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Removal of Small Boat Warning Signs and Buoys Allegheny and Monongahela River Seasonal Lock Schedule Change

PITTSBURGH – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' will remove small boat warning signs and pillar buoys at all navigation locks and dams on the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio Rivers the week of October 21 thru 27. The removal of the signs and buoys is part of routine fall maintenance of the navigation system and is necessary to prevent damage from ice and high water. The small boat warning signs and pillar buoys will be replaced in the spring for the start of the recreational boating season.

Since the locks and dams will not be identified by warning signs, boaters are advised to use extra care when approaching locks and dams. All boaters are urged to consult their navigation charts to be absolutely sure of their landmarks when approaching the navigations structures. Dams can be hard to distinguish, especially when proceeding downstream.

For year-round marking of the Corps' navigation dams, mid-river warning signs are in place upstream of the following fixed crest dams: Lock and Dam 2, Allegheny River (River Mile 6.7); C.W. Bill Young Lock and Dam, Allegheny River (River Mile 14.5); Lock and Dam 4, Allegheny River (River Mile 24.2); Lock and Dam 5 Allegheny River (River Mile 30.4); Lock and Dam 6, Allegheny River (River Mile 36.3); Lock and Dam 7, Allegheny River (River Mile 45.7) and Dashields Locks and Dam, Ohio River (River Mile 13.3). These signs read "DANGER/DAM" and have an arrow and the word "LOCK" to indicate the location of the lock chamber.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers also will be changing the lock schedule on the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers for the winter season. Effective October 28, Allegheny River Locks 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 and Hildebrand and Opekiska Locks on the Monongahela River are closed for the season. The Morgantown Locks on the Monongahela River will operate from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. Commercial operators requiring lockage at any of the closed locks can do so by appointment with the Corps of Engineers. Lock 2, C.W. Bill Young Lock and Lock 4 on the Allegheny River; Braddock Lock, Locks 3 and 4, Maxwell Lock, Grays Landing Lock and Point Marion Lock on the Monongahela River, along with all locks on the Ohio River, will continue to operate 24-hours daily.

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