

# MORGAN CITY PORT HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT



**LOCATION** – The Port of Morgan City is located within the community of Morgan City in St. Mary Parish. The port is near the east bank of the Atchafalaya River in a natural wide and deep harbor known as Berwick Bay. With immediate access to the future U.S. I-49 corridor, it is just one hour away from New Orleans, Lafayette and Baton Rouge. Centrally located along the U.S. Gulf coast, the Port is only 29 miles from the U.S. Gulf of Mexico. The Port of Morgan City has been an avenue of both domestic and international trade since 1957. The Atchafalaya River, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, and Bayous Boeuf, Black, and Chene are the connections to traffic throughout the continental United States and abroad. The Atchafalaya River has its beginnings at the junction of Old River and the Red River in east-central Louisiana. Old River is a short connection between the head of the Atchafalaya and the Mississippi River. The Atchafalaya flows southward a distance of 135 miles and empties into the Atchafalaya Bay.

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 Port Allen Alternate Route rather than the alternate link of the Intracoastal via the Harvey Locks at New Orleans.

**ORGANIZATION** – The Port of Morgan City was created by Act 530 of 1952. Since 1957, it has been active in both domestic and international trade. It is governed by a 9 member Board of Commissioners that are appointed by the Governor and serve for a 9-year term.

## PORT COMMISSIONERS

Gregory Aucoin	Deborah Garber	Warren Orlando
Wallace Carline	Jerry Gauthier	Willie Tezeno
Larry Doiron	William New	Raymond Wade

**PORT DIRECTOR** – Jerry Hoffpauir, Executive Director

## PRIMARY CARGOS

Inbound – Steel, project cargo, offshore equipment, stone aggregate, drilling supplies  
Outbound – Heavy lift project cargo, general cargo, rice and molasses, salt

**OVERALL TONNAGE** – N/A

**REVENUES** – N/A

## TOTAL EMPLOYEES

3 employees – Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District  
20 employees – Port users such as the USCG, Shaw Morgan City Terminal and others

**MAIN CHANNEL DEPTH** – Minimum channel depth is authorized by Congress from Morgan City to the U.S. Gulf of Mexico and is 20 feet deep by 400 feet wide

**CRUISE TERMINALS & FACILITIES** – Port accommodates a river excursion passenger barge 3 to 4 times a year.

**CARGO TERMINALS & FACILITIES** – Docking: Dock length: 800' with water frontage of 1250' on Bayou Boeuf near its intersection with the Atchafalaya River. The terminal is suitable to handle container, general and bulk cargo.

Intermodal transfer (on dock)

Dockside mobile crane capable of lifting a fully loaded (70,000 lb.) 40 foot container. Three forklifts; 5,000lb. 8,000 lb. & 10,000 lbs. for warehouse and yard use. Container crane 50 tons with 130 foot boom. Thirty-five ton cherry picker. Forty-ton container handler.

Warehouse Storage – A 20,000 sq.ft. warehouse with rail access and truck docks.

Yard Storage – 3.75 acres of on-dock storage, about 16 acres of auxiliary yard storage is available.

Inland Transport – Port is serviced by the BNSF railroad and has highway access to future U.S. I-49 corridor.

**OTHER PORT-OWNED BUSINESSES, SERVICES AND FACILITIES** – N/A

**OTHER PORT AREA SERVICES** – N/A



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