



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

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 continue through 30 April with assistance provided by Louisville District. Damage to the gates is more extensive than the original assessment and will result in extending the repair period or not completing the repairs in the current year.
- **Montgomery** - The riverward auxiliary chamber at Montgomery L/D is unavailable for service at this time due to buildup of debris and leakage at the upper miter gate sill. An underwater inspection revealed damage to the upper seal. Pittsburgh District will begin repairs on Monday, 09 May and work until complete. Repairs to the auxiliary chamber could have an impact on the start of scheduled repairs to the main chamber by 3 to 7 days.
- **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. The closure of the main chamber at Montgomery is scheduled for 16 May through 10 June which may be affected by repairs to the auxiliary chamber.
- **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** - The riverward auxiliary chamber at Maxwell L/D is out of service until further notice. Construction is underway and expected completion is in mid-June.

2. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- USACE Pittsburgh District is celebrating its 150th 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.
- John Dilla has been selected for a 120 day developmental assignment as the Chief, Physical Support Branch. Brian Luprek has been selected as the Chief of the Locks and Dams Branch as a 120 day developmental assignment. These assignments will run until around 10 September.
- Recruitment for a permanent Supervisory Operations Specialist, Allegheny River is under way and expected to be announced in 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://ntnoinotices.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.
- On 6 May the IMTS BoD received an Information Briefing on River Information Services and approved formulation of a proposal for a Pilot-Project proposal to be received at their September meeting.
- On 6 May Pittsburgh District Staff conducted an Inland Marine Transportation System (IMTS) 101 briefing for the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance.
- Pittsburgh District Change of Command Ceremony will be held on 29 July 2016 at Soldiers and Sailors Museum.

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