

MEMORANDUM FOR WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION OF PITTSBURGH

SUBJECT: **August 2009 Meeting**

**ITEMS OF INTEREST TO NAVIGATION**

1. **LOCK CLOSURES AND DELAYS** - The following is the schedule of lock closures and delays through September 2009.

**Braddock Lock and Dam, Monongahela River.** The auxiliary, 56' x 360' lock chamber was closed on August 10, 2009 and the Repair Party will continue work through August 28, 2009 to renovate the miter gates and miter gate operating machinery. The main lock chamber (110' x 600') will remain open. Only minor delays to navigation are anticipated.

**Pike Island Locks and Dam, Ohio River.** The auxiliary, 110' x 600' lock chamber will be dewatered. The auxiliary chamber will be closed for the period of September 8, 2009 through October 16, 2009; the main lock chamber (110' x 1200') will remain open. Only minor delays to navigation are anticipated.

**Allegheny Lock and Dam #5, Allegheny River.** Notice is given that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Operations Division will be conducting a Remotely Operated Vehicle Inspection downstream of the dam apron at Allegheny Lock and Dam #5, Allegheny River, Mile 30.4. During the inspection, the hydro power facility will drawdown the Allegheny Lock and Dam #5 pool approximately one foot. The inspection is scheduled to begin at about 8:30 A.M. on August 12, 2009 and be completed by about 12:00 P.M. on August 12, 2009. The 56-ft x 360-ft lock chamber will be open to navigation for the duration of the inspection.

2. **RECOMMENDED INTERNET SITES** - The following sites are recommended for the most up-to-date navigation information.

- a. Daily Navigation Conditions: [www.lrd-wc.usace.army.mil/text/pitrpti.txt](http://www.lrd-wc.usace.army.mil/text/pitrpti.txt)
- b. Current River Conditions: <http://wmw.lrp.usace.army.mil>
- c. District Navigation Notices: [www.lrp.usace.army.mil/or/or-f/navrpt.htm](http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/or/or-f/navrpt.htm)

### 3. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Deputy Chief, Operations Division, Timothy Fudge from Nashville District is Acting Deputy Chief of Operations Division, Pittsburgh District and will be onboard through, December 3, 2009 (180 days). Mr. Timothy Fudge's phone number is (412) 395-7234.

Chief, Operations Division, Richard Lockwood, will be out of the office from September 3-10, 2009, attending the Smart Rivers 2009 conference in Vienna, Austria, prior to his absence a temp will be in place; more info to follow. Also, Richard Lockwood will begin serving a 6-month term as Chief of Operations for the Mississippi Valley Division (MVD) in Vicksburg, Mississippi, starting September 14, 2009 thru 14 March 2010.

Walsh Construction, Contractor for Pennsylvania Turnpike will be constructing a four-lane concrete box girder bridge supported by two river piers constructed from causeways, over the Monongahela River at about Mile 59.1 near Denbo (Vesta No. 6), Washington County, Pennsylvania. Navigational clearance during construction will be about 345 feet. The work will be performed from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning Monday, March 2, 2009 and ending February 7, 2011. During this work, the M/V Okan Express provided by Ed McGavin would move the 40-foot x 50-foot, 7-foot draft Shugart Barge floating plant mounting a Reed SK 35 truck-mounted drill rig. The plant will include an 18-foot Skiff boat for safety.

Repair/Maintenance Schedule for 2009 & 2010 – The much-discussed concurrent closure of Emsworth and Dashields main lock chambers for the period July 6, 2009 through July 24, 2009 has been included in the revised 2009-2010 Repair/Maintenance Schedule. Two other minor changes to the schedule with low impact to the navigation industry have been made and Industry will have the opportunity to comment on these changes before they are implemented.

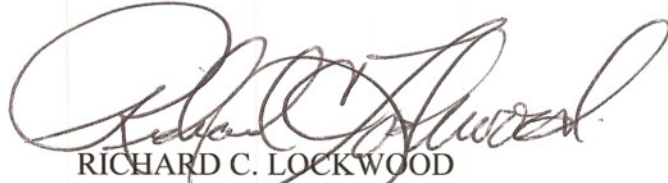
Forest L. Wood Cup Tournament - Forest L. Wood Cup Tournament – The City of Pittsburgh hosted the Forest L. Wood Cup Tournament which began on July 30, 2009 and ended on August 2, 2009. Tournament participants, and media and tournament camera boats were provided priority lockage hours and preferred queuing at Locks 2 through 5 Allegheny River, Braddock Locks on the Monongahela River, and Emsworth and Dashields Locks on the Ohio River.

Command Center – During the Emsworth and Dashields Locks Concurrent closure (July 6 through July 25, 2009), a Command Center was established to provide guidance and oversight for motor vessel queuing, and assist boat, helper boat, and pullout boat guidance. The Command Center staff and support staff included Terry Hurst (Consol Energy), Lee Jenkins (Consol Energy), Richard Lowe (Consol Energy), Tom Mierzejek (Ingram Barge), Mike Ely (Ingram Barge), Mike Somales (Consol Energy), Shanna Spec (Consol Energy), Eunice Ratcliff (Consol Energy), Richard Kern (Ingram Barge), David Reed (Crouse Corporation), Chris Johnson (USACE), Gary Householder (USACE), and Terry Falcon (USACE).

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh  
Operations Division

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Notice is hereby given that beginning March 1, 2009 the USACE – Pittsburgh District will no longer send Notices to Navigation Interests by e-mail. In order to view these notices, you must access the USACE – Pittsburgh District web page at [www.lrp.usace.army.mil/or/or-f/navrpt.htm](http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/or/or-f/navrpt.htm). **USACE will continue to send electronic version of Notices to Navigation Interests to USCG (United States Coast Guard) and the Waterways Association.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard C. Lockwood', written in a cursive style.

RICHARD C. LOCKWOOD  
Chief, Operations Division