



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
PITTSBURGH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
WILLIAM S. MOORHEAD FEDERAL BUILDING
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PITTSBURGH, PA 15222-4186**

12 November 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, November 12, 2015

1. LOCK CLOSURES AND DELAYS

Ohio River

- **Montgomery** - Notice is given that the 56-ft x 360-ft River Lock Chamber at Montgomery L/D, Ohio River Mile 31.7, is unavailable for service due to damage to the lower miter gate sill from ice and debris.
 - Repairs are scheduled for 16 November – 11 December, limited delays to navigation are expected.
 - During the repair work at Montgomery, all mariners are urged to use extreme caution when approaching and exiting the primary chamber. The USACE Repair Fleet will be moored in the lower auxiliary chamber approach, and divers will be working between the hours of 0700-2400 daily.

- **New Cumberland** - The riverward auxiliary chamber remains closed due to structural failure of the miter gates. An inspection completed on 12 May 2015 resulted in an Engineering Opinion that the gates are unserviceable and cannot be used. The chamber will remain closed until further notice; reference NTNI 15-04 Rev 1.
 - Repairs to the Upper and Lower Gates were originally planned for the fall of 2016 (early FY17).
 - Current draft of the 2016/2017 Regional Repair Schedule is not final and is heavily dependent on the outcome of the SHREVE Repairs and the impact on the Greenup Main Chamber Dewatering and Gate Replacement.

- Repairs to the Upper and Lower Gates are not currently in the Regional Repair Schedule.
- Repairs to the Upper Gates may happen in FY16 dependent on the Greenup work and/or Work Plan funding.
- Repairs to the Lower gates are not currently scheduled but may be inserted in FY17.
- A new Regional Repair Schedule will be published before the November review meeting (to be scheduled).

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.
 - Contract for Repairs was awarded in September 2015.
 - Repairs are expected to be completed in May 2016

Allegheny River

- **NONE**

2. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- USACE is now using the below website to publish all Notices To Navigation Interests (NTNI) information.
<http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/NavigationNotices.aspx>
- USACE Pittsburgh District is expecting to make final recommendation of Levels of Service for FY-16 for approval before the end of November.
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