



US Army Corps
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Pittsburgh District

Notice to Navigation Interests

In reply refer to
Notice No. below

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Notice No. 06-17

Date: April 5, 2006

Revised Schedule of Operations Monongahela River Locks

1. Notice to Navigation Interests No. 06-15 has been revised to change the operating hours at Morgantown, L/D beginning May 27, 2006 to October 29, 2006 from 10:30 A.M. to 6:20 P.M. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays (see paragraph 2.b below).

2. **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** Notice is given for the seasonal schedule of lock operation for the Monongahela River, as follows:

a. Braddock L/D, Lock 3, Lock 4, Maxwell L/D, Grays Landing L/D and Point Marion L/D, Monongahela River will continue to operate 24 hours daily.

b. Morgantown L/D, Monongahela River - Effective April 1, 2006 through October 29, 2006 the lock will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. from Monday thru Friday. Additionally, effective April 1, 2006 through May 26, 2006, the lock will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Then beginning on May 27, 2006 until October 29, 2006, the operating hours will change to 10:30 A.M. to 6:20 P.M. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

c. Hildebrand L/D and Opekiska L/D, Monongahela River - Effective April 1, 2006 through May 26, 2006 both locks will be open only on Saturdays and Sundays from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Then beginning May 27, 2006 through October 29, 2006 both locks will be open on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays from 10:30 A.M. to 6:20 P.M.

3. Except for the times noted in paragraph 4 below, commercial operators desiring appointment lockages during non-operating hours at Morgantown, Hildebrand and Opekiska must make arrangements **at least 24 hours in advance** by calling Point Marion L/D (724-725-5289 or 724-725-1283) between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 3:00 P.M.

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4. **No appointment lockages will be made between 11:00 P.M. and 6:30 A.M. at Opekiska L/D, Hildebrand L/D, or Morgantown L/D. No appointments will be accepted for lockages that would occur during this 7-1/2 hour period.**

5. As always, for this appointment procedure to operate smoothly, communications between the vessels and the locks must be continuous. In this way, neither vessels nor 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 (724-583-8304) or Maxwell L/D (724-785-5027).

6. Waterway users are cautioned that warning signs and pillar buoys will not be set until approximately mid-May due to high river flows. Since the navigation aids may, at time, move off station during the year because of river conditions, boaters must approach all locks with extreme care, especially when proceeding downstream. Everyone is urged to consult their navigation charts to be absolutely sure of the landmarks when approaching a lock and dam.

7. Boaters, fishermen, divers, and others venturing below the dams are cautioned not to enter the restricted area as designated by the signs and "KEEP OUT" buoys. Backwash and turbulence from the dam may draw a boat into the dam, causing it to capsize.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

/signed/

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