

# PORT REPORT



## Rail expansion. Dock improvements. More ship calls.

*A dramatic increase in ship calls at the Port of Greater Baton Rouge prompted improvements to deepwater cargo docks on the Mississippi River and an expansion of rail infrastructure.*



**Union Pacific Railroad** has expanded its interchange tracks along Louisiana Hwy. 1 to be accessed from either the north or south in a \$12 million upgrade, and the Port is moving forward with a \$25 million chambering yard south of the Intracoastal Waterway. The state's Capital Outlay Program will help fund the construction of the chambering yard's three, 110-car tracks to handle **Drax Biomass** wood pellet trains. In addition, **Louis Dreyfus Commodities** will complete their \$20 million facility rail tracks this year to handle 110-car grain trains.

To meet the needs of Drax Biomass, Louis Dreyfus Commodities, **Genesis Energy**, and **Contanda Terminals**, the Port has improved 3,500 feet of deepwater cargo docks with a new fendering system and larger, stronger mooring hooks.

**Port Executive Director Jay Hardman** reports, "We're busy, so as soon as we finish one improvement, we're already making plans to expand for future needs."



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