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## **Gulf Intracoastal closures will begin Sunday**

*Morgan City dredging will close waterway for 12-hour periods*

NEW ORLEANS – Beginning Sunday, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway will be closed to navigation off and on over 11 days as a safety measure during dredging along Port of Morgan City wharves.

“A reach of the GIWW just over one mile long will be closed for periods limited to 12 hours at a time,” said Beth Nord, an operations manager of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

“This action is necessary in the interests of safety on this busy waterway. After each closure, barge tows and other traffic will be allowed to resume,” Nord said.

The U.S. Coast Guard requested the closures. They will extend from about Sunday until about June 28. The work will be done by the contract dredge Venture, a cutterhead dredge that will discharge the dredged material through a combination of floating and submerged pipeline.

The barge industry has been notified. Advance notice will be provided of each closure’s date and time. Information will be made available on the Navigation Bulletins page of the Web site of the Corps’ New Orleans District:

[http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/navbulletins/bulletin\\_list.aspx](http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/navbulletins/bulletin_list.aspx)

In the reach to be closed, the GIWW passes through Bayou Boeuf, between the Atchafalaya River and the Bayou Boeuf Lock. The reach includes the intersection of Bayou Boeuf and Bayou Shaffer.

An online map of this area may be found on page 31 of the Corps' 1999 Atchafalaya River Navigation Charts. Go to [www.mvn.usace.army.mil](http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil). Click "Maps and Data" and then the Atchafalaya River chart link.

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