

COTP Houston-Galveston Non-VTSA/GIWW Channel Obstruction Requests (Updated 4/2025)

Application for a channel obstruction in the Gulf Intra Coastal Waterway (from mm 442 at the Colorado River to mm 319 at the High Island Bridge). The COTP requires four days (five days if the period covers a weekend) advance notice for consideration of a category I obstruction (complete obstruction of the channel) and 24 hour notice for consideration of a Category II channel obstruction (restriction of channel or portable obstruction). This page will be sent to all industry members and the Operating Towing Companies who utilize the GIWW.

* Category:

CAT I: Complete obstruction of the channel

CAT II: Restriction of channel or portable obstruction

* Operation:

* Region:

* Location, From Mile Marker:

* to Mile Marker:

* Is a USCG Safety Zone Requested?

YES

NO

* Name of the Vessel:

* Commencing Date (MM/DD/YYYY):

* Time (0000-2359):

* Completion Date (MM/DD/YYYY):

* Time (0000-2359):

* Owner/Operator/Agent:

* Point of Contact:

* Phone Number:

* Email:

* Remarks (Please provide detailed description of your operations: For Obstructions due to Dead Ship Tow or Rig Movement please add assist vessel names, & beginning and end locations):

*** Once completed, save a copy for your personal records and e-mail:

HoustonTraffic@uscg.mil; HoustonWWM@uscg.mil; MSUTexasCityWaterways@uscg.mil

If you have any questions or issues with the form please contact VTS at 281-464-4837.