

VTS Houston-Galveston Request for Special Traffic Management (Updated 8/2023)

This notification implements advanced planning for certain types of ships which request no meeting of tows wider than 54 feet or longer than 475 feet on the Houston Ship Channel (HSC) between Light 144 and the entrance to Buffalo Bayou. Request shall be submitted **12-hours in advance for in/outbound transits**. Requests not meeting the advance notice requirement may be denied. Approval or denial can be expected no less than 6-hours prior to anticipated passage of HSC Light 144 (inbound) and 6-hours prior to anticipated time underway from berth (for outbound transits). This application will be distributed electronically to local maritime stakeholders for comment supporting VTS Houston/Galveston consideration prior to approval.

- * Name of the Vessel: _____
- * Date of Transit (MM DD YYYY): _____
- * Initial point for no meeting: _____
- * Local time at initial point (0000-2359): _____
- * Ending point for no meeting: _____
- * Local time at ending point (0000-2359): _____
- * Owner/Agent/Operator: _____
- * Point of Contact: _____
- * Phone Number: _____
- * Email: _____
- * Limiting Characteristics: _____
- * Comments:

*** Once completed, save a copy for your records.

E-mail the form to HoustonTraffic@uscg.mil & HoustonWWM@uscg.mil.

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