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Pittsburgh District

Notice to Navigation Interests

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Notice No. below

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Notice No. 04-15

Date: March 26, 2004

Schedule of Lock Operation, Monongahela River

1. **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** Locks 2, 3, 4, Maxwell, Grays Landing, and Point Marion on the Monongahela River will continue to operate 24 hours daily.

2. Morgantown L/D will operate the following schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Hours</u>
April 1, 2004 through November 2004	Monday thru Friday Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays	7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. 12:30 P.M. to 8:20 P.M.

3. Opekiska L/D and Hildebrand L/D will operate the following schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Hours</u>
April 1, 2004 through November 2004	Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays	12:30 P.M. to 8:20 P.M.

4. Commercial tows requiring lockage during the non-operating hours may be afforded lockage on an appointment only basis as follows:

a. A **"CALL BEFORE 2:00 P.M. RULE"** for appointments is in effect where all such commercial vessels desiring after-hours transit of Morgantown, Hildebrand and Opekiska must contact Point Marion L/D to make an appointment. The contact must be made before 2:00 P.M. for any lockage later that night or within the next 24-hour period. The appointment must be made with Point Marion L/D, giving the name of the vessel, expected time of arrival, approximate number and type of barges in the tow, and the expected time of any return trip, should it fall within the same period. **Appointments should be made by calling Point Marion L/D (724-725-5289 or 724-725-1283).**

b. As always, for this appointment procedure to operate smoothly, communications between the vessels and the locks must be continuous. In this way, neither vessels or lock operators should experience any extended waiting times when unexpected conditions cause a vessel to vary from its scheduled appointment. Captains or pilots on the vessel should also communicate immediately with the lock personnel at Point Marion L/D when fog or other river conditions will delay their arrival. In an emergency, if contact can not be made directly with Point Marion L/D the message can be sent through Grays Landing L/D or Maxwell L/D.

5. **Special Note: Because of limited staffing, no lockages will be made between 11:00 P.M. and 6:30 A.M. at Opekiska L/D or Hildebrand L/D. No appointments will be accepted for lockages that would occur during this 7-1/2 hour period.**

6. This notice will be updated, as required.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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Readiness Division