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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING

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ADDRESS P.O. Box 40		CITY Gulfport	STATE MS	ZIP 39502
EMAIL dra@shipmspa.com	SUBMIT DATE 11/14/11	Name or number of rule(s): <u>Section 103, Whistleblower Policy, Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport's Operations and Procedures Manual</u>		

Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal: To further the Port Authority's interests in ensuring that employee's good faith allegations of fraud, abuse, waste and mismanagement of Port Authority resources and funds are reported to the Port Authority and fully, diligently and independently investigated, and further ensuring that any such employees are protected from reprisal, harassment and adverse employment decisions or treatment arising as a result of any such reports.

Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: Miss. Code Ann. §§ 59-1-1, 59-1-9 and 59-5-21

List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: N/A

ORAL PROCEEDING:

- An oral proceeding is scheduled for this rule on Date: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____
- Presently, an oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule.

If an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding must be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) or more persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and, if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the party or parties you represent. At any time within the twenty-five (25) day public comment period, written submissions including arguments, data, and views on the proposed rule/amendment/repeal may be submitted to the filing agency.

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

- Economic impact statement not required for this rule. Concise summary of economic impact statement attached.

TEMPORARY RULES	PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES	FINAL ACTION ON RULES
<input type="checkbox"/> Original filing <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal of effectiveness To be in effect in _____ days Effective date: <input type="checkbox"/> Immediately upon filing <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____	Action proposed: <input type="checkbox"/> New rule(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment to existing rule(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Repeal of existing rule(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption by reference Proposed final effective date: <input type="checkbox"/> 30 days after filing <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____	Date Proposed Rule Filed: <u>10/17/11</u> Action taken: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted with no changes in text <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted with changes <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted by reference <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn <input type="checkbox"/> Repeal adopted as proposed Effective date: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 days after filing <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____

Printed name and Title of person authorized to file rules: Donald R. Allee, Executive Director

Signature of person authorized to file rules: *Donald R. Allee*

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The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.