



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**

14 January 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, January 14, 2015

1. LOCK CLOSURES AND DELAYS

Ohio River

- **NONE**

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. Reference: Navigation Notice 13-43.

Allegheny River

- **Locks 6-9** - Notice is given that the identified IMTS Level of Service 6 locks on the Allegheny River are impassible and will be closed until further notice due to significant ice formations on the river:

2. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- USACE is working both internally and externally to maintain Situational Awareness of the ongoing ice conditions. We have developed an updated ice report for all 3 rivers and expect to be able to publish it each Monday before 1200.
- Floating mooring bits are out of service at multiple locations on the Ohio and Mon rivers due to ice conditions, Mariners should be prepared to use fixed mooring pins on top of the Lock walls at all facilities.
- The Corps is working closely with the Lockmasters at New Cumberland, Pike Island, and Hannibal to determine the best plan for setting bulkheads for mitigation of ice conditions.

- Locks and Dams has started working on updates to scheduled Lock closure SOPs. We expect to hold a meeting with industry reps to review SOP, then update Nav Notices, and hold training sessions before the first closure this year.
- Hydrology Division is working on new operating schedules for Emsworth Dam due to scour below gates 12, 13, and 14.

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