



U.S. COAST GUARD EIGHTH DISTRICT
GULF OF MEXICO OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF
MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN
HURRICANE SEASON REPORTING REQUIREMENTS



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In 2014, the Eighth Coast Guard District implemented a “report by exception” OCS hurricane evacuation reporting protocol. This protocol created a means for industry to voluntarily report unexpected challenges to executing their storm avoidance/preparation processes or Emergency Evacuation Plan (EEP). This protocol continues for the 2021 Hurricane season. It is requested that operators of ALL manned facilities, Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODUs), Floating Production Storage and Offload (FPSO) vessels, and Floating Production Units (FPUs) report only when personnel, who otherwise intended to evacuate the unit, were stranded on board AND not able to safely evacuate; or if a MODU, FPSO, or FPU intends to, but is unable to, relocate for storm avoidance. Reports of personnel remaining offshore and at risk will allow the Eighth District to prepare for potential post-storm search and rescue operations. For OCS facilities with an approved EEP pursuant to 33 CFR 146, we request that you notify the Eighth District any time personnel will remain on board in exception to your approved plan or if you are not able to execute any portion of your plan related to heavy weather preparations. All reports should include the location of the unit the number of personnel to be left on board, and the means by which the operator and/or the Eighth District can communicate with the unit.

Notification should be made to the Eighth District by contacting the following:

Email: D8CCwatch@uscg.mil and OCScorrespondence@uscg.mil

Phone: 1-855-485-3727 (1-855-GULFSAR)

As a reminder, facilities are required to comply with the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement’s hurricane, earthquake, and other natural occurrence reporting requirements outlined in 30 CFR 250.192. There will be times in which Coast Guard personnel may reach out to particular units or companies in an attempt to gather additional information related to specific weather events. This outreach should not be construed as additional requirements, but rather as requests for information to support overall Coast Guard hurricane planning and response efforts. Your cooperation in these efforts is greatly appreciated.

For questions or clarification on this MSIB, please contact CDR Mickey Dougherty, Deputy OCMI, at (504) 671-2106.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. J. Denning".

M. J. Denning
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