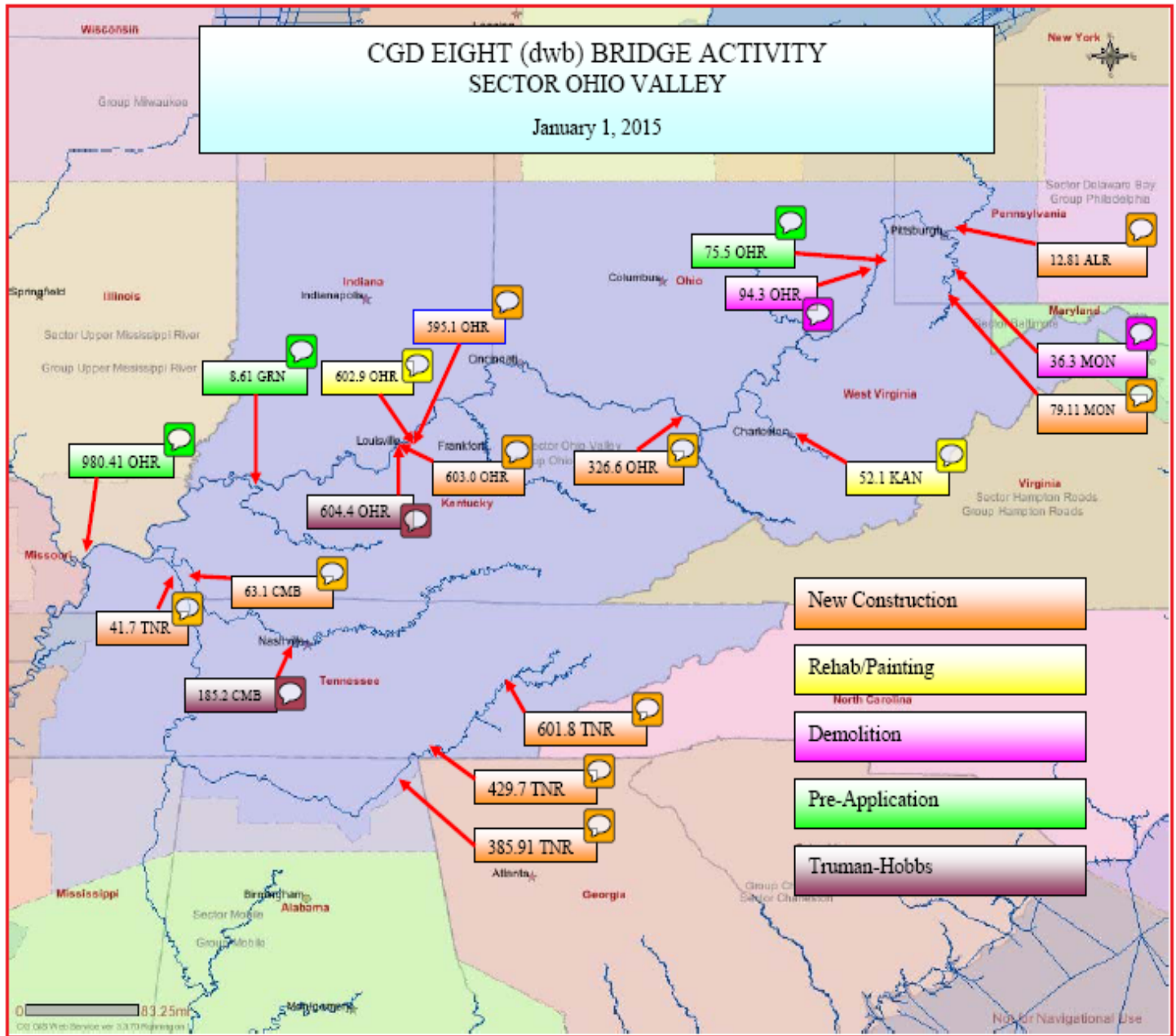




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Allegheny River

Kittanning Bridge (45.10): Vertical clearance is reduced to 41.6 feet below low steel due to a containment extending below low steel. Work will be conducted on the bridge Monday through Friday, during daylight hours, until April 2015. Kittanning Truss Bridge Crew can be contacted via VHF-FM channel 16 or by cell phone (412) 600-2690.

Ohio River

Proposed New Bridge (75.5): Pre-application stage. The new bridge will provide a minimum of 800 feet of horizontal clearance.

Bellaire Bridge (94.3): Demolition plans have been approved. Demolition date to be determined.



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Monongahela River

Masontown Bridge (79.15): One half of new bridge complete. Partial channel closure scheduled for March 4, 5, 18, 20, and 25th. Full channel closure scheduled for March 30th and 31st between hours of 0800-1630.

Webster-Donora Bridge (36.3): The Webster-Donora Bridge demolition is scheduled to begin in April 2015, and will require a safety zone of at least 1000 feet.

