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Pittsburgh District

# Notice to Navigation Interests

In reply refer to  
Notice No. below

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Date: July 17, 2006

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## Morgantown, Hildebrand, and Opekiska L/D, Monongahela River Additional Days and Hours of Operation

1. **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** Notice is given that seasonal operating hours in Notice to Navigation Interests No. 06-17 have been changed for the upper Monongahela River locks. The Corps of Engineers will provide additional days and hours of operation at Morgantown L/D, Hildebrand L/D, and Opekiska L/D on the Monongahela River as noted below.
2. Effective from 21 July 2006 through 29 October 2006, Morgantown L/D will be open for operation on each Friday from 7:00 A.M. to 6:20 P.M. This is in addition to the operating hours on Monday through Thursday from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays from 10:30 A.M. to 6:20 P.M.
3. Effective from 21 July 2006 through 29 October 2006, Hildebrand L/D and Opekiska L/D will be open for operation on each Monday from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon, and on each Friday from 10:30 A.M. to 6:20 P.M. This is in addition to operational hours on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays from 10:30 A.M. to 6:20 P.M.
4. Except for the times noted in paragraph 5 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.
5. **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.**
6. 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.

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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 cannot 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).

7. Waterway users are cautioned that navigation aids including warning signs and pillar buoys may, at times, move off station during the year because of river conditions. Boaters must approach all locks with extreme caution, 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.

8. Boaters, fishermen, divers, and others venturing below the dams are cautioned not to enter the restricted area as designated by 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:

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