

VTS Houston-Galveston Channel Obstruction Request

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Please complete this application for a channel obstruction in the VTS Houston-Galveston area. 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. Then, 4-days prior (5-days if the period covers a weekend) submit this form for final scheduling of the Category I obstruction. A 24-hour notice is required for consideration of a Category II channel obstruction (partial restriction of channel 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: **

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

E-mail the saved 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.