



December 5, 2005

MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-44-2005

TO : All Steamship Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Monthly Canal Operations Summary – NOVEMBER 2005

1. Panama Canal Statistical Summary:

a. Transit Pilot Force	275
b. Pilots in Training	0
c. Tugs	24
d. Locomotives	100

2. Traffic Statistics:

	<u>Average Daily</u>	<u>High Daily</u>	<u>Low Daily</u>
Arrivals	33.07	42	20
Oceangoing Transits	33.17	40	28
Canal Waters Time (hours)	22.99	31.99	17.69
In-Transit Time (hours)	10.26	12.83	8.85

Distribution of Oceangoing Transits:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Average Daily</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Vessels of less than 80' Beam	297	9.9	29.85
Vessels 80' Beam and Over	<u>698</u>	<u>23.27</u>	70.15
Total of Oceangoing Transits:	995	33.17	
Vessels 100' Beam and Over	480	16.00	48.24
Vessels 900' Length and Over	130	4.33	13.07

Note: For the purpose of this report, the term "oceangoing transits" is equivalent to the number of locomotive transits.

Booking Slots:	<u>Available</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Large Vessels (beam 91' and over)	390	383	98.46
Regular vessels (beam < 91')	240	183	76.25

3. See next page for scheduled locks maintenance work and items of interest to the shipping community.

4. This advisory will be canceled for record purposes on December 31, 2005.

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Scheduled Locks Maintenance Work:

SCHEDULED LOCKS MAINTENANCE WORK – FISCAL YEAR 2006					
Dates	Miraflores	Pedro Miguel	Gatun	Transit Capacity	Status
Jun. 14-23/06	Lane w-restrictions (10d)			36 (10d)	Tentative
July 11-20/06			Lane w-restrictions (10d)	36 (10d)	Tentative
Aug. 12-14/06			Lane w-restrictions (3d)	36 (3d)	Tentative
Aug. 15-19/06			Lane Outage (5d)	26-28 (5d)	Tentative
Aug. 20-24/06			Lane w-restrictions (5d)	36 (5d)	Tentative
Sept. 12-19/06			Lane Outage (8d)	26-28 (8d)	Tentative

Transit Capacity: The normal capacity of the Panama Canal is 38 transits per day. This capacity is reduced during locks outages, as indicated in the above table. Consequently, vessels may experience delays in transiting. Normally, during these periods, the Panama Canal Transit Reservation System slots are fully utilized. Whenever a set of locks requires a major outage of one of its two lanes for dry chamber inspection, miter gate repairs, tow track work or other major maintenance/improvement projects, advantage may be taken of this requirement to perform simultaneous single lane outages for additional maintenance at other locks. Two-day lane outages have no significant impact on Canal vessel backlog, therefore are not normally included in this chart.

PANAMA CANAL IMPLEMENTS SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES IN PILOT SUBWATERSHEDS

ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS ACP'S WORK WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND COMMITMENT TO CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Panama Canal Authority (ACP), in a ground-breaking environmental conference in Panama in October, presented its sustainable development program, currently being implemented in 45 locations in the eastern region of the Panama Canal watershed. These sites are comprised of three priority subwatersheds where demonstrative projects are carried out to determine best practices that can later be replicated in other subwatersheds. The conference was attended by over 3,000 people with panel discussions on sustainable livestock farming, water conservation and soil conservation, including participants from the local communities of pilot subwatersheds, students, academic institutions, farmers associations and governmental and non-governmental organizations. The conference was in collaboration with the National Environmental Authority, the Academy for Educational Development, the NATURA Foundation, the Ministry of Agriculture Development, the Ministry of Housing and the Ministry of Government and Justice, among other local entities.

"At the ACP, we are certain that by working with local Panamanian communities, we can achieve true changes that will lead to the sustainable development of the Canal watershed. Involvement with the community will help in the selection of sound solutions to enhance local economic development, and ultimately help in protecting the environment, especially areas around the Canal watershed," said ACP Administrator, Alberto Alemán Zubieta.

Among other topics, the conference detailed the ACP's work with members of local communities to protect and conserve the Canal's watershed. Currently, some of the projects within the program include sustainable agriculture for soil and water conservation, reforestation, establishment and management of water and sanitation facilities, promotion of clean production, and organizational strengthening of local actors in a subwatershed steering committee.

These initiatives are being financed by the Panama Canal Watershed Conservation and Recovery Fund, established through a memorandum of understanding subscribed in June 2003 between the ACP and the United States Agency for International Development in Panama. This fund aims to provide an opportunity to develop and demonstrate, on a small scale; solutions to identify problems. Moreover, there is a goal for the pilot program to serve as a model to replicate subwatershed management planning, policies and environmentally friendly best practices in other areas within the Canal watershed, thus contributing to achieve its sustainable development.

The ACP's management model stresses responsibility in maintaining the waterway and protecting the environment. Testimony of this commitment is evidenced as a member since 2002 of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, where the ACP currently serves as Co-chair of the Water and Sustainable Development Program's Water Council Project; obtaining and retaining since 2003, ISO 14001 certification for the ACP's Department of Security and Environmental Division; and founding members of the International Center for Sustainable Development, an international partnership initiative that includes the operation of an International Information Network for Sustainable Development and an International Institute for the Study and Promotion of Sustainable Development.

An active participant in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, the ACP is signatory of the UN Global Compact and was one of the 70 original founders of the Global Compact of Panama. The ACP's first Social and Environmental Report outlines its work and commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), as well as information on its values, objectives and commitments.