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Notice to Navigation Interests

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Notice No. 08-41

Date: October 1, 2008

Seasonal Lock Closings and Schedule of Lock Operation for Monongahela River

1. **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** Notice is given for seasonal lock closings and 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 November 1, 2008 through April 2009 will operate from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. daily.

c. Hildebrand L/D and Opekiska L/D, Monongahela River – Effective November 1, 2008 through March 2009 these two locks will be **closed** for the season.

2. Commercial operators desiring appointment lockages during non-operating hours at Morgantown, Hildebrand and Opekiska, or after-hours transit at Morgantown Lock, 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.

3. **Because of limited staffing, no 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.**

4. 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 (724-583-8304) or Maxwell L/D (724-785-5027).

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5. This notice will be updated, as required.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

/Signed/
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