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Dear Seaway/Enterprise terminal users:

Effective immediately the Brazos Pilots recommend imposing the following Draft Recommendations for vessels calling at Seaway terminals 2 and 3:

MAXIMUM RECOMMENDED DRAFT 38' FRESH WATER

- Vessels with a draft of 38' Fresh Water will only be handled with a minimum positive tide of 0+ FT above MLW.

THIS MEANS VESSELS WITH MORE THAN 38 FT FRESH WATER DRAFT MAY EXPERIENCE DELAYS WAITING ON HIGH TIDE FOR TRANSIT.

This recommendation is applicable to Seaway terminals 2 and 3 and does not indicate depths of the Federal channel. Seaway has advised they have dredging scheduled for the terminal in the near future.

We are aware vessels may have already loaded above 38' FW and are in transit to Port Freeport, we will make every effort to have minimal delays as water is available. All future loading of vessels should be loaded to the maximum draft outlined above. Tide predictions do not include the effect of wind which may affect tidal levels.

PLEASE PROVIDE ADVANCED NOTICE OF ANTICIPATED ARRIVALS OR DEPARTURES OF DEEP DRAFT VESSELS WITH MINIMAL UNDERKEEL CLEARANCE.

The Brazos Pilots stand committed to safe and efficient service provided to the vessels transiting Port Freeport. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Regards,

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