

Waterways Action Plan

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Mississippi River & Ohio River & Tributaries



Executive Summary

The Mississippi and Ohio Valley and Tributaries Waterways Action Plan (WAP) provides the Maritime Industry, U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), State and local governments with a plan to facilitate safe and orderly movement of traffic during evolving conditions on the inland rivers within USCG's area of responsibility. This plan supports the USCG District Eight WAP promulgated in 2007, which gives overall context, history and intent for regional WAPs throughout the District.

The WAP is an evolving document referenced and evaluated frequently. The USCG will continue to facilitate the review of the WAP in conjunction with Industry leaders and USACE and verify the accuracy of the plan and communications information. It is highly desirable that all stakeholders document the lessons-learned from both experience and history through continual refinement of the plan with prudent joint actions. This plan establishes a single common framework for all parties to use when taking proactive or reactive steps to deal with high water and velocity, low water, and ice conditions. The overall goal of this plan is to ensure safety of life and navigation, protection of infrastructure and property, and to prevent marine casualties.

Conference calls between Industry stakeholders USCG, and USACE, National Weather Service (NWS) remains a tremendous value to respond to river changes, and they remain critical to manage evolving river conditions and during emergencies.

Industry leaders, USACE and USCG from Pittsburgh, PA, Huntington, WV, Louisville, KY, Paducah, KY, Cincinnati, OH, and Nashville, TN worked jointly to update this plan. The diligent efforts and coordination of all parties working close together to manage the waterways allowed for successful publication of this WAP. The USACE manages the Cumberland River Waterways Management Plan and the TVA manages the Tennessee River Waterway Management plan, which we have added to this document for reference.

Safe navigating!

Record of Changes

Updated Contact Lists for entire document

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1. Geographic Description

1.A Ohio Valley Area

Ohio Valley WAP is comprised of all of Kentucky and West Virginia; in Missouri: Perry, Cape Girardeau, Scott, Mississippi and New Madrid Counties; in Tennessee: that portion of Lake County north and west of a line drawn from the Mississippi River at latitude 36° 20' N and longitude 89° 32' 30" W due east to Highway 78, thence northeast along Highway 78 to the Kentucky/Tennessee state line, and all other counties except Shelby, Tipton, Lauderdale, Dyer and Obion Counties; in Alabama: Colbert, Lawrence, Morgan, Marshall, Lauderdale, Limestone, Madison, and Jackson Counties; that portion of Pennsylvania south of latitude 41° 00' N and west of longitude 79° 00' W; those parts of Indiana and Ohio south of latitude 41° 00' N; in Illinois: Jackson, Williamson, Saline, Gallatin, Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Alexander, Pulaski and Massac Counties, and in Randolph County, that part of the Upper Mississippi River below mile 109.9, including both banks; that part of the Lower Mississippi River above mile 869.0.

CG Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh – Area of Responsibility	
Ohio River	MM 00.0 - MM 127.2
Monongahela River	MM 00.0 – MM 128.7
Allegheny River	MM 00.0 – MM 72.0
CG Marine Safety Unit Huntington – Area of Responsibility	
Ohio River	MM 127.2 – MM 401.3
Kanawha River	MM 00.0 – MM 97.0
Big Sandy River	MM 00.0 – MM 26.8
Elk River	MM 00.0 – MM 190.0
Muskingum River	MM 00.0 – MM 112.5
Little Kanawha River	MM 00.0 – MM 122.0
Sector Ohio Valley (Louisville) – Area of Responsibility	
Ohio River	MM 531.5 – MM 867.4
Green River	MM 00.0 – MM 199
Kentucky River	MM 00.0 – 258.6
Wabash River	MM 00.0 – MM 585.0
White River	MM 00.0 – MM 51.6
Rough River	MM 00.0 – MM 29.0
Cumberland River	MM 385.6 – MM 694.2
CG Marine Safety Detachment Cincinnati – Area of Responsibility	
Ohio River	MM 401.3 – MM 531.5
Licking River	MM 00.0 – MM 3.0
Miami River	MM 00.0 – MM 117.6
CG Marine Safety Unit Paducah – Area of Responsibility	
Ohio River	MM 867.4 – MM 981.0
Upper Mississippi River	MM 000.0 – MM 109.9
Lower Mississippi River	MM 869.0 – MM 953.8
Tennessee River	MM 000.0 – MM 080.0
Cumberland River	MM 000.0 – MM 080.0
CG Marine Safety Detachment Nashville – Area of Responsibility	
Tennessee River	MM 080.0 – MM 652.2
Cumberland River	MM 080.0 – MM 385.6
Tennessee – Tombigbee Waterway	MM 407.0 – MM 450.5

