



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**

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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: **USACE REPORT TO THE WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION OF PITTSBURGH**

## 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. Currently the chamber is available for flushing ice in extreme conditions. The USACE Medium Repair Fleet will begin work on the floating mooring bits in the auxiliary chamber on 07 February 2017. To support the work in the Auxiliary Lock Chamber, intermittent closures of up to four (4) hours may be needed in the Primary Lock Chamber.
- **New Cumberland** – Interim repairs to the hydraulic system were completed on 30 Dec 16 and the main chamber was returned to full operation. Planning has begun for the long term system repairs.

### MONONGAHELA RIVER

- **Braddock** – The USACE Medium Repair Fleet will begin repairs to the miter gate anchorages and machinery in the primary chamber starting on 27 March 2017. The District will prepare an NTNI detailing the closure procedures for publication on or about 01 February 2017.

## 2. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Locks and Dams will be setting up a meeting with industry representatives to review and take suggestions of the NTNI used for lock closures. This will focus mostly on Emsworth, Dashields, Montgomery, and Braddock. We expect to hold the meeting during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January.

- USACE will be meeting with recreational interests in January to discuss Contributed Funds Lockage during the 2017 recreation season.
- Locks and Dams in Pittsburgh are putting ice reports and any special conditions in the LPMS system for easier viewing. Anyone can access the reports by following the “Lock Status” report on Corps Locks at:  
<http://corpslocks.usace.army.mil/lpwb/f?p=121:1:33865331132473:::>

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