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Texas Towers

Post-World War II technology permitted lighthouses to be built at locations previously served by lightships. These off-shore light structures are based upon technology developed in the oil industry. Their legs are driven 170 feet into the seabed. The towers are designed to withstand 65 foot seas and 125 miles per hour winds. Seven towers have been built and all have either been removed or are scheduled for removal.

Official Coast Guard Imagery (click on thumbnail for High resolution image)	Caption/Historical Information
 An aerial photograph showing the Chesapeake Texas Tower, a large steel structure with a white top section and a red lantern room, situated in the middle of the ocean. To its left is the Chesapeake Lightship, a small orange and white vessel. The water is a deep blue.	<p>Aerial view of the Chesapeake Texas Tower and the soon-to-be decommissioned Chesapeake Lightship that it replaced</p>
 A photograph taken from a low angle, looking up at the Ambrose Texas Tower. The tower is a dark steel structure with a white top section and a red lantern room. The name "AMBROSE" is visible on the side of the tower. The sky is a pale, hazy color.	<p>View of the Ambrose Texas Tower from water level</p>