1.A.1. MTSR and Salvage Plan

In the event of river closures, salvage of vessels, or other events that negatively influence the marine transportation system, please reference the Sector Ohio Valley MTSR and Salvage Plans.

1.A.2. Hydrologic and Meteorological Factors Affecting Waterways Management

General: The Ohio River and its tributaries form a complex system spread out over millions of square miles. In order to predict changes in conditions in this system, waterway managers must constantly monitor a number of hydrologic and meteorological factors. These include water flow, soil moisture, snow cover, precipitation, temperature, weather patterns and most importantly geography. Effective waterways managers must constantly monitor these factors and forecast river conditions in order to ensure they are adequately prepared to deal with a regional transportation emergency.

Numerous variables affect how much water is in the system at any given time. Listed below are some of the key variables:

Base Flow The amount of water flow (measured in cubic feet per second (CFS)) along a section of river (usually measured at a dam). The USACE has established an average flow rate for each section of river. Average rates are based on flows consistent with normal weather patterns. A comparison of actual flow against the base flow is an indicator of increased or decreased water levels. The flow rate does not provide an indication of the duration of increased/decreased flows. Base flows and flow rate information are available from the USACE.

Soil Moisture The amount of moisture concentrated in the soil. High soil moisture content means a large percentage of new precipitation will not be absorbed into the soil. This will result in increased runoff and a corresponding increase in water levels. Soil moisture averages and current levels are available from the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) and state water/soil conservation agencies.

Precipitation The amount of rain/sleet, etc. This becomes runoff and impacts water levels in the river systems. The amount and duration of precipitation are equally important factors. Precipitation averages and totals may be obtained from USGS, the National Oceanic and atmospheric Administration (NOAA), or National Weather Service (NWS).

Snow Cover Snow cover is the buildup of snow that will melt and enter the water table and/or turn into runoff. Increase in snow cover will result in a corresponding increase in runoff and spring water levels. Information on snow cover can be obtained via NOAA, NWS and State weather services.

Temperatures Average fall and winter temperatures determine the depth of frost, the amount of water entering the soil and the amount and duration of river ice. Below normal temperatures in the fall and winter increase the depth of frost, allowing less water to enter the soil during periods of precipitation, increasing the amount of runoff. This situation may

also cause an increase in ice and subsequent problems due to ice dams or gorges, and difficulties with the lock and dam system. Above normal temperatures in the spring increases the amount of runoff from snow melt. Temperature information is available from USGS, NOAA, NWS and State agencies.

Geography Terrain

The physical characteristics of the river bend and shoreline. These characteristics impact river currents and the rate of change in water levels. Steep banks, levees, revetments, narrow channels, rock bottoms, adjacent flood plains and wetlands are just a few of the factors that determine how the river will rise or fall. In addition, geography has an effect on ice buildup, the effect of flooding, the time and complexity of maintenance and dredging and the effectiveness of traffic control measures.

River Slope

Rivers slope downstream toward their mouths. Slope is the change in elevation of the river, expressed as a ratio of the change in elevation between reference points and the number of miles between reference points. A working knowledge of slope is one of the best tools to quickly determine river conditions and the duration of low/high water events. As flow rates from the upper dams increase, the slope will increase as the upper end of the river in the vicinity of the upper dam increases in depth. If the increased flow rates remain constant, water levels downstream will rise and be sustained. As upper river water flow decreases, the river slope will decrease and water levels will crest sequentially down the river. The term for this decrease in flow and subsequent decrease in slope is called “leveling.” Once the crest has passed through the system, and flow rates become more consistent, water levels and slope will return to normal.

