



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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14 March 2018

**USACE REPORT TO THE WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION OF PITTSBURGH**

1. LOCK CLOSURES AND DELAYS

**OHIO RIVER**

**Emsworth**

- Main Chamber closed, 05 March – 08 June to complete placement of lower bulkhead slots. See NTNI 8495 for lockage and schedule details.

**Dashields**

- Main Chamber closed on 08 March – 27 April for repairs and renovation of the miter gate anchorages. It is unknown at this point if there will be a change to the end date due to a delayed start. See NTNI 8459 for lockage and schedule details.
- Contractor work continues on the upstream arrival point mooring cell. Work is anticipated to be complete by late March 2018.
- CONTRACT: Wall Stabilization: Intermittent closure main chamber through summer 2018. No schedule has been proposed for starting this work.

**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.

**ALLEGHENY RIVER**

- Ice damage to Locks 5, 8 and 9 are being assessed for needed repairs to hand rails and machinery pit grating. No current impact to commercial navigation.

2. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Potential contract and Repair Fleet work for FY 18-19:

**Montgomery:**

- CONTRACT: Dam Gate Installation: continuing through 2020.
- CONTRACT: Geotechnical Boring: 30 days intermittent closures spring 2018.  
*\* The contractor has submitted a proposed schedule to begin chamber closures of up to 1 (one), 48 hour closure per week, from 26 March through 30 April.*

- CONTRACT: Wall Stabilization: 60 days of 12 hour closures spring 2018
- FLEET: Downstream Closure System: Main chamber closure for 39 days 06 Aug – 14 Sep 2018.

**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.

***\*Pittsburgh District has forwarded the request for local stakeholders to meet with USACE and discuss the details of the closure to the Medium Capacity Repair Fleet. This is expected in mid-April.***

There are 4 sunken barges remaining above the dam at Emsworth. The contractor suspended removal due to high water, no estimated date of return to salvage operations has been provided.

USACE will be scheduling a CERRUS meeting in early April to discuss the contributed funds schedules, upcoming water safety events, and general information about the upcoming recreational season.

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