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# Notice to Navigation Interests

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Date: March 2, 2005

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**New Cumberland L/D, Ohio River, Mile 54.4**  
**Emergency Closure of 110-ft x 1200-ft River Lock Chamber**

1. **TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** The main 110-ft x 1200-ft river lock chamber at New Cumberland L/D, Ohio River has been temporarily closed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers due to a failure in the operating machinery for the downstream river wall lock gate. The main chamber was closed at approximately 5:40 PM on 1 March 2005 and is expected to be closed through 6 March 2005 in order to complete repairs. The auxiliary 110-ft x 600-ft land lock chamber is open to river traffic.

2. The Corps does not have tow haulage equipment on-site at New Cumberland to facilitate double lockage operations. Thus river traffic requiring a double lockage thru the 110-ft x 600-ft lock chamber will be responsible for acquiring the assistance of a helper boat, or the towboat will have to lock thru with each cut of the tow. Navigators are requested to use caution when entering or leaving the land chamber to prevent an accident which would completely shutdown the lock.

3. The Corps will determine whether to change procedures as conditions and situations develop. In accordance with standard Corps policy, the Lockmaster may also vary the lock procedures in an effort to equalize waiting times.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

/signed/  
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