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**MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN
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UPRIVER ANCHORAGE RESTRICTIONS

The U.S. Coast Guard is establishing a safety zone, in the Delaware River, Marcus Hook Range, September 28, 2005 thru November 9, 2005. The ACOE will be conducting dredging operations in the channel and vessels transiting the Marcus Hook Range will be diverted from the main shipping channel through Anchorage 7. Vessels must operate at the minimum safe speed necessary to maintain steerage and reduce wake.

During this time period vessels desiring to use Marcus Hook Anchorage/Anchorage 7, must obtain permission from the Captain of the Port, Delaware Bay, at least 24 hours in advance, at (215) 271-4807. The COTP will only permit one vessel at a time to anchor in Anchorage 7. Permission to anchor will be granted on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. Vessels will not be permitted to occupy the anchorage for more than 12 hrs.

Vessels are encouraged to use Mantua Creek (#9) and Deepwater Point (#6) Anchorage. Vessels 700 ft or greater in length must request permission to anchor at these anchorages and:

- vessels 700-750' in length shall have one tug alongside at all times while at anchor.
- vessels greater than 750' in length shall have two tugs alongside at all times while at anchor.
- tugs required for vessels at anchor must be of sufficient horsepower to assist with necessary maneuvers to remain clear of the navigation channel.

The operator of any vessel in the safety zone shall proceed as directed by the designated representative of the Captain of the Port and shall contact the dredge operator on channel 13 or 16 VHF, for passing information. For further information see Federal Register, Volume 70, No. 135, July 15, 2005.

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