“Leveling” also occurs when low water conditions prevail in the system. As the dams reduce flow in order to maintain their pools, less water becomes available downstream. As each successive dam reduces flow to maintain the nine foot channel, short term low water is caused in the next pool downstream until that dam holds enough water to maintain its required level. When dams are only able to maintain minimum pool or unable to maintain a minimum channel depth due to lack of sufficient water or loss of pool, traffic management may have to be initiated.

Weather Pattern Changes

Changes in weather patterns impact the river system by themselves and in conjunction with the factors listed above. One of the best known examples of this is the abnormal pattern that contributed significantly to the Great Flood of 1993. In this case, a wet-weather pattern persisted over the upper mid-west for over six months. This was caused by a weather front convergence zone which generated frequent and prolonged thunderstorms. In addition to the excessive rain, the area experienced an early snow melt, increasing spring runoff.

2. Parties and Roles

2.A General

USACE POSITION	DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES	EQUALS	USCG POSITION	DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
Head Lock operator	Coordinate Traffic, L&D Operations, Maintains Pool		MSU Prevention/ Response Department Heads	Manages daily waterways management and casualty operations
Lock Masters	Oversees supervision and maintenance of project L&D		Prevention Department Heads per AOR	Manages and supervises daily prevention, casualty and incident response operations
District Assistant Operations Manager	Maintenance and oversight of District L&D projects		Prevention Department Heads per AOR	Manages and supervises daily prevention, casualty and incident response operations
District Operations Manager	Planning and Control of District L&D Projects		Prevention Department Heads per AOR	Manages and supervises daily prevention, casualty and incident response operations
Commander/ District Engineer	Oversees each District		MSU CO/XO or Sector Commander	Senior Officer in Charge of CG Unit and Area of Responsibility(AOR)

The successful management of any river crisis is dependent on the cooperation of the waterway system participants. This includes agencies of the federal, state and local governments, industry groups, and the general public (See 2.A.1. below for listing of industry groups by AOR), this chapter identifies the key organizations in these areas, outlines their authority and responsibilities, and explains their roles during a river crisis. They groups serve a vital role in serving as a liaison between industry and federal agencies. These groups address waterways conditions for the Allegheny, Monongahela, Ohio, Upper Mississippi, Lower Mississippi, Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers.

This plan should be used in conjunction with existing plans. Its purpose is to pull together information from existing plans and identify critical problem areas based on federal agency experience, industry experience, and statistical analysis.

2.A.1. Industry Groups & Representatives

2.A.1.a. MSU Pittsburgh AOR

2.A.1.a. 1. Waterways Association of Pittsburgh (WAP) is an industry based association which represents the maritime industry in navigation safety, waterway infrastructure, commercial vessel regulation and maritime labor issues in the Pittsburgh AOR. Various committees of the association review matters relating to vessel safety, navigation safety, maritime industry regulatory issues and waterway infrastructure.

2.A.1.a.2. Three Rivers Pollution Response Council Inc., (TRPRC) is a mutual aid organization representing a partnership between industry, U.S. Coast Guard and EPA Region III, dedicated to the prevention of oil and hazardous substances entering the inland waterways. The Council assists

members with the overall aspects of response planning, drilling, and training.

2.A.1.b.MSU Huntington AOR

2.A.1.b.1. Huntington District Waterway Association (HDWA) is a regional association of commercial river users whose boundaries coincide with the Army Corps of Engineers Huntington District boundaries. The boundary extends on the Ohio River from Hannibal L/D to Meldahl L/D and includes the Kanawha and Big Sandy Rivers. Five different associations come together to form the HDWA : 1) the Huntington District Waterways Advisory Committee; 2) the Navigational Subcommittee; 3) the Big Sandy Improvement Committee; 4) the Tri-State Fleeting Association; and 5) the Kanawha River Improvement Committee. The group acts as a representative for industries operating on the Ohio River in the Army Corps of Engineers Huntington District. The HDWA is coordinated by a volunteer chairman from industry.

