



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Pittsburgh District

Notice to Navigation Interests

In reply refer to
Notice No. below

US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District
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Notice No. 05-42

Date: December 14, 2005

Operation Fleet Sweep

1. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) in conjunction with the partners of the Corps of Engineers and Waterways Association (of Pittsburgh) Action Group (CEWAAG) will conduct joint inspections of the various fleets within the Pittsburgh District as part of *Operation Fleet Sweep*. These inspections will be performed to increase the effectiveness of the Corps' Permit Compliance and Enforcement mission and to minimize the potential for barge breakaways. This initiative is particularly important during the approaching high water season to improve safety on the region's rivers. Joint inspection teams will conduct inspections throughout the three rivers in January through March 2006. At a minimum, the inspections will address the following areas:

- a. Review of the USACE Permit, the Waterfront Facility Operations Guide and other plans and documents required by the permit. Special emphasis will be placed on safety measures and a goal of zero breakaways.
- b. Review of Contingency Plans
- c. Review of fleet characteristics
- d. Identification of facilities and structures immediately downstream
- e. Review of staffing practices, training and facility procedures
- f. Emergency assistance arrangements

2. Questions can be directed to Mr. Fred Pozzuto, Regulatory Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District at (412)395-7275.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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