

(c) The traditional use of areas for lightering operations;

(d) The normal weather and sea conditions in the areas, and their effect on lightering operations, and the fate of possible cargo discharges;

(e) The depth of water and underwater obstructions that may adversely impact anchorages and clearance of vessels;

(f) Other relevant safety, environmental, or economic data.

Subpart C—Lightering Zones and Operational Requirements for the Gulf of Mexico

SOURCE: CGD 93-081, 60 FR 45017, Aug. 29, 1995, unless otherwise noted.

§ 156.300 Designated lightering zones.

The following lightering zones are designated in the Gulf of Mexico and are more than 60 miles from the baseline from which the territorial sea is measured:

(a) *Southtex—lightering zone*. This lightering zone and the geographic area for this zone are coterminous and consist of the waters bounded by a line connecting the following points beginning at:

Latitude N.	Longitude W.
27°40'00",	93°00'00", thence to
27°40'00",	94°35'00", thence to
28°06'30",	94°35'00", thence to
27°21'00",	96°00'00", thence to
26°30'00",	96°00'00", thence to
26°30'00",	93°00'00", and thence to the point of beginning.

(NAD 83)

(b) *Gulfmex No. 2—lightering zone*. This lightering zone and the geographic area for this zone are coterminous and consist of the waters bounded by a line connecting the following points beginning at:

Latitude N.	Longitude W.
27°53'00",	89°00'00", thence to
27°53'00",	91°30'00", thence to
26°30'00",	91°30'00", thence to
26°30'00",	89°00'00", and thence to the point of beginning.

(NAD 83)

(c) *Offshore Pascagoula No. 2—lightering zone*. This lightering zone and the geographic area for this zone are

coterminous and consist of the waters bounded by a line connecting the following points beginning at:

Latitude N.	Longitude W.
29°20'00",	87°00'00", thence to
29°12'00",	87°45'00", thence to
28°39'00",	88°00'00", thence to
28°00'00",	88°00'00", thence to
28°00'00",	87°00'00", and thence to the point of beginning.

(NAD 83)

(d) *South Sabine Point—lightering zone*. This lightering zone and the geographic area for this zone are coterminous and consist of the waters bounded by a line connecting the following points beginning at:

Latitude N.	Longitude W.
28°30'00",	92°38'00", thence to
28°44'00",	93°24'00", thence to
28°33'00",	94°00'00", thence to
28°18'00",	94°00'00", thence to
28°18'00",	92°38'00", and thence to the point of beginning.

(NAD 83)

§ 156.310 Prohibited areas.

Lightering operations are prohibited within the following areas in the Gulf of Mexico:

(a) *Claypile—prohibited area*. This prohibited area consists of the waters bounded by a line connecting the following points beginning at:

Latitude N.	Longitude W.
28°15'00",	94°35'00", thence to
27°40'00",	94°35'00", thence to
27°40'00",	94°00'00", thence to
28°33'00",	94°00'00", and thence to the point of beginning.

(NAD 83)

(b) *Flower Garden—prohibited area*. This prohibited area consists of the waters bounded by a line connecting the following points beginning at:

Latitude N.	Longitude W.
27°40'00",	94°00'00", thence to
28°18'00",	94°00'00", thence to
28°18'00",	92°38'00", thence to
28°30'00",	92°38'00", thence to
28°15'00",	91°30'00", thence to
27°40'00",	91°30'00", and thence to the point of beginning.

(NAD 83)