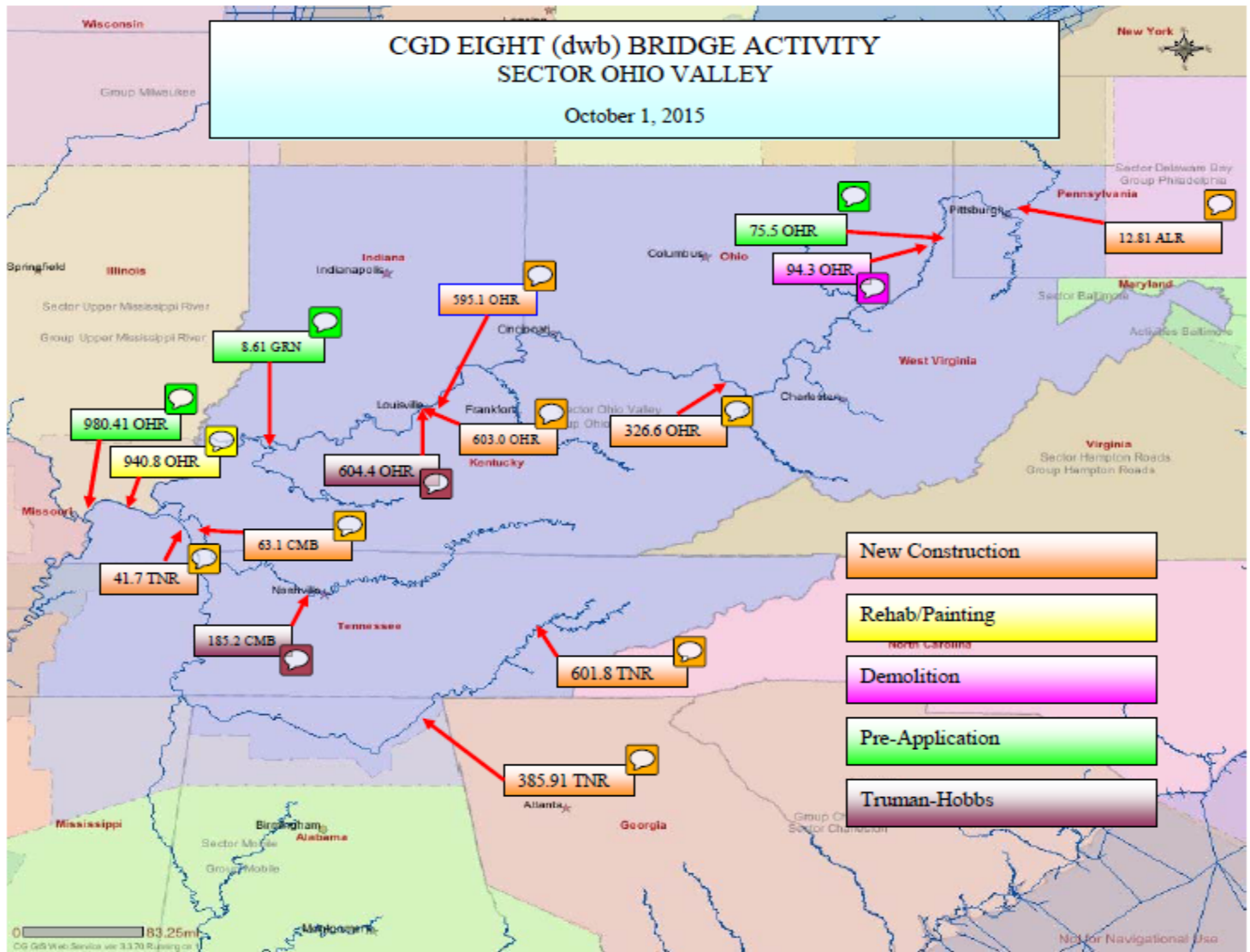




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Allegheny River

Oakmont Bridge (12.81): Demolition of the old bridge is being scheduled for this coming winter (2015-2016). District 8 Bridge Branch is in discussion with PennDOT to finalize demolition plans. New bridge is open to land traffic. Complete clearing of the channel may obstruct waterway for up to 48 hours, while 300 feet of the main channel should be cleared within 24 hours. Demolition currently predicted for January timeframe.

Ohio River

Proposed New Bridge (75.5): Pre-application stage. The new bridge will provide a minimum of 800 feet of horizontal clearance.

Bellaire Bridge (94.3): Demolition plans have been approved. Demolition date to be determined.

Monongahela River

Birmingham Bridge (2.3): An access platform, due to construction, has temporarily reduced bridge's vertical clearance by 4 ft.



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Upcoming Marine Events

Start Date	End Date	Event	Waterway	Closure	Time
12-Dec	12-Dec	Pittsburgh Polar Plunge	Allegheny River 0.0-0.25 RDB	None	1300-1400
31-Dec	31-Dec	Highmark First Night Pittsburgh	Allegheny River mile 0.5- 1.0	Full	1800-2400

Items of Interest

Subchapter M Implementation:

The official release date of Subchapter M is currently March of 2016. Please plan accordingly to ensure an easy transition into compliance once the new regulations are established. For any questions or concerns on this topic, please feel free to contact MSU Pittsburgh’s Prevention Chief at 412-221-0807, ext 203.

MSIB Number: 014-15- Checkfire Marine Fire Detection Systems on Uninspected Towing Vessels:

The Ansul “Checkfire Marine Electric Detection and Control System” does not meet the fire detection system requirements of 46 CFR Subchapter C. Checkfire Marine systems have been found on board some UTVs during Coast Guard compliance examinations. 46 CFR Part 27.203(a) requires each detector, each control panel, and each fire alarm to be Coast Guard approved or listed by an independent testing laboratory.

Liberty Street Bridge Rehab:

Please note that we are aware of several concerns regarding the proposed plan to affect repairs to the Liberty Street Bridge and how this would inhibit the safe transit of commerce through the vicinity. The Coast Guard Bridge Branch in St. Louis is currently reviewing this application and has yet to receive a work plan from the owner. The Bridge Branch has no further comment on the processing or approval of this application until they receive a work plan. The Coast Guard will keep the Waterways Association of Pittsburgh notified of any updates regarding this proposal.

Pending Winter Conditions:

As the winter months approach, safety challenges associated with cold weather once again come to the forefront. Proper dress, awareness of slippery weather decks, and safe transit of icy waterways are all important goals to maximize safety during the winter months. Fleeting areas are also reminded to stay ahead of the conditions and to follow fleeting guides to minimize chances of breakaways during heavy ice accumulation. Ice Committee calls will begin in January in order to maintain an awareness of river conditions. We will do everything we can to keep the maritime community updated on any drastic changes that occur in our Area of Responsibility.