2.A.1.b.2. Tri-State Spill Response Workgroup is an organization representing partnerships among U. S. Coast Guard; West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky state departments of environmental protection; and U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Regions III, IV, and V. The workshop's purpose is to enhance contingency planning and to assure preplanning of joint response efforts, including appropriate procedures for mechanical recovery, dispersal, shoreline cleanup, protection of sensitive environmental areas, and protection, rescue, and rehabilitation of fisheries and wildlife.

2.A.1.c. SOHV Louisville AOR

2.A.1.c.1. Central Ohio River Marine Industry Group (CORMIG) is a committee of the central Ohio River Towing companies, Coast Guard and Army Corps Representatives formed to address navigation problems during significant changes in river conditions such as extreme low water and high water events. The committee has evolved to address all issues concerning Central Ohio River navigation and is the major liaison between the towing industry, the Coast Guard, and Army Corps of Engineers for river conditions stretching from Huntington, WV to near Smithland, KY. CORMIG's AOR stretches from the Meldahl L&D at OHR MM436.2 to the JT Myers L&D at OHR MM846.0. CORMIG is coordinated by a volunteer chairman from industry.

2.A.1.d. MSU Paducah AOR

2.A.1.d.1. The Ohio River Ice Committee (ICE) is an ad hoc committee of the Ohio River towing companies formed to address navigation problems during the major ice event of 1977 – 1978 on the Ohio River. Subsequent to this crisis, the committee has evolved to address all issues concerning Ohio River navigation, especially issues related to river conditions in the Lower Ohio River Valley area, and is the major liaison between the towing industry, the Coast Guard, and the Army Corps of Engineers stretching from Smithland, IL to Cairo, IL. The Ice Committee also addresses river conditions impacting the Tennessee River and the Cumberland River. The Ice Committee is coordinated by a volunteer chairman from industry.

2.A.1.d.2. The River Industry Action Committee (RIAC) is a committee of the Upper Mississippi River and the lower Ohio River towing companies formed to address navigation problems during significant changes in river conditions such as extreme low water and high water events. The committee has evolved to address all issues concerning Upper Mississippi River navigation and is the major liaison between the towing industry, the Coast Guard, and the Army Corps of Engineers for river conditions for the entire UMR in MSU Paducah's AOR. RIAC is coordinated by a

volunteer chairman from industry.

2.A.1.d.3. Lower Mississippi River Committee (LOMRC) is a committee of the Lower Mississippi River and the lower Ohio River towing companies formed to address navigation problems during significant changes in river conditions such as extreme low water and high water events. The committee has evolved to address all issues concerning Lower Mississippi River navigation and is the major liaison between the towing industry, the Coast Guard, and the Army Corps of Engineers for river conditions for the entire LMR in MSU Paducah's AOR. LOMRC is coordinated by a volunteer chairman from industry.

2.A.1.d.4. The Tennessee and Cumberland River Industry Committee (TCIC). This committee falls both in the MSD Nashville and the MSU Paducah AOR and serves as the primary committee for communicating among the towing companies operating on the Tennessee and Cumberland River within the Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment Nashville and Marine Safety Unit Paducah Area of Responsibility. The TCIC Committee Chairman serves as the primary point of contact for relaying information, coordinating meetings, and setting up conference calls between all federal agencies and the towing industry. The primary purpose of the TCIC Committee is to address all issues concerning Tennessee and Cumberland River navigation and to act as the major liaison between the towing industry, the Coast Guard, the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Army Corps of Engineers throughout the Tennessee and Cumberland River Valleys.