Items of Interest

USCG 2015 Random Drug Testing Rate

The Coast Guard set the calendar year 2015 minimum drug testing rate at 25% of covered crewmembers. The minimum random drug testing rate is effective January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015. The Coast Guard requires marine employers to establish random drug testing programs for covered crewmembers on inspected and uninspected vessels. Every marine employer is required to collect and maintain a record of drug testing program data for each calendar year, and submit this data by March 15th of the following year to the Coast Guard in an annual Management Information System report.

Marine Safety Alert: Ultra Low Sulfur Fuel Oil & Compliance with MARPOL Requirements Before entering and while operating within Emission Control Areas

This safety alert is a reminder to vessel owners and operators about the importance of establishing effective fuel oil changeover procedures to comply with MARPOL Annex VI emission regulations. Recently, there have been several reported incidents involving substantial machinery space fuel leakages while vessels were switching fuel oil to ensure compliance. Although such leakages were contained, fuel releases of any kind may result in pollution, injury or death of personnel and shipboard engine room fires. Moreover, many losses of propulsion have occurred in different ports and have been associated with changeover processes and procedures.

Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee meeting, March 18-19, 2015, New Orleans, Louisiana

The Merchant Marine Personnel Committee, or MERPAC, will hold a public meeting to discuss various issues related to the training and fitness of merchant marine personnel. The meeting will be held March 18-19, 2015 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Written comments for distribution to Committee members and for inclusion on the MERPAC website must be submitted on or before March 11, 2015.

Joint Marine Incident Summit, March 30th 1000-1400 in Marietta, OH

MSU Pittsburgh and MSU Huntington will be holding the joint Marine Incident Summit on March 30th, from 1000-1400 in Marietta, OH at the Ohio River Museum (601 Front Street, Marietta, OH 45750). The purpose of the Summit is to promote frank and meaningful discussion regarding issues associated with marine casualties, and to minimize the number and severity of marine casualties within Sector Ohio Valley.

MSU Pittsburgh Ribbon Cutting Ceremony , April 1, 2015, 1030 am, Bridgeville, PA at MSU Pittsburgh

MSU Pittsburgh will hold its Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to commemorate the opening of their new location on Wednesday, 01 April 2015 at 10:30 a.m. The address is 1041 Washington Pike, Suite 300 Bridgeville, PA 15017. To RSVP, contact LTJG Devin Adams @ Devin.p.Adams@uscg.mil or 412-221-0807.

Safe Boat Council Meeting, April 7, 2015 1000 am, Bridgeville, PA at MSU Pittsburgh

Safe Boat Council will be holding their next meeting at MSU Pittsburgh. All are invited to join us in discussing and coordinating this year's marine event schedule.



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Cyber Security Training, April 14 and 15, Bridgeville, PA at MSU Pittsburgh

MSU Pittsburgh will be offering Cyber Security Training at the MSU on April 14 and 15. The first session will be ESSENTIALS OF CYBER SECURITY from 8-12 on April 14. The second Session is a 12 hour course from 1-5 on April 14 and concluding on April 15. This course is entitled THE EOC'S ROLE IN COMMUNITY CYBER SECURITY. Please contact Mr. Dave Morgan to attend, (412) 221 0807 x205.

Recreational Safe Boating Forum, May 23, 2015 from 1000 to 1400, Bridgeville, PA at MSU Pittsburgh

MSU Pittsburgh will be hosting its first ever Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Forum on May 23, 2015 from 1000 to 1400. This forum will be an open house environment with stations throughout the building educating the public on different aspects of safe boating. Stations will include: Proper Wear of Personal Floatation Devices (PFD), Introduction to Damage Control, Knot Tying, Line Heaving, Pollution, Swift Water Rescue, and Dive Operations. Two formal presentations will be made at 1100 and 1300 from the USCG, Pittsburgh River Rescue, PA Fish & Boat, and Army Corp of Engineers. The presentations will include topics such as USCG Types of Boardings, Safety/Security Zones, Dive Operations, Boating Accidents/Investigations, and procedures for safe use of Locks/Dams. USCG mascots "Coastie" and "Sammy the otter" will be on scene for younger children and prizes will be handed out at stations. The USCG Auxiliary will be conducting free Vessel Safety Inspections in the parking lot as well as local Police and Fire Departments will have their Boats and Water Rescue Equipment out for the public to view.

Certificates of Appreciation

The U. S. Coast Guard would like to express grand appreciation to the following companies and CAPT's that assisted with ice breaking during the recent heavy ice conditions: AEP's - MV ROGER KEENEY - Frank Hobbs and Ryan Dawson; ACL's - MV GLENN JONES - Derrick Kirby and Dave Penix; and Imperial Towing's - MV BUCK JOHNSON - Tom Shirley & Dennis Donley. A special thank you goes to AEP Port Captain Butch Leport who was instrumental in organizing and coordinating these ice breaking operations with the Navigation Committee.