



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

- The main tow haulage remains out of service due to failure of the winch drums. Mariners should be aware that cuts are being pulled with self-help and/or auxiliary winches which will be directed by the lock personnel on-site.

Montgomery

- Starting on June 24, 2019, the 110-ft x 600-ft Primary Lock Chamber at Montgomery Locks and Dam will be closed from 0700 to 1900, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal Holidays, until further notice. Construction work will extend into 2020.

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.
- 8 hour closures of the main chamber for replacement of valve culvert screen bars. Closures scheduled for 17-19 July, 22-26 July and 29 July-02 Aug.

2. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST: Potential contract and Repair Fleet work for FY19:

Montgomery:

- **CONTRACT:** Dam Gate Installation: continuing through 2020.
- **CONTRACT:** Middle Wall Crack Stabilization: Contractor mobilizing to site 24 June 2019. Closures of the Land Chamber for up to 12 hours per day, Monday through Friday. Construction work will extend into 2020. (NTNI 10337).

New Cumberland:

- **CONTRACT:** Upgrade Hydraulic Operating System: Spring 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. Construction Contractor anticipating the 48-hour closures to occur weekly during the month of August 2019.

Dashields:

- The USACE Fleet will be placing stone against the failed upstream sheet pile wall that is located behind the upper guide wall. In November 2019, the main lock chamber will be closed during this work effort. This work is expected to need approximately 5 days to complete, at 10 hours/day.

Allegheny Lock 2:

- CONTRACT: Vertical Wall Repairs: Current Scheduled Chamber Restrictions in 2019; Dates contingent upon pool elevation/weather.

DATES (Approximate)	# DAYS	RESTRICTION
AUGUST 5 – AUGUST 26	22	FULL CLOSURE
AUGUST 26 – SEPTEMBER 9	14	OPEN W 35- WIDTH RESTRICTION
SEPTEMBER 9 – OCTOBER 10	32	FULL CLOSURE
OCTOBER 10 – OCTOBER 25	15	OPEN W 35- WIDTH RESTRICTION

The Pittsburgh District is expressing concern over the number of allisions at the locks. Everyone is encouraged to remind vessel operators and crews to use caution when entering and exiting the chambers. A reminder of the procedures detailed in annual Nav Notice 1 was sent to the Waterways to share with as many mariners as possible.

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