2.A.2 Industry Points of Contact

AREAS ADDRESSED	COMPANY	MAIN POC	INDUSTRY GROUP	CONTACT INFO
Ohio River Allegheny River Monongahela River	Pittsburgh Airport	TRPRC Chairman Kevin Gurchak	Three Rivers Pollution Response Council (TRPRC)	412-472-3575 kgurchak@flypittsburgh.com
Ohio River Allegheny River Monongahela River	Murray American River Towing	WAP Navigation Chairperson David Podurgiel	Waterways Association of Pittsburgh Industry	412-225-1729 c 724-684-2308 w DavidPodurgiel@coalsource.com
Ohio River Kanawha River	AEP River Transportation	HDWA President Butch Laporte	Huntington District Waterway Assoc. (HDWA)	304-812-7087 Hcileport@aep.com
Ohio River Green River	Ingram Barge Company	CORMIG Chairman William “Rocky” Young	Central Ohio River Marine Industry Group (CORMIG)	270-441-1627 w 270-564-6149 c william.young@ingrambarge.com
Ohio River	Ingram Barge Company	ICE Chairman Steve Southern	Ice Committee (ICE)	270-210-7726 c steve.southern@ingrambarge.com
Upper Mississippi River	ARTCO	RIAC Chairman Bernie Heroff	River Industry Action Committee (RIAC)	314-481-8828 w 314-803-4644 c bernard.heroff@adm.com
Lower Mississippi River	Florida Marine Transporters LLC.	LOMRC Chairman David Goin	Lower Mississippi River Committee (LOMRC)	985-237-0795 david.goin@fmtdry.com
Tennessee River	Tennessee Valley Towing	TCIC Chairman Harley Hall	Tennessee & Cumberland River Industry Committee (TCIC)	270-554-0154 w 270-210-2338 c hhall@tennesseevalleytowing.com
Cumberland River	Tennessee Valley Towing	TCIC Chairman Harley Hall	Tennessee & Cumberland River Industry Committee (TCIC)	270-554-0154 w 270-210-2338 c hhall@tennesseevalleytowing.com

2.B. Federal Agencies

The United States Code (USC) provides regulatory authority for establishing and authorizing work or structures constructed within the navigable waterways and provides regulations for maintaining navigation throughout U.S. territorial waters. Included as part of a national waterway system are numerous rivers, lakes and streams that comprise the inland waterway system. Navigation on these “navigable waters of the United States” is regulated primarily by the USCG. The USACE provides technical advice to the USCG to enable that agency to properly evaluate and make decisions on navigation safety. The USACE is also responsible for authorizing waterway projects, evaluating and maintaining navigable channels, and directing emergency flood control operations (such as activation of spillways). The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) maintains jurisdiction on the Tennessee River and Cumberland River and monitors river conditions through flows discharged from locks and dams on these rivers, such as Kentucky Lock & Dam and Barkley Lock & Dam.

2.B.1 United States Coast Guard (USCG)

Title 14, USC, defines USCG roles and responsibilities in establishing and maintaining the safety of ports and waterways; 33 CFR Part 165.20 gives COTP’s and USCG District Commanders the authority to impose safety zones, security zones, and other restrictions to ensure the safe flow of navigation. Activities of the COTP’s are overseen by the Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, in New Orleans, LA. Activities of the Marine Safety Unit Commanding Officers are overseen by the Commander, Sector Ohio Valley, in Louisville, KY.

2.B.1.a. Safety Advisory

The simplest form of intervention is a Navigation Safety Advisory. It relies on the voluntary compliance of industry to limit risk and prevent vessel casualties. USCG advisories are usually issued after consultation with the USACE and industry-user groups. They can be originated by the USCG or self-imposed by industry, and disseminated as a USCG Broadcast Notice to Mariners (BNM), Safety Marine Information Broadcast (SMIB) posted on the USACE bulletin board, posted on the River Industry Bulletin Board (RIBB), sent via the industry facsimile, or any combination of these methods. The purpose is to advise the marine industry of the existence of hazardous conditions and provide recommendations for navigating safely. Advisories can also be used to notify the marine industry of the Captain of the Port’s (COTP’s) intention to take action with respect to developing navigation conditions. Advisories are important tools that provide marine interests time to adjust their operations to avoid future problems.

