



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
PITTSBURGH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
WILLIAM S. MOORHEAD FEDERAL BUILDING
1000 LIBERTY AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PA 15222-4186**

10 February 2016

MEMORANDUM FROM: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District, Operations Division, William S. Moorhead Federal Building, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4020

FOR: Waterways Association of Pittsburgh, P.O. Box 534, Lyndora, PA 15045

SUBJECT: Items of Interest to Navigation, February 10, 2016

1. LOCK CLOSURES AND DELAYS

Ohio River

- **New Cumberland** - The landward auxiliary chamber remains closed due to structural deficiencies with the miter gates. The chamber will remain closed until further notice. Repairs to the gates are tentatively scheduled for the spring of 2016.
- **Montgomery** - The riverward auxiliary chamber at Montgomery L/D is unavailable for service due to damage to the lower miter gate sill from ice and debris. Preliminary repairs were completed on 18 DEC, and are expected to resume in March 2016.
- **Montgomery/Emsworth** - The originally scheduled Montgomery L/D main chamber closure in the May/June timeframe and the Emsworth L/D closure in July/August have been shortened to reduce the total number of closure days from 80 days to 63 days. There will be a 25 day window between closures with unrestricted main chamber openings at both facilities. The Montgomery main chamber closure scheduled for the August/September timeframe has been changed to a partial closure with the main chamber opened to navigation 8 hours daily with an 80-ft restricted tow width. In order to keep the chamber open daily the job end date has been extended from 7 October to 11 November. A revised Pittsburgh schedule has been distributed; updated regional schedules to follow.

Monongahela River

- **Maxwell L/D** - The riverward auxiliary chamber at Maxwell L/D is out of service until further notice. This unscheduled lock closure is the result of a

navigation accident that occurred early Thursday morning on October 31, 2013. Repairs are scheduled for the spring of 2016.

2. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- USACE has not set bulkheads at Hannibal or Pike Island, and will continue to monitor NWS predictions and ice conditions to determine the need for the bulkheads.
- Rich Lockwood has deployed to MVD in support of the flooding on the lower Mississippi. Kathy Griffin has assumed the duties as the Chief of Operations and Regulatory for Pittsburgh USACE. The District has selected Mr. Don Fogel as the Deputy Chief of Operations.
- Ms. Beth Schneller is selected as the Chief of the Pittsburgh Engineers Warehouse and Repair Station (PEWARS).
- Both side scan sonar and bathymetric surveys were performed for the Hulton Bridge demolition project on the Allegheny River, River Mile 12.7, on December 3, 2015 and January 29, 2016 respectively. The navigation channel was closed for 72 hours after the six span bridge was dropped into the river on January 26, 2016. The survey area extended 100 feet downstream and 300 feet upstream from the centerline of the bridge.

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