Ensure the surveyor has confirmed a minimum of 1 foot of water and 3 feet of mud clearance under the vessel's draft for safe passage over pipelines.
- Ensure your vessel's draft is appropriate for the entire area you will navigate.
- Review the most recent Coast Pilot 5 information to plan your voyage or work.
- Assess the potential effects of tides and weather on the navigable depths. Continue to monitor tides and weather throughout the job.
- Review recent hazards for your work locations, if available.
- Confirm that all known hazards have been identified with visible markers or surveys, including pipeline crossings, obstructions, shallow or exposed pipelines that are identified in the USCG Notice to Mariners Report.
- Ensure you have appropriately detailed navigation charts on board.
- Clearly identify pipelines and pipeline crossing in your voyage plan.
- Conduct a safety meeting with your crew that covers the hazards of working near pipelines.
- Prepare and review with your crew an emergency response and evacuation plan in the event you make contact with an underwater pipeline.
- Confirm that life-saving devices, including life vests, are placed at multiple, convenient, on-deck locations.
- Ensure you have the information you need to account for all your personnel in the event of a pipeline incident.
- Review the requirements to contact the National Response Center in the event you make contact with an underwater pipeline. **1-800-424-8802**

### MOBILIZATION AND MOORING:

- Confirm that designated safe spud or jack-up areas near platforms and pipelines have been approved by the appropriate pipeline operators.
- Confirm that all barge spuds have been secured.
- Confirm that you've coordinated with pipeline operators to have personnel on board your vessel.
- Confirm that tidal conditions are adequate for mobilization and safe navigation.
- Moor all boats, barges and support vessels at safe mooring locations when they will be left unattended. Moor with a minimum of two mooring points.
- Confirm that your mooring location is not close to a sign that indicates a pipeline crossing. These are not safe mooring locations. The signs are general indicators of where a pipeline may be located; they do not mark the exact location of the pipeline.

# Port Of South Louisiana Marine Pipeline Safety Emergency Contact Numbers



## FEDERAL

- National Response Center Hotline: **(800) 424-8802**
- USCG Sector New Orleans Vessel Traffic Service (24 Hrs.): **(504) 365-2230**  
Lower Mississippi River
- USCG Sector New Orleans Command Center (24 Hrs.): **(504) 365-2543** or  
**(504) 365-2200**
- USCG Sector New Orleans Waterways Management: **(504) 365-2280**
- USCG Marine Safety Unit Baton Rouge **(225) 298-5400**
- USCG Marine Safety Unit Morgan City: **(985) 380-5320**
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) New Orleans EOC: **(504) 862-1102**
- FBI New Orleans: **(504) 816-3000**

## STATE

- Louisiana State Police HAZMAT HOTLINE: **(877) 925-6595**
- Louisiana Dept. of Environmental Quality (LA-DEQ):  
**(888) 763-5424 / (225) 342-1234** [www.deq.louisiana.gov](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov)
- Louisiana Dept. of Natural Resources (Pipeline): **(225) 342-5505**
- Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness:  
**(225) 925-7500**
- LA-SAFE (State Fusion Center): **(225) 925-4192**
- Pontchartrain Levee District: **(225) 869-9721**

## PORT AUTHORITIES

- Port of South Louisiana (Marine Operations 24 Hrs.): **(985) 536-3678**  
(Day) / **(866) 536-3678**, Channels 16 & 67 Marine VHF While on Patrol
- Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District (24 Hrs.): **(504) 297-5660**
- St. Bernard Port & Harbor District: **(504) 277-8418 / (504) 342-6289**  
(Lt. Eric Acosta)
- Port of New Orleans: **(504) 522-2551**
- Port of New Orleans Harbor Police: **(504) 891-7585**
- Port of New Orleans Fire Boat: **(504) 897-6844**
- Port of Greater Baton Rouge (24 Hrs.): **(225) 342-5378**

## MSOC

- Port of South Louisiana: **(985) 536-8300** (24/7)
- Port of St. Bernard / Plaquemines: Lt. Eric Acosta – **(504) 342-6289**
- Port of Greater Baton Rouge (JTF7) **(225) 342-1619**

### Questions (Schedule Presentation)

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*Preventing underwater pipeline accidents is everyone's  
responsibility. In your safety and voyage plans, plan  
for pipelines and know what's below before you mobilize.*

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