



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
PITTSBURGH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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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.
- New auxiliary chamber gates are not expected to be fabricated prior to 2020. Installation will require an additional year.
- Plans and specs are being developed for upgrades to the hydraulic operating system and work for replacement could begin in 2019. Minor impact to navigation is expected during the work.

Dashields

- Contractor work continues on the upstream arrival point mooring cell. Work is anticipated to be complete by 28-Feb-2018. A second mooring cell downstream of the arrival point mooring cell is available for use during this time.

ALLEGHENY RIVER

2. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Potential contract and Repair Fleet work for FY 18:

Montgomery:

- CONTRACT: Dam Gate Installation: continuing through 2020.
- CONTRACT: Geotechnical Boring: 30 days intermittent closures spring 2018
- CONTRACT: Wall Stabilization: 60 days of 12 hour closures spring 2018
- FLEET: Downstream Closure System: Main chamber closure for 39 days 06 Aug - Sep 2018.

Dashields:

- FLEET: Miter gate and anchorages, main chamber closure 05 March – 27 April.
- CONTRACT: Wall Stabilization: Intermittent closure main chamber through summer 2018

Emsworth:

- FLEET: Main Chamber closure, lower bulkhead slots, 05 March – 08 June.

Allegheny Lock 2:

- CONTRACT: Vertical Wall Repairs: Up to 9 weeks closure expected in summer/fall 2019.

Charleroi:

- FLEET: Concrete and Wall Armor: Full closure 54 days 18 Jun – 20 Jul 2018
- R3F Fleet will schedule a meeting with local stakeholders to discuss specifics of the closure and any potential scheduled openings.

Mr. Jay Kochuga was hired as the second Lockmaster for the Allegheny River. Jay is stationed at Lock 2 and his primary duties will focus on Locks 2-3 and. He can be contacted at: (412) 661-2217 (office) or jay.i.kochuga@usace.army.mil

USACE will schedule a coordination meeting in mid-January for the upcoming Emsworth and Dashields closures. The meeting will focus on any changes to the NTNI, self-help program, daily sit-reps and queue reports, and coordination between locks.

USACE will continue daily updates to the morning ice report to share with local interests. All weather and ice information will also be updated daily in LPMS and available for viewing in CorpsLocks.

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