



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

10 June 2015

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: Items of Interest to Navigation, June 10th, 2015

1. LOCK CLOSURES AND DELAYS

- **Emsworth** – The 56' x 360' chamber will be closed to all commercial traffic from 0001 June 29th through 2300 July 2nd 2015 resulting in a complete lock closure or shutdown to commercial navigation. Recreational traffic will be permitted to pass through the small chamber during this period. The shutdown is necessary to allow the new concrete to set without excessive wheel wash disturbance generated by commercial vessels; reference NTNI 15-11.
- **New Cumberland** - The 600' x 110' auxiliary chamber remains closed due to structural deficiencies with the miter gates. An underwater inspection was completed on 12 May, and it was determined that due to the extent of deterioration, the chamber will remain closed until further notice; reference NTNI 15-04 Rev 1.
- **Montgomery** - Notice is given that the 56-ft x 360-ft River Lock Chamber at Montgomery L/D, Ohio River Mile 31.7, is unavailable for service due to damage to the lower miter gate sill from ice and debris. An underwater inspection was completed on 14 May to verify the extent of damage; reference NTNI 15-09.

2. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- The contributed funds Memorandums of Agreement have been signed for the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers. Scheduled extended service of Locks 6-9 Allegheny, and Hildebrand and Opekiska began the weekend of 23 May.
- Allegheny Lock 5 returned to full Level of Service 2 on 17 May. Current operating hours are 0700 - 2300, 7 days per week; reference NTNI 15-16.

- Morgantown Lock and Dam will change its operating hours from 0800-1600 to 0700-1500 as of June 14th 2015. A Navigation Notice indicating the change should be out this week.
- Dredging is expected to begin in mid July with priority number one being the small chamber at Montgomery so the lower gates can be operated and further evaluation of the damage and subsequent repairs can be made.
- On Friday June 5th Congressman Mike Simpson (R-2ID) Chairman of the House Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee and a member of the House Appropriations Committee along with Congressman Murphy and Messrs Edward Belk SES and Mark Mazzanti SES visited MR4 Lock and Dam Charleroi to be briefed on the Lower Mon Project, tour the lock and meet with USACE and Industry leaders.
- Chief of Engineers LTG Bostick is scheduled to visit Pittsburgh at the end of June.
- LRD Commander BG Kaiser is scheduled to visit Pittsburgh and meet with the employees of the Repair Fleet and Repair Party at the end of July.
- The LRD Regional Repair Fleet Action Plan has been completed and approved by BG Kaiser. The plan will result in the following;
 - Reduction of Repair Fleets/Parties from 4 to 3
 - Centralized Command and Control of all Repair Fleet/Party activities in Huntington
 - Full implantation by start of FY17; phased start beginning immediately
 - Probable response time of 5 to 8 days in event of major failure
- USACE publishes (NTNI) Notices To Navigation Interests information at <http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/NavigationNotices.aspx>
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