



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**

14 December 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: **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. Currently the chamber is available for flushing ice in extreme conditions.
- **New Cumberland** – There is a leak in the hydraulic piping on the lower end of the cross over in the main chamber. There is no way to work on those pipes, find the leak and repair it (them) without dewatering. We are currently putting plans in place to operate the lower end miter gates manually by moving them with our work boat. We will concurrently begin plans on connecting “jumper” lines to feed the lower end from the upper end to allow operation hydraulically. It is anticipated that we will test the operation on or about Friday, 16 December, and resume lockage as soon as possible upon successful testing. When resumed, lockage will most likely be restricted to 0800- 1600, 7 days per week.

2. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- LRP implemented recommended LoS in November. This includes Lock 5 Allegheny going to LoS 3, and a temporary seasonal change to Morgantown days of operation. Operation is expected to return to full level of service on or about 01 May 2017
- USACE will be meeting with recreational interests in January to discuss Contributed Funds Lockage during the 2017 recreation season.

- Locks and Dams in Pittsburgh are putting ice reports and any special conditions in the LPMS system for easier viewing. Anyone can access the reports by following the “Lock Status” report on Corps Locks at:
<http://corpslocks.usace.army.mil/lpwb/f?p=121:1:33865331132473:::>

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