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## **PORTS OF SOUTH LOUISIANA POLICY & PLANNING DIRECTOR RECEIVES 2014 CAMO MARINE SAFETY VISIONARY AWARD**

On December 4, 2014, Policy and Planning Director Lester Millet, III received the 2014 Coastal and Marine Operations (CAMO) Marine Safety Visionary Award for his work on the 2012 Port of South Louisiana Pipeline Safety Outreach program. The program, which was funded by a \$50,000 Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) grant for which Millet applied and administered, entailed the development and distribution of marine safety materials as ongoing support and outreach within the port and waterway communities with the goal of reinforcing pipeline safety and protection, thus preventing accidents on the Lower Mississippi River and inland waterways.

“We would like to take a moment to say thank you to the people and organizations that have supported the Coastal and Marine Operations group in our request to reduce conflicts between vessels and pipelines in the Gulf of Mexico, coastal Louisiana, and the Mississippi River,” said CAMO Chairman Ed Landgraf. “We are proud to say that with the support of our local partners like the Port of South Louisiana, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the Office of Pipeline Safety, we’ve introduced innovative pipeline safety methods that aren’t being used anywhere else in the world.”

Other award recipients included Port Fourchon’s Chett Chiasson and Shell/CAMO Chairman Ed Landgraf.



## **About the Port of South Louisiana**

Strategically located between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, and encompassing fifty-four miles along the Lower Mississippi, the Port of South Louisiana is “America’s Largest tonnage Port”. The Port of South Louisiana, comprising three parishes (St. Charles, St. John, and St. Charles), accounts for over fifty percent of U.S. grain exports.

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