

SUBJECT: BROADCAST NOTICE TO MARINERS

1. A SAFETY ZONE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE CHICAGO SANITARY SHIP CANAL FROM MILE MARKER 296.0 TO MILE MARKER 296.7 TO ALLOW TESTING OF THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ELECTRICAL DISPERSAL FISH BARRIER SYSTEM. THE PORTION OF THE CANAL BETWEEN THESE MILE MARKERS IS CLOSED TO ALL VESSEL TRAFFIC FROM 8:00 AM UNTIL 8:00 PM. DAILY FROM AUGUST 17TH THROUGH AUGUST 21ST, 2009. THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT MAY TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY SUSPEND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAFETY ZONE OR MAY PERMIT VESSELS TO ENTER THE SAFETY ZONE. ON EACH DAY OF ENFORCEMENT, THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT INTENDS TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAFETY ZONE AS THE USACE TESTING SCHEDULE ALLOWS, SO THAT VESSEL TRAFFIC MAY PASS. HOWEVER, THIS TEMPORARY SUSPENSION IS SUBJECT TO THE OPERATIONAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY THE USACE TESTS. THEREFORE, THE PERIODS OF SUSPENSION MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE AT ALL.

2. VESSELS REQUESTING PASSAGE THROUGH THE SAFETY ZONE SHOULD CALL 630-336-0296. THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT WILL HAVE AN ONSCENE REPRESENTATIVE STANDING BY ON EITHER SIDE OF THE CLOSURE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR FOR FURTHER DETAILS, CONTACT THE ON-SCENE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT REPRESENTATIVE VIA CHANNEL 16 VHF OR SECTOR LAKE MICHIGAN AT (414) 747-7182.