



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.
- Both Lock Chambers at New Cumberland Locks and Dam will be closed on 17 June 2019 from 0700 to 1700 for work related to the hydraulic system upgrade.

### 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.

#### 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.

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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