



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
PITTSBURGH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
WILLIAM S. MOORHEAD FEDERAL BUILDING  
1000 LIBERTY AVENUE  
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10 February 2016

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, February 10, 2016

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. Repairs to the gates will begin on 28 March and continue through 30 April with assistance provided by Louisville District.
- **Montgomery** - The riverward auxiliary chamber at Montgomery L/D is unavailable for service due to damage to the lower miter gate sill from ice and debris. Preliminary repairs were completed on 18 DEC, and will resume on 14 March through 25 March.
- **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 been shortened to reduce the total number of closure days from 80 days to 63 days. There will be a 25 day window between closures with unrestricted main chamber openings at both facilities. The Montgomery main chamber closure scheduled for the August/September timeframe has been changed to a partial closure with the main chamber opened to navigation 8 hours daily with an 80-ft restricted tow width. In order to keep the chamber open daily the job end date has been extended from 7 October to 11 November. A revised Pittsburgh schedule has been distributed; updated regional schedules to follow.

Monongahela River

- **Maxwell L/D** - The riverward auxiliary 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. Repairs are scheduled for the spring of 2016.

## 2. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- USACE is making changes to the NTNI system around May of this year. There will be a change in the distribution and web site where NTNI are located. Updates will be provided as they become available.
- During the Repair Party work in the auxiliary chamber at Montgomery, all mariners are urged to use caution entering and exiting the lower end of the main chamber. Dive operations will be underway between 0700 and 2200 each day.
- Rich Lockwood is expected to return from MVD and resume normal duties as Chief of Operations and Regulatory on or about 21 March.

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