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## **Gulf Ports Ringing in the New Year by Working Together for the Environment**

*“Port Corpus Christi hosting third annual Gulf Ports Environmental Summit”*

**Corpus Christi, Texas** – Port Corpus Christi will host environmental staff from US and Mexico Ports around the Gulf of Mexico for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Gulf Ports Environmental Summit. The event will be held January 16 and 17, 2014 at the Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz International Center, located at 402 Harbor Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas, USA.

The ports will work together in discussing best practices in environmental management to promote a sustainable future for the entire Gulf of Mexico. Ron Curry, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 Regional, Matthias Pastl, Head of Corporate Communications & Public Relations for voestalpine Texas, LLC, and Noeleen Tillman, Executive Director of International Institute of Sustainable Seaports confirmed their participation as keynote speakers.

The Environmental Summit was created for the Gulf of Mexico Ports to collaborate on regional environmental issues. The day and a half of sessions were created to research and develop a

framework identifying areas where Ports of the Gulf of Mexico Region (U.S. & Mexico) can work together on environmental compliance issues. ***“Sharing knowledge regarding environmental issues will help each of our ports find better sustainable practices to run our daily operations”*** Said, John LaRue, Executive Director.

Registration is now open for this event and you can register by using the following link <http://www.gulfportsenvironmentalsummit.com> and clicking on the Register Today section. This is a free event and the committee have worked hard to provide a meaningful forum in which to discuss and learn about common Port issues.

**WHAT :** 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GULF PORTS ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT

**WHEN & WHERE :** JANUARY 16 AND 17, 2014; SOLOMON ORTIZ INTERNATIONAL CENTER, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, USA

**REGISTER ONLINE :** <http://www.gulfportsenvironmentalsummit.com>

### **About Port Corpus Christi**

*As the primary economic engine of the Coastal Bend, Port Corpus Christi is the 5th largest port in the United States in total tonnage. The Port’s mission statement is to “serve as a regional economic development catalyst while protecting and enhancing its existing industrial base and simultaneously working to diversify its international maritime cargo business.” Strategically located on the western Gulf of Mexico, with a straight, 45’ deep channel, the Port provides quick access to the Gulf and the entire United States inland waterway system. The Port delivers outstanding access to overland transportation with on-site and direct connections to three Class-1 railroads and uncongested interstate and state highways. The Port is protected by a state-of-the-art security department and an award-winning Environmental Management System. With outstanding management and operations staff, Port Corpus Christi is clearly “The Port of the Lone Star State.” [www.portofcorpuschristi.com](http://www.portofcorpuschristi.com)*

*Port Corpus Christi is a member of **START (South Texas Alliance for Regional Trade)**, a collaborative effort that highlights business opportunities in South Texas in the manufacturing, energy, aerospace, international trade, military and other sectors and the related strategic support provided by Port San Antonio, Port Corpus Christi and Port Laredo. [www.southtexastradealliance.net](http://www.southtexastradealliance.net)*

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