2.B.1.b. Safety Zone

During extreme high or low water conditions the risk of commercial vessel navigation can become increasingly hazardous to the environment, persons and property. These extreme cases may require the establishment of a safety zone by the COTP that imposes vessel-operating restrictions. Consultation and deliberation with the USACE and industry-user groups usually precede implementation of a safety zone by the USCG. A safety zone entails the control of a portion of the river, tributary, or harbor. This enables the USCG to control access and/or prescribe operating restrictions on vessels seeking to navigate in the area. This approach can be applied to limited or large geographical areas and may involve simple or complex restrictions, such as:

- Minimum horsepower requirements per barge
- Maximum draft limits

- Maximum tow sizes
- Specific tow configurations
- Length and breadth limits
- Safe speed zones, no-passing zones, or no-meeting zones
- Helper or towboat requirements
- Traffic separation schemes
- Reporting requirements
- Tank barge prohibitions or the exclusion of all vessels from the safety zone

The establishment of a safety zone may include active control of vessel traffic through an area or it may be conducted passively, relying on compliance to limit risk. Safety zones using passive control have been imposed on other waterways during periods of high or abnormally low water and when local construction or pollution response cleanup operations are impacted by passing traffic.

2.B.1.c. Security Zone

In some cases a security zone may be implemented to protect persons, property and the environment from actual or potential threats related to terrorism or destruction. These extreme cases may require the establishment of a security zone by the COTP that imposes restrictions on a vessel or a specific area of the river. Consultation and deliberation with the USACE, and industry-user groups usually precede implementation of a security zone by the USCG. A security zone entails the control of a portion of the river, tributary, or harbor. This enables the USCG to control access and/or prescribe restrictions on vessels and persons. This approach can be applied to limited or large geographical areas and may involve simple or complex restrictions. The establishment of a security zone may include active control of vessel traffic and intensive screening of persons entering through an area.

2.B.1.d. Captain of the Port Order (COTP Order)

Captain of the Port Orders are specific directions to an individual, facility, or vessel. They are detailed and exact in scope. Issued under the authority of the Ports and Waterways Safety Act, compliance with COTP Orders is required, and failure may result in civil or criminal penalty action. In general, COTP Orders will only be used when a terminal or vessel appears to be operating in an unsafe manner or to reduce damage to the environment or property.

2.B.1.e. Area Maritime Security Plan

In the event activation of the Area Maritime Security Plan conflicts with the WAP, the requirements of the security plan shall take precedence.

2.B.2. United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

Title 33 U.S.C., defines the USACE roles and responsibilities regarding development of, or change to, waterfront facilities, weirs, dams or dikes. Specifically, the USACE is authorized to review and approve all changes to hydrodynamic structures for the purposes of maintaining a navigable channel. In addition, the USACE is charged with conducting operations to maintain the physical nature of a navigable channel on particular waterways.

Generally, the USACE has the responsibility to maintain a nine foot congressionally authorized project depth within the navigable channel on the Ohio River System. The USACE is also responsible for directing emergency flood control operations and collecting information on flood stages and damage.

2.B.3. Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)

Under the TVA Act of 1933, as amended, 6 U.S.C. 831 – 831 dd (1994), TVA is authorized to construct and operate dams and reservoirs in the Tennessee River and its tributaries to promote navigation and to control destructive floods. Also, under the TVA Act, TVA has broad responsibilities for the “development of the natural resources of the Tennessee River drainage basin and of such adjoining territory as may be related to or materially affected by the development for the general purpose fostering an orderly and proper, physical, economic, and social development of said areas. The broad responsibilities placed on the Tennessee Valley Authority relate to navigability, flood control, reforestation, marginal lands, and agricultural and industrial development of the whole Tennessee Valley.” Those responsibilities specifically include the construction and maintenance of the dams and reservoirs in the Tennessee River and its tributaries and providing a nine-foot channel in the river.

3. Communications:

3.A. Ohio River Communications Plan

3.A.1. MSU Pittsburgh AOR Communications Plan

If and when the Watch Phase occurs on the Ohio, Monongahela, or Allegheny Rivers, the WAP will enact the “Waterways Association of Pittsburgh Calling Tree” seen below. In order to ensure that this calling tree remains accurate, annual audits will be conducted to ensure the accuracy of these calling trees and any changes should be immediately reported to the WAP. In addition, when the trigger openings are met Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Pittsburgh will make notifications in accordance with Section 4 via Broadcast Notice to Mariners (BNM) through USCG Sector Ohio Valley Command Center.

