



Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston Marine Safety Information Bulletin 03-20

Active Air and Water Monitoring in the Upper Houston Ship Channel

This MSIB is issued in response to questions regarding activities on the Houston Ship Channel as a result of the chemical fire at ITC Deer Park in the Upper Houston Ship Channel.

The Houston Ship Channel remains open to all traffic at this time. The U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port is working in close coordination with EPA, TCEQ, Harris County, ITC, and the contracted toxicology companies to evaluate any resulting impacts to the Houston Ship Channel.

If at any time a safety risk to operations on the Houston Ship Channel becomes evident, the Captain of the Port will take action to ensure safety for port operations and mariners on the waterways. Facilities and employees should continue to follow any direction provided by the County officials.

This bulletin shall remain active until rescinded or superseded by future direction.

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