

MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT



LOCATION – The Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District, also referred to as the Port of Morgan City, is centrally located on the U. S. Gulf Coast at the confluence of the Atchafalaya River and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, approximately 18 miles from the Gulf of Mexico.



The Port of Morgan City provides connections throughout the continental United States and abroad. Waterway traffic between points in the southwest United States and the Upper Mississippi River Valley saves approximately 342 miles per round trip by using the Atchafalaya River and the Morgan City-to-Port Allen Alternate Route rather than the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway via the Harvey Locks at New Orleans.

U. S. Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Service Berwick Bay has recorded over 60,000 passages per year through this strategically important location.

With immediate access to the future U. S. I-49 Corridor, the Port of Morgan City is approximately one hour away from Lafayette, Baton Rouge and New Orleans, Louisiana.

ORGANIZATION – The Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District was created by the Louisiana Legislature by Act 530 of 1952.

PORT COMMISSIONERS

Jerry Gauthier, President	Joseph Cain
Duane Lodrigue, Vice President	Joseph J. Foret, Jr.
Thomas “Matt” Ackel, Secretary	Tim Matthews, Sr.
Deborah Garber, Treasurer	R. Scott Melancon

PORT STAFF – Raymond M. “Mac” Wade, Executive Director
Cindy Cutrera, Manager of Economic Development
Tori Henry, Administrative Assistant

PRIMARY CARGOS

The Port District primarily serves the inland and offshore oil and gas drilling and production industry. Major activities include fabrication, shipbuilding, and vessel repair and conversion. Primary cargoes include fabricated items, limestone and aggregates, barite, petroleum oils and fuel oils, and oil and gas drilling and production equipment and supplies.

Since 1957, the Port has also been active in the import and export of container, project and bulk cargo.

OVERALL TONNAGE – Over 2 million tons annually

MAIN CHANNEL DEPTH – Minimum channel depth is 20 feet deep by 400 feet wide from Morgan City to the U. S. Gulf of Mexico as authorized by Congress. (Atchafalaya River and Bayous Boeuf, Black and Chene Project)

CARGO TERMINALS & FACILITIES – Approximately 175 privately owned facilities are located along the waterways within the Port District.

The Port of Morgan City owns a terminal facility located at 800 Youngs Road, Morgan City, LA at Mile Marker 95 on the Gulf Intercoastal Waterway. The facility is suitable for handling container, general and bulk cargo with intermodal transfer on dock.

Docking- water frontage of 1250’

Warehouse storage-20,000 sq. ft. warehouse with rail access

Yard storage-25 acres

Inland Transport-serviced by BNSF railroad; located about one mile from four-lane Highway 90 (future I-49); about 11 miles from Harry P. Williams Memorial Airport in Patterson, LA

OTHER PORT AREA SERVICES – Offshore Support Companies: fuel docks, waste management facilities, scrap/recycling yards, barite processing plants, marine towing and barge companies, numerous oilfield equipment and supply distributors

U. S. Customs and Border Patrol and U. S. Coast Guard Aids to Navigation, Marine Safety Unit, and Vessel Traffic Service are located within the Port District. The Port of Morgan City is home to the U. S. Coast Guard Cutter Axe.

The Port of Morgan City provides ties to international markets and serves as safe harbor for vessels during extreme weather events.



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