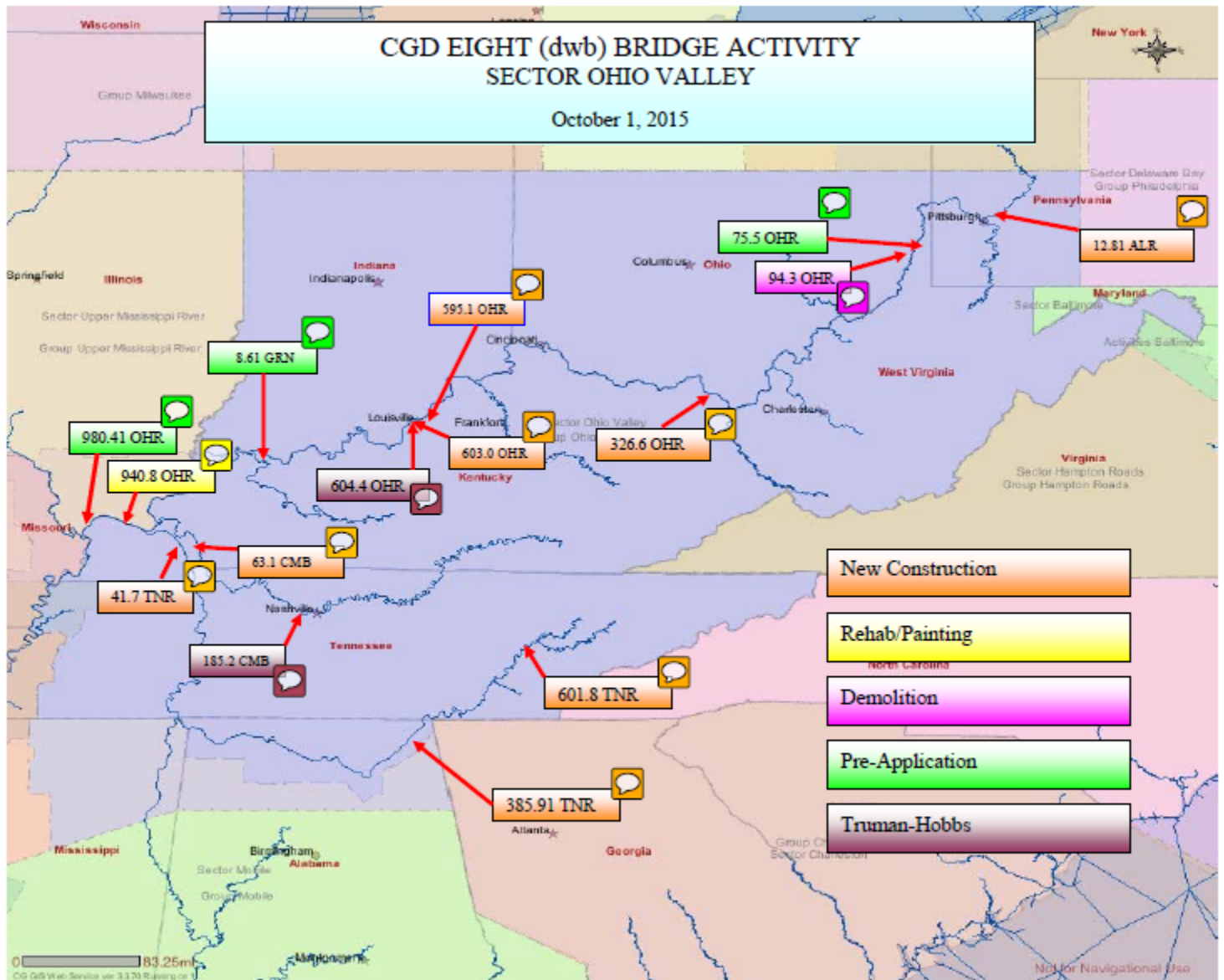




# Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh Waterways Information



## Allegheny River

**Oakmont Bridge (12.81):** Demolition of the old bridge is being scheduled for this coming winter (2015-2016), with minimal impact to navigation expected. As construction continues on new bridge, a 375 ft navigational channel will be maintained.

## 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.

## Monongahela River

**Birmingham Bridge (2.3):** An access platform, due to construction, has temporarily reduced bridge's vertical clearance by 4 ft.



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## Upcoming Marine Events

Start Date	End Date	Event	Waterway	Closure	Time
31-Oct	31-Oct	Daday Wedding Fireworks	Monongahela River 0.0-0.25	Full	1930-2100
20-Nov	20-Nov	Pittsburgh Santa Spectacular	All 0-0.25, Ohio 0-0.3, Mon 0-0.22	Full	2000-2115
12-Dec	12-Dec	Pittsburgh Polar Plunge	Allegheny River 0.0-0.25 RDB	None	1300-1400

## Items of Interest

### ***Subchapter M Implementation:***

The official release date of Subchapter M is currently March of 2016. Please plan accordingly to ensure an easy transition into compliance once the new regulations are established. For any questions or concerns on this topic, please feel free to contact MSU Pittsburgh at 412-221-0807.

### **Liberty Street Bridge Rehab:**

Please note that we are aware of several concerns regarding the proposed plan to affect repairs to the Liberty Street Bridge and how this would inhibit the safe transit of commerce through the vicinity. The Coast Guard Bridge Branch in St. Louis is currently reviewing this application and has yet to receive a work plan from the owner. Until Bridge Branch receives work plan, there will be no further discussion of processing/approval. The Coast Guard will keep the Waterways Association of Pittsburgh notified of any updates regarding this proposal.

### **Comment Period for D8 DWB 864 (Port Perry Bridge):**

The USACE has requested that the USCG revisit the clearance guidelines for vertical clearance guidelines along the Monongahela River. The current minimum clearance is 42.6 feet (Smithfield Street Bridge). A determination must be made as to whether 40.6 feet of vertical clearance would be an unreasonable clearance for safe and efficient commercial transit. A comment period is currently underway until November 30, 2015. Please consider providing input.

### **Barge Breakaway Seminar:**

This year's Barge Breakaway Seminar is scheduled for October 15, 2015 at the Floeffe Fire Hall in Jefferson Hills, PA. The seminar will contain presentations from the Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Coast Guard, National Weather Service, and other industry experts. The material covered in this seminar is designed for on-site managerial personnel, employees responsible for shoreside fleet integrity and security, as well as deckhands securing barges in fleets. Topics to be addressed will include proper fleet management, review of the Waterways Action Plan, past incidents and lessons learned, and maritime law.

### **MSU Pittsburgh Contact Information:**

As a clarification, MSU Pittsburgh's office number is **412-221-0807**. If you wish to reach someone from the office for general business planning/discussion, this is the best avenue to pursue. To report a marine incident or emergency, please contact **412-670-4288** during the workday or Coast Guard Sector Ohio Valley at **502-779-5422** after work hours.