ORGANIZATION	DESIGNATED CONTACT	PHONE NUMBERS	E-MAIL ADDRESS	WHEN CONTACTED
Waterways Association of Pittsburgh	David Podurgiel, Navigation Committee Chairperson	724-684-2308 w 412-225-1729 c	DavidPodurgiel@coalsource.com	All Situations
	Patrick Kelly, President	724-816-0410 w	patrick.kelly@hl-companies.com	Only when the above individual with the Waterways Association of Pittsburgh cannot be contacted
	Michael Graham, Secretary	412-355-7929 w 412-496-2523 c	mgraham@gatewayclipper.com	Only when the above individuals with the Waterways Association of Pittsburgh cannot be contacted

GOVERNMENT AGENCY	DESIGNATED CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS	WHEN CONTACTED
Coast Guard	CDR Aaron Demo	412-221-0807 ext. 210 w 412-670-4266 c	Aaron.W.Demo@uscg.mil	All waterways action events
USACE	John Dilla	412-395-7651 w 412-337-9587 c	john.p.dilla@usace.army.mil	All waterways action events
National Weather Service	Alicia Miller	412-262-1583 412-262-2582	Alicia.A.Miller@noaa.gov Nws.er.pbz.hydro@noaa.gov	Significant Weather Events

Note: In addition, Coast Guard Sector Ohio Valley broadcasts river stages over VHF-FM radio channel 16. Scheduled broadcasts and river stages for the Ohio River and its tributaries are made at 11:00 a.m. EST. To obtain 24 hour information services, recorded messages on river gauges, predictions and weather forecasts with 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. updates, call these numbers:

Emsworth L/D – Ohio River

412-766-6213

Maxwell L/D – Monongahela River

724-785-5027

Pike Island L/D – Ohio River

304-277-2127

4 L/D – Allegheny River

724-224-0646

3.A.1.a. MSU Pittsburgh AOR Ice Communications

3.A.1.a.1 PURPOSE OF THE HYDRO COMMITTEE

During the course of the winter months, ice may form on the Allegheny, Monongahela, and Ohio Rivers. For significant ice events that affect navigational safety, the Pittsburgh Hydro Committee will take appropriate actions to facilitate the reasonable demands of commerce. These actions are intended to promote navigational safety, provide for safety of life and property, and reduce the occurrences of marine casualties. When ice is so severe that it restricts vessel movement, the Hydro Committee will impose navigational restriction for barges and vessels that intend to transit the affected areas.

The Pittsburgh Hydro Committee is comprised of the Captain of the Port Pittsburgh, Waterways Association of Pittsburgh President and Head of the Navigation Committee, U.S. Army Corps Engineers – Pittsburgh District Representatives, and National Weather Service. A representative from MSU Huntington and Huntington Waterways Association President and Head of the Navigation Committee will also be invited to participate in ice teleconferences when the ice begins to affect safe navigation on the northern portions of MSU Huntington's Area of Responsibility.

3.A.1.a.2 OBJECTIVES OF THE ICE WATCH

- A. Establish and maintain effective communications with Pittsburgh Hydro Committee members to ensure the current and accurate reports of ice conditions are being reported.
- B. Utilize reports of ice conditions and NWS Forecasts to establish effective actions to mitigate ice condition and promote navigational safety.
- C. Planning and proper coordination of all available resources and manpower of industry, governmental agencies, and other affected interests.
- D. Promote and maintain a high degree of awareness for the safety of people, equipment, and the environment in all areas of committee involvement.

3.A.1.a.3 ORGANIZATION

- A. Task Organizations and Responsibilities
 - 1. U.S. Coast Guard MSU Pittsburgh –
 - a. Will host Hydro Committee and Industry Teleconferences.
 - b. Chief of Prevention will Chair the Pittsburgh Hydro Committee.
 - c. Waterways Management Division Officer will coordinate all U.S. Coast Guard day to day activities in support of the Ice Watch. Specifically, release situational reports and broadcast notices to mariners; create and maintain a yearly Ice Watch Folder. Engage the Waterways Association of Pittsburgh, Army U.S. Army Corps Engineers – Pittsburgh District, and National Weather Service.

