



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**

13 January 2016

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 13, 2016

1. LOCK CLOSURES AND DELAYS

Ohio River

- **New Cumberland** - The landward auxiliary chamber remains closed due to structural deficiencies with the miter gates. The chamber will remain closed until further notice. Repairs to the gates are tentatively scheduled for the spring of 2016.
- **Montgomery** - The riverward auxiliary chamber at Montgomery L/D is unavailable for service due to damage to the lower miter gate sill from ice and debris. Preliminary repairs were completed on 18 Dec, and are expected to resume in March 2016.

Monongahela River

- **Maxwell L/D** - The riverward auxiliary 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. Repairs are scheduled for the spring of 2016.

Allegheny River

- **Lock # 5** – USACE is anticipating making a seasonal change to the Level of Service to go from 2 shifts per day, down to 1 shift per day starting on or about 24 Jan through 01 June.

2. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Final determination of Levels of Service for FY-16 is anticipated to be completed and implemented before the end of January.

- NTNI regarding operating hours for the Allegheny and Mon Rivers have been drafted, and expected to be published in mid-January.
- USACE has not set bulkheads at Hannibal or Pike Island, and will continue to monitor NWS predictions and ice conditions to determine the need for the bulkheads.
- Rich Lockwood has deployed to MVD in support of the flooding on the lower Mississippi. Kathy Griffin has assumed the duties as the Chief of Operations and Regulatory for Pittsburgh USACE. The District is in the process of selecting a Deputy Chief of Operations.
- Dane Summerville has accepted the position of Dive Program Manager for USACE, Pittsburgh District. The Allegheny River Supervisory Specialist will be filled by a series of 3 developmental personnel. From 11 Jan through 09 May, any issues for the Allegheny can be directed to Ian McKelvey at the below contact information.
- A review of the tentative FY-16 and FY-17 repair party schedules will take place immediately following this meeting.

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