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ATTENTION OF

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

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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: **USACE REPORT TO THE WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION OF PITTSBURGH**

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 began on 04 April and continue through 30 April with assistance provided by Louisville District.
- **Montgomery** - The riverward auxiliary chamber at Montgomery L/D is unavailable for service at this time due to buildup of debris and leakage at the upper miter gate sill. Repairs to the lower end were completed on 02 April. An underwater inspection will be conducted on 12-13 April to remove drift and assess the condition of the upper sill.
- **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. The closure of the main chamber at Montgomery is scheduled for 16 May through 10 June.
- **Major Concern** – With the exception of Hannibal Lock, we are unable to dewater any of the Ohio River Main Stem Locks

MONONGAHELA RIVER

- **Maxwell L/D** - The riverward auxiliary chamber at Maxwell L/D is out of service until further notice. A pre-construction meeting was held the week of 04 April, and repairs are expected to begin within the next 2 weeks.

2. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- USACE Pittsburgh District is celebrating its 150th Birthday on August 3rd . There will be events in celebration of that Birthday scheduled throughout the year, but there is a Birthday Party tentatively scheduled for 30 August..
- Pittsburgh has been chosen to be the site of the PIANC *SMART RIVERS 2017* Conference. Rich Lockwood and Jim McCarville are on the planning committee.
- Pittsburgh has been chosen to be the site of the PIANC/ASCE Coasts, Oceans, Ports, and Rivers Institute (COPRI) PORTS 19 Conference.
- USACE Pittsburgh District is negotiating with ARDC (Allegheny River Development Corporation) and UMRA (Upper Mon River Association) for Contributed Funds service on the Allegheny and Mon Rivers.
- USACE Pittsburgh District is working with HQUSACE and MVD to develop and implement a Rivers Information Services (RIS) project somewhere on the IMTS.
- USACE Pittsburgh District has made changes to the Notice to Navigation Interests (NTNI) to conform to the national system and will no longer be sending out e-mail copies of the notices. The NTNI are now numbered to conform to the national system and located at the following link:
<http://ntninotices.usace.army.mil/lpwb/f?p=150:1>: Interested parties should monitor the Public web-site to view current NTNI.
- USACE Pittsburgh will be issuing a NTNI next week in preparation of deployment of Dam Warning Buoys. Buoys are expected to be fully deployed at all facilities by the week of 23 May depending on water conditions.
- Mr. Ian McKelvey will finish his assignment as the Supervisory Specialist on the Allegheny River on 30 April. Mr. Mike Clark, Lockmaster Upper Mon River will assume the duties of that position beginning on 18 April for 120 days.

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