



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

Dashields

- Wall Stabilization Contract Work: Intermittent Daylight Closures of the Primary Chamber (Ref: NTNI 8919):
- The main tow haulage remains out of service due to failure of the winch drums. Repair plans are being developed and currently there is no projected return to service. Mariners should be aware that cuts are being pulled with the auxiliary winches which will be directed by the lock personnel on-site.

Montgomery

- Installation of the Downstream Maintenance Bulkheads Sill work is complete and main chamber was returned to service on 10 SEP 2018.

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.

Hannibal

- Bulkheads will be installed in the 110' X 600' river ward auxiliary chamber on or about December 18 in preparation of the coming winter. An NTNI will be published when this action is scheduled.

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.
- Currently developing schedule for replacement of screen bars on main chamber. Potential 8 hour closures scheduled during July and August for up to 3 weeks.

Pike Island:

- FLEET: Sector Gear Repairs: 13 November through 21 December, 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.

NEW: Pittsburgh District is requesting funding to initiate a pilot project for remote lock operations (ROLAT) at Grays Landing. This initiative is to test feasibility of extended remote operations at multiple facilities.

Operations is requesting an open weekend during the 2nd closure period at Allegheny Lock 2. The request will be for a restricted width opening to facilitate extra lockages during the construction period.

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