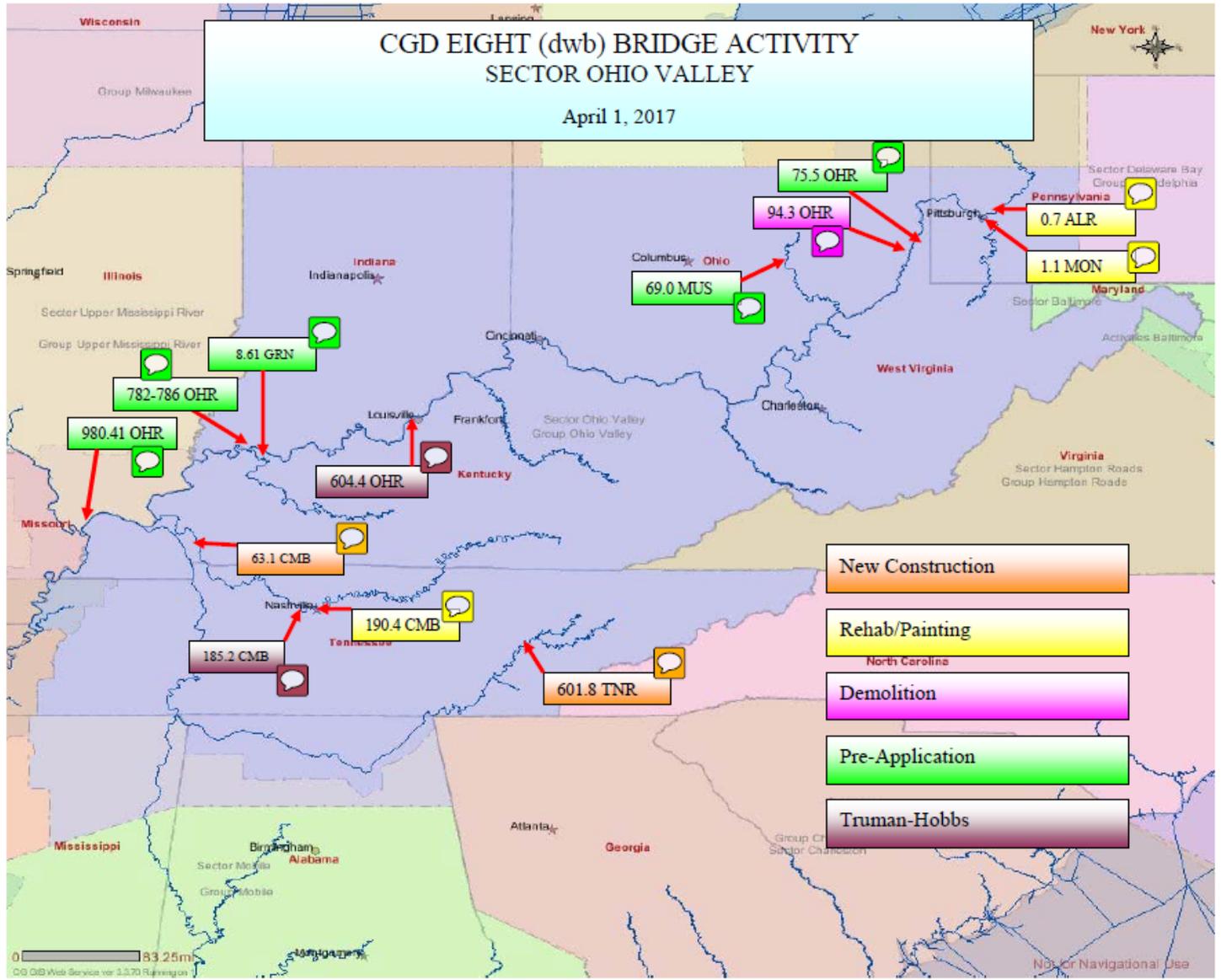




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## Allegheny River

**Seventh Street Bridge (0.7):** Due to a containment system, vertical clearance reduced to 38.38 feet above normal pool for the mid180 feet of the main navigational span.

