



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**

10 September 2014

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, August 13, 2014

1. LOCK CLOSURES AND DELAYS

Ohio River

- **Dashields L/D** - The USACE Repair Fleet continues to execute the phase 2 work of the lock closure system in the primary 110-ft x 600-ft land lock chamber. The work has been delayed through issues in the steel fabrications. Currently we expect the chamber to be out of service until 26 September 2014 (40 days). Navigation Notice 14-17 will be modified accordingly.
- **Montgomery L/D** - The downstream miter gate repairs in the primary 110-ft x 600-ft river lock chamber were completed and the primary chamber returned to service on 01 September 2014.
- **New Cumberland L/D** – The four floating mooring bitts in the main chamber remain out of service: 450 RW, 750 RW, 1200 RW, and 1200 MW. No delivery or installation date is available for the replacement bitts. Reference Navigation Notice 14-43.

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 happened early Thursday morning on October 31, 2013. Reference: Navigation Notice 13-43.

2. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- A contract for monoliths M22 – M27 of the middle wall at MR-4 Charleroi as a part of the Lower Mon River Project was awarded 15 August 2014 (\$58.6M)
- The cut-off wall contract on the East Branch Dam contract was awarded on 26 August 2014.
- LRP is considering options to award a contract in FY15 to complete the river chamber at Charleroi in 2022.
- The Upper Ohio Navigation Study was signed by the LRD Commander and transmitted to HQ, and, the CWRB will be conducted o/a 23 October 2014.
- Lift gate inspections are being performed at New Cumberland L/D week of 8-12 September; there are no impacts to navigation expected.
- Experiencing mechanical issues with the capstan winch at CWBY L/D. A temporary air winch system is being installed until a permanent winch system can be acquired. No impacts to navigation are expected.
- Allegheny Locks 6-9 were opened for 3 weekend days in August, and did a total of 1339 recreational craft lockages.
- The new IMTS Levels of Staffing OORDER has been released and is expected to take effect by the end of the year.
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