



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**

18 March 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, March 18, 2015

1. LOCK CLOSURES AND DELAYS

Ohio River

- **Hannibal** - Bulkheads are set in the riverward auxiliary chamber for the mitigation of ice conditions. We expect to remove them the week of 23-27 March. Reference Navigation Notice 15-02.
- **New Cumberland** - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Repair Fleet will be working in the 110-ft x 600-ft auxiliary lock chamber at New Cumberland L/D, Ohio River, Mile 54.4. The work includes structural repairs to the upstream miter gates and replacing hydraulic gate and valve cylinders. There is a request for a full closure around 7-9 April for hydraulic cylinder installation. Work is scheduled for completion on or around 17 April 2015.

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:
- **Lock 5** – Operating hours have been temporarily reduced to Level of Service 3, 0700-1500, 7 days per week starting 08, February. It is anticipated that return to Level of Service 2, 0700-2300, 7 days per week on or about 03 May. Commercial lockage by appointment will be available from 1500-2300 during this time.

2. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Floating mooring bits are returning to service at multiple locations on the Ohio and Mon rivers. Mariners should be prepared to use fixed mooring pins on top of the Lock walls at all facilities.
 - All Mariners should be aware of heavy drift conditions on both the Mon and Ohio Rivers. High water brought a large amount of drift out of the Cheat River and is especially heavy in the pool above Maxwell.
 - Lock 3 Mon and Montgomery L/D are experiencing issues with underwater obstructions in the auxiliary chambers not allowing full operation of the gates. USACE is scheduling divers to assist with clearing debris and return chambers to full operation.
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