## Ohio River

**Proposed New Bridge (75.5):** Pre-application stage. The new bridge will provide a minimum of 800 feet of horizontal clearance. Environmental review underway.

**Bellaire Bridge (94.3):** Demolition date to be determined.



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## Monongahela River

**Liberty Bridge (1.1):** Work impacting navigation channel will be conducted Aug-Sep 2017. During this time river blockage will occur from 6 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. daily.

**Birmingham Bridge (2.3):** Due to construction, an access platform has temporarily reduced bridge's vertical clearance by 4 ft.

**Charleroi-Monessen Bridge (41.0):** Due to shoaling, L/D red pier light moved 140 feet channel ward to mark edge. Center green range lights have been moved 70 feet channel ward to mark center of navigation channel.

## Upcoming Marine Events

Start Date	End Date	Event	Waterway	Closure	Time
21 April 17	21 April 17	Pittsburgh Pirates Fireworks	Allegheny River mile 0.0-1.0	Full	2200-2330

## Marine Event Applications in review

- Pittsburgh Triathlon and Adventure Race: Allegheny River 0.0-1.5 - 12 & 13 Aug
- Monongahela 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Fireworks: Monongahela River 32-33 - 04 July
- Anything that Floats Toronto: Ohio River 58.1 - 17 June
- Shine at Pride: Allegheny River 0.2-0.8 - 10 June

## Possible Waterways Impact Events

- U2: 07 June - Heinz Field

## Areas of Interest

### 1. Drug testing options for mariner credential applications

46 CFR Part 10 requires that all applicants for the original issuance or renewal of a Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) and applicants seeking certain raises in grade or new endorsements must provide evidence of having passed a chemical test for dangerous drugs or meet the requirements for an exemption from testing. <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/03/22/3222017-drug-testing-options-for-mariner-credential-applications/>

### 2. New policy letters on Subchapter M implementation

The Coast Guard published two policy letters that affect towing vessels:

- CG-CVC Policy Letter 17-01: "Use of the Uninspected Towing Vessel (UTV) Decal to Meet Certain Requirements Regarding Issuance of the Initial COI Under Subchapter M," incentivizes the use of the towing safety management system option, by allowing vessels that employ the option to use the uninspected towing vessel decal as objective evidence that could be deemed equivalent to the Coast Guard visit required prior to the issuance of an initial certificate of inspection.
- CG-MMC Policy Letter 01-17: "Guidelines for Issuing Endorsements for Tankerman PIC Restricted to Fuel Transfers on Towing Vessels," provides an option for mariners on towing vessels designated as a person in charge of a fuel transfer, to meet the provisions for a merchant mariner credential with a



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restricted tankerman endorsement in lieu of meeting the full tankerman PIC endorsement requirements in 46 CFR Part 13. <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/03/13/3132017-new-policy-letters-on-subchapter-m-implementation/>

### 3. Marine Safety Alert 01-17

The Coast Guard issued Marine Safety Alert 01-17 to remind vessel owners and operators to consider all hazards related to chemical spills. In addition to potential health risks to personal involved with routine handling and clean up of spills, there is also the potential for adverse chemical reactions with vessel components, construction materials, and other items onboard.

<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/03/28/32817-safety-alert-indications-of-chemical-reaction-and-destruction-of-aluminum-plating/>

### 4. Marine Safety Alert 02-17

The Coast Guard issued Marine Safety Alert 02-17 to inform those that may lease and occupy portable accommodation modules on board fixed Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) platforms. A recent Coast Guard investigation into a fire onboard one of these platforms revealed the manufacturer of the module (a combination galley and mess deck) had improperly installed a commercial grade electric stove. As a result, the Coast Guard strongly recommends that owners and operators having similar portable accommodations ensure that all commercial grade stoves and ovens are installed with the proper clearances to prevent ignition of combustible materials.

<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/03/28/32817-safety-alert-failure-to-follow-stoveoven-installation-instructions/>

### 5. New Vessel Identification Verification Service

The Coast Guard's NAVCEN launched a new online tool that allows the maritime industry to verify compliance with AIS requirements. <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/index.php?pageName=aisVesselSearch>

### 6. Spring Marine Incident Summit

13 April at the River Museum in Marietta, OH