



S T A C K
F A C T S

July 8, 2005
Electronic Bulletin No. 681
Re: New Orleans Closure

Dear Valued Customer:

Hurricane Dennis is now a Category 5 storm, moving through Cuba and expected to strike anywhere from Florida to Louisiana by Sunday or Monday. Florida and Alabama remain in a state of emergency as declared by their governors. Obviously, this storm will have a significant effect on transportation to/through the Southeast.

At this time, we expect the CSX to cease all operations by 10 pm (2200) EST on Saturday, July 9th from New Orleans to Florida. And the CSX will not depart any trains from New Orleans after 10:00am (1000) EST on July 9th. CSX's Mobile, AL terminal is not open on Saturday and will not be affected by Saturday's closures. Both the New Orleans and Mobile terminals are closed on Sunday and plan to reopen Monday at their normal scheduled times, weather permitting.

The UPRR will likely have similar operating restrictions in the New Orleans area.

We continue to work closely with the UP and CSX to identify which trains can detour through alternate gateways like Memphis / St Louis. Many of the eastbound and westbound trains already in the pipeline are being staged until alternate routes are available or until the New Orleans interchange reopens. Some of the westbound Charlotte and Atlanta originating trains will be annulled through the weekend, so as to not add trains to an already congested Atlanta to New Orleans corridor. We are advising customers to not ship reefers or expedited cargo until early next week, as this corridor will be congested for several days.

We will forward additional information as soon as it is available.

Pacer Stacktrain