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NOTICE OF HURRICANE READINESS CONDITION WHISKEY

The Captain of the Port has set Hurricane Condition WHISKEY due to the potential for Hurricane **IRENE** to impact the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware tri-state area in the next 72 hours. The possibility exists that the Port of Philadelphia and surrounding areas will experience high winds, severe thunderstorms, and increased seas, surf and tidal surge. All members of the port community to include vessel owners and operators, vessel agents, pilots and facility owners and operators are to take adequate precautions and to follow the Port Hurricane Contingency Plan, to include Section 405, dated *May 19, 2010*. An updated Port Hurricane Contingency Plan can be found on Homeport at: homeport.uscg.mil/DelawareBay. Vessel agents shall ensure their ships are provided a copy of the Port Hurricane Contingency Plan. There are currently no restrictions in the Captain of the Port Sector Delaware Bay area of responsibility.

The COTP will broadcast notification using VHF-FM radio in the event any limitations or restrictions are imposed in the COTP Sector Delaware Bay area of responsibility. Additionally this notification will be forwarded to the Maritime Exchange and will be available as requested. The U.S. Coast Guard will provide the best possible advance notification before changing port operational status. Please refer to the Homeport website for additional information and checklists.

If there are any questions regarding the contents of this bulletin or expectations of the Captain of the Port, please contact (215) 271-4807.



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