

# VTs Houston-Galveston Channel Obstruction Request

(Updated 8/2021)

The COTP requires a **two-week** planning notice for consideration of a Category I, full channel closure event. Call 281-464-4837, email HoustonTraffic@uscg.mil for **2-week** notice.

EgT\_ [f fZ]ed WGV & days prior (5-days if the period covers a weekend) for final scheduling of the Category I obstruction.  
ad24-houred ad for consideration of a Category II channel obstruction (partial restriction or portable obstruction).

\* Category: \_\_\_\_\_

CAT I: Complete obstruction of the channel

CAT II: Restriction of channel or portable obstruction

\* Operation: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Region: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Location (Facility / Dock / Geographic Landmark): \_\_\_\_\_

\* Name of Vessel: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Commence Date (MM DD YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

\* Time (0000-2359): \_\_\_\_\_

\* Completion Date (MM DD YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

\* Time (0000-2359): \_\_\_\_\_

\* Owner/Operator/Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* 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: \*\*

# VTS Houston-Galveston Channel Obstruction Request Page 2

**For Lift Operations, please complete the following.**

Will this operation be vessel to shore, shore to vessel, vessel to vessel?

Will this operation utilize ship crane(s) or an external lifting vessel?

Please describe the configuration of all vessels to each other and the dock (alongside, perpendicular, strung out, etc.).

Name of any on-site support vessel(s) to assist in staging or station keeping for the receiving vessel?

Will active prop engagement (pushing-in) be required for this operation?

*Note, active prop engagement, with wheel-washing alongside the channel, to assist in station keeping is not authorized as a normal operation and or mooring; see VTS Policy for Restricted Mooring, Bunkering, and/or Lighting Locations. Contact VTS to discuss this operation.*

What is the combined beam, in feet, of all associated vessels (lifting, discharging, and receiving vessels, as applicable)?

Will the combined beams and or overhead booms protrude into or above the Federal Channel at any point in the operation?

What traffic considerations are requested for this operation?

Category II operations are required to be able to suspend operations and relocate with a **60-minute notice**. Operations not able to be suspended and or relocated with a 60-minute notice will require Category I request and Port Operations Planning Meeting. Is this operation able to comply with a 60-minute notice to suspend or relocate?

**\*\*\* 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.