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### MARITIME SAFETY & SECURITY BULLETIN 22-09

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## Advisory of Coal Transloading Operations

As we get set to kick-off our annual Safe Boating Campaign, in an effort to reduce the loss of life, personal injury, property damage, and environmental impact associated with the use of the waterway, while maximizing safe use and enjoyment of U.S. waterways by the public, the United States Coast Guard is providing this safety advisory to alert recreational boaters of the inherent risk associated with operating close to larger vessels that may be constrained by their draft or anchored/engaged in lightering operations.

This bulletin advises of vessel cargo transfer operations involving the discharge of coal to barges from deep-draft vessels anchored in the Chesapeake Bay near Smith Point, Virginia and in the Potomac River near Ragged Point, Virginia. These large vessels discharge coal cargos to barges that are bound for the Mirant Morgantown Generating Plant in Charles County, Maryland. The vessel cargo transfer operations are expected to occur once per month during the remainder of 2009, lasting from 4 to 5 days for each operation.

The following position information, though considered approximate, provides the locations of these vessels during the planned coal transfer operations:

Smith Point anchorage:

37 degrees, 57.3 minutes North

076 degrees, 11.5 minutes West

Ragged Point anchorage:

38 degrees, 10.0 minutes North

076 degrees, 35.5 minutes West

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**AMY M. BEACH**

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