



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

### **ALLEGHENY RIVER**

- No Report

### **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 began on 04 April and continued through 30 April with assistance provided by Louisville District. Damage to the gates is more extensive than the original assessment. This has resulted in not completing the necessary repairs. Depending upon the availability of funding and resources, the auxiliary chamber is likely to remain closed for an extended time.
- **Montgomery** - The repairs to the riverward auxiliary chamber at Montgomery L/D were completed on 14 May 2016. The work in the main chamber at Montgomery is proceeding ahead of the revised schedule. The repair party will place concrete on Tuesday and Wednesday (if needed) and require a complete closure. The full river closure will begin on Tuesday, 7 June, at 0800 hours and extend through Friday, 10 June at 1600 hours.
- **Montgomery/Emsworth** - The originally scheduled Montgomery L/D main chamber closure in the May/June timeframe and the Emsworth L/D closure in July/August have both been shortened to reduce the total number of closure days from 80 days to 63 days. The closure of the main chamber at Montgomery is scheduled for 16 May through 10 June which has been

affected by repairs to the auxiliary chamber. A complete river closure will be required to cure concrete. The closure will begin on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 0800 and extend through Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 1600 hours.

- **Major Concern** – With the exception of Hannibal Lock, we are unable to dewater any of the Ohio River Main Stem Locks

## **MONONGAHELA RIVER**

- **Maxwell L/D** – Repairs have been completed and lock is in service.

## **2. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- USACE Pittsburgh District is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday on August 3rd . There will be events in celebration of that Birthday scheduled throughout the year, but there is a Birthday Party tentatively scheduled for 30 August.
- ARDC has requested approximately 2000 hours of recreational lockage at Locks 6-9 Allegheny River to include many Fridays and Mondays. Mariners are requested to be alert to an increase of traffic on the river especially during the weekends and Holidays.
- USACE Pittsburgh District has made changes to the Notice to Navigation Interests (NTNI) to conform to the national system and will no longer be sending out e-mail copies of the notices. The NTNI are now numbered to conform to the national system and located at the following link:  
<http://ntninotices.usace.army.mil/lpwb/f?p=150:1>: Interested parties should monitor the Public web-site to view current NTNI. An alert (email) system and smart phone app are under development to make accessing NTNI easier.
- Annual Review of Levels of Service has commenced with Decision by LRP Commander due 31 October
- IMTS BoD has expressed support for implementation of Rivers Information Services (RIS). Interested parties are encouraged to participate.
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