



Navigation Report

3-8-23

1. Fairly uneventful month for altered river conditions. Not much to discuss related to high water and/or conditions.
 - a. We have had some minor river fluctuations in Pittsburgh, nothing of major concern. As always please stay on top of crews and do not allow them to be complacent. We need assure we are prepared and not have to prepare when an event happens.
2. Summary of 2023 Lock Closures in Pittsburgh
 - a. New Cumberland 04-17-23 through 07-07-23 (Finish Anchorage work, install new miter gates, Aux Chamber) (Minor Delays expected)
 - b. Dashields 7-17-23 through 8-20-23 (Miter Gate Allision repairs, main chamber) major delays expected.
 - c. Montgomery 8-28-23 through 11-3-23 (Rehab Valve Machinery, openings Sept 2-4, and Sept 25th – Oct 16th with width restriction, basically this allows for 4 barges at a time) (Primary Chamber) Major Delays expected.
 - d. Montgomery 11-08-23 through 12-22-23 (Replace Miter Gate machinery, Joint refacing, main chamber) Major Delays expected.
 - e. Emsworth (Dates TBD Hydraulic repairs, 8-10 hr daily closures.) Contractor is mobilizing in May and, they are unsure of a start date.

-Note: Pod and I attended the FY23-26 USACE Scheduling Meeting in Cincinnati on 3-7. It was a very productive meeting. There were some productive discussions with both parties providing great information. After reviewing the current schedules, with 209 days of Closures/limitations going on and/or looming ahead, we requested a few things. We are extremely grateful this work is getting done and appreciate everything the corps does for us as an industry. We greatly appreciate the Corps efforts to collaborate with us on these requests and accommodations. We do, however, want to assure as an Industry that we do our due diligence and work with the Corps in any way possible to mitigate any impacts we can on our Industry as a whole, and to make sure the work as done as timely and cost efficient as possible.

1. Regarding the current planned 7-day gap between the Dashields and Montgomery outages, due to the number of shutdowns and length of the shutdowns we have requested that the corps provide a larger window to clear the line out and make some cycles in-between the closures. We asked they slide

Dashiels up by a week on the start date to allow the extra week and give us a two-week window as an Industry to try to cycle some more barges up and out.

2. Regarding the Emsworth work, we have requested this work be done during the Dashiels outage. With the proximity to Dashiels it would have the least impact on Industry to do this during the Dashiels outage. We have asked the corps to push the contractor for this accommodation and will continue to do so.

-Note: These dates will likely be moved above, due to our requests to the corps. When they do change, I will get with you all and get everyone the details ASAP. I think likely what is going to happen being Christmas is on the back end, is we will get Dashiels slid up a week earlier to allow for the additional week between outages to cycle barges.

-Note: There are some other major projects on the lower Ohio that will affect us as well JT Myers will be getting major rehab Starting Aug 21 and will run through the remainder of 2023. Greenup also has a closure July 5 through August 14th that we will see some significant delays at.

Sincerely,

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