

October 15, 2007

Mr. William Cotter  
Director of Operations  
Port of Corpus Christi Authority  
PO Box 1541  
Corpus Christi, TX 78403

Re: Inner harbor salinity condition

Dear Mr. Cotter,

After two months of salinity data collection, courtesy of Valero, it appears that the inner harbor has varying degrees of salinity.

Salinity in the main basin has been recorded at 1.025 (salt). The salinity observations from the Avery point to Tule basin ranges from 1.015 to 1.011.

Therefore, as a modification to the August 15, 2007 recommendation, the Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilots are now recommending vessels take into account the appropriate salinity estimates and fresh water allowance in their voyage plan when destined for the Corpus Christi inner harbor.

We will continue to monitor the situation as more information becomes available, will advise accordingly.

Sincerely,

Captain James Dooley  
Presiding Officer  
Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilots