



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**

09 December 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, December 09, 2015

1. LOCK CLOSURES AND DELAYS

Ohio River

- **New Cumberland** - The riverward auxiliary chamber remains closed due to structural deficiencies with the miter gates. The chamber will remain closed until further notice; reference NTNI 15-04 Rev 1. Repairs to the gates are tentatively scheduled for the spring of 2016.
- **New Cumberland**- The landward main chamber will be closed for up to 8 hours on 09 Dec to install a hydraulic valve in the system. Lock personnel will maintain a queue list, and vessels will be locked in order of arrival when the chamber re0opens.
- **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. Repairs are underway and expected to be completed by 24 December, limited delays to navigation are expected.

Monongahela River

- **Maxwell L/D** - The river lock chamber at Maxwell L/D is out of service until further notice. This unscheduled lock closure is the result of a navigation accident that occurred early Thursday morning on October 31, 2013.

Allegheny River

- **NONE**

2. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- USACE is now using the below website to publish all Notices To Navigation Interests (NTNI) information.
<http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/NavigationNotices.aspx>
- During the repair work at Montgomery, all mariners are urged to use extreme caution when approaching and exiting the primary chamber. The USACE Repair Fleet will be moored in the lower auxiliary chamber approach, and divers will be working between the hours of 0700-2400 daily
- Repairs to the miter gates in the auxiliary chamber at New Cumberland are tentatively scheduled for March-May 2016.
- Don Fogel attended a series of meetings last week to discuss and further refine the FY-16, and FY-17 Regional Repair schedule. We expect to see a meeting scheduled soon to review this with local interests.
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