



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**

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

1. LOCK CLOSURES AND DELAYS

**OHIO RIVER**

**Dashields**

- Wall Stabilization Contract Work: The Primary lock chamber will have intermittent short-term closures (Duration: 4 hours or less) on the following dates (Ref: NTNI 8919):

**Monday 6 August through Friday 10 August**

- Intermittent Daylight Closures of the Primary Chamber - The Primary lock chamber will be closed to navigation from 6:30 am until 4:30 pm on the following dates:

**Monday 13 August through Friday 17 August**

**Monday 20 August through Friday 24 August**

**Monday 27 August through Friday 31 August**

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**Tuesday 4 September through Friday 7 September**

**Monday 10 September through Friday 14 September**

**Montgomery**

- Installation of the Downstream Maintenance Bulkheads Sill: The chambers will be closed as required to perform repairs to the auxiliary chamber gate seals and to work on the new upstream bulkhead sill in the main chamber as detailed below (Ref: NTNI 8921-1).
  - Auxiliary Chamber Upstream Miter Gate Timber Seals: Auxiliary chamber closure 25 July – 09 Aug.
  - Main Chamber Downstream Closure System: Main chamber closure 09 Aug – 14 Sep (Open Labor Day weekend w/ restrictions)

## **New Cumberland**

- The landward auxiliary chamber remains closed due to structural deficiencies with the miter gates. New auxiliary chamber gates are not expected to be fabricated prior to 2021/2022. Installation will require several additional years.

## **2. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Potential contract and Repair Fleet work for FY19:

### **Dashields and Emsworth:**

- **CONTRACT:** Geotechnical Boring: Very limited intermittent closures of both river chambers late winter thru summer 2019 with approximately 30-day advance notice for NTNI notices. On-site drilling to last approximately 2 months at each location.

### **Montgomery:**

- **CONTRACT:** Dam Gate Installation: continuing through 2020.
- **FLEET:** Installation of Downstream Maintenance Bulkhead **Slots:** 11 Mar thru 14 Jun 2019 w/ chamber closures and locking restrictions similar to Emsworth 2018 closure/restrictions. Lockage closure/restrictions still under development and will be coordinated in future meeting with WAP.
- **CONTRACT:** Middle Wall Crack Stabilization: Spring/Summer 2019 thru Fall 2019: Intermittent closures of the Land Chamber for up to 12 hours per day, Monday through Friday w/ 35 day advance notice. No closures during FLEET work w/ Contractor utilizing FLEET closures to maximum extent possible.

### **New Cumberland:**

- **CONTRACT:** Upgrade Hydraulic Operating System: Late 2018/early 2019 thru Fall 2019: Short term chamber closures expected during the work to include up to five 48-hour closures and intermittent 8-hour closures between the hours of 0730 and 1600, Monday thru Friday.

### **Pike Island:**

- **FLEET:** Sector Gear Repairs: 29 Oct thru 30 Nov 2018: Auxiliary Chamber Closed.

### **Allegheny Lock 2:**

- **CONTRACT:** Vertical Wall Repairs: Estimated Chamber Restrictions in 2019; chamber closure 5 Aug – 26 Aug; 35' width restriction 26 Aug – 9 Sept; chamber closure 9 Sept – 10 Oct; 35' width restriction 10 Oct – 25 Oct. Dates contingent upon pool elevation/weather.

**UPDATE: All of the sunken barges have been removed from the front channel dam at Emsworth. One barge remains sunken above the back channel dam. No estimate for when salvage operations will begin.**

**NEW: The USACE is planning a meeting with stakeholders sometime around mid-September or early October to discuss the Levels of Service (LoS) for the district's navigation projects. Invitations will be sent out prior to the meeting and the location will likely be at Locks and Dams Branch office on Neville Island.**

**NEW: The USACE is also proposing to host a meeting with the Navigation Committee on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at Locks and Dams Branch office on Neville Island to review the FY19 contractor and repair fleet closure schedule, and to discuss the future Communications Plan that is in development.**

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