- d. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be utilized for over-flight, as available. Ice observers will be assigned to take photographs and document ice conditions. Ice photographs would be forwarded to the Hydro Committee and appropriate industry personnel.
 - e. Captain of the Port Pittsburgh may establish waterway restrictions to promote safe navigation. Input from the Hydro Committee will be evaluated before imposing any level of restriction. Information about waterway restrictions will be disseminated through broadcast notice to mariners. This information will also be passed at the Industry Ice Briefing.
 - f. At the conclusion of the ice event, MSU Pittsburgh will conduct an after action teleconference or meeting to discuss deltas and publish an After Action Report.
2. National Weather Service (NWS)-
- a. The National Weather Service Pittsburgh will initiate an Ice Watch for navigation interests operating on the Monongahela River, Allegheny River, and Ohio River down to Hannibal, Ohio. When it is determined that weather conditions will produce sufficient river ice to disrupt the normal flow of river traffic, the National Weather Service will email a calendar invite to host an Industry Ice Briefing, this briefing will be scheduled for one hour after the Ice Committee Meeting.
 - b. The National Weather Service will maintain a file of photographs with large scale ice observations, information on unusual ice conditions, ice coverage, movement, or jamming.
3. Waterways Association of Pittsburgh (WAP)-
- a. Provide an industry perspective and compare the harshness of the forecast with industry's service requirements, and provide recommendations from a navigations standpoint to the Hydro Committee. It is preferred that industry regulates themselves in safety restrictions prior to the COTP having to issue any COTP Orders.
 - b. Maintain an industry contact list (Waterways Association of Pittsburgh Calling Tree) and disseminate the Hydro Committee information and forward the National Weather Services Industry Ice Briefing invite.
 - c. Collect and provide ice observations, information on unusual ice conditions, ice coverage, movement, jamming, and photographs to the National Weather Service.
4. Army Corps of Engineers (ACE)-
- a. Provide status of conditions and operational restrictions and limitations of the locks and dams (ice lockages, mooring bits, bulkheads, etc.).
 - b. Provide recommendations on tow configurations that can facilitate operations (tow sizes, rake to rake, etc.).

- c. Collect and provide to the Coast Guard violations of Safety Zone or Regulated Navigation Area restrictions.
- d. Collect and provide ice observations, information on unusual ice conditions, ice coverage, movement, or jamming and photographs to the National Weather Service.

3.A.1.a.4 MEETINGS

A. Schedule

1. A Pre-ice season meeting will be held the first week in December. This meeting will discuss the Waterways Action Plan and the previous season's After Action Report.
2. Hydro Committee meetings will be held every Monday from January through March at 0830 (calendar invites will be sent out). If there is anticipated extreme icing conditions, additional meetings will be scheduled for Wednesday and/or Friday at 0830, otherwise no other meetings will occur for that week.
3. If ice conditions are expected, an Industry Ice Briefing will be scheduled for one hour (0930) after the start of the Hydro Committee Meeting. This briefing will be a webinar coordinated by the National Weather Service, to provide a quick summary (this should not be a complete rehashing of the Hydro Committee Meeting just the highlights) to interested industry personnel on the Hydro Committees results.

B. Hydro Committee Meeting Agenda

1. The Coast Guard Chief of Prevention will Chair and open the meeting.
2. The National Weather Service (NWS) will discuss the weather conditions and forecast; when heavy ice formation will begin and the amount of ice that will be expected (coverage and thickness) on which of the rivers. NWS will also give predictions as to when weather and ice conditions are expected to improve.
3. The Army Corps will discuss the current lock and dam conditions, schedule of bulkhead installation, ice buildup, ice lockage, and violations of Safety Zone or Regulated Navigation Area restrictions.
4. Waterways Association of Pittsburgh will discuss the current conditions found on the rivers, trouble areas, cargo delivery shortages, and mitigation strategy recommendations.
5. Mitigating factors will be discussed and trigger points will be agreed upon before icing begins to affect navigation. Some of these strategies may include, but are not limited to, requiring specific tow configuration (specify what size barges in max configuration), vessel horsepower restrictions, and any other safety requirements needed to deal with specific ice conditions. When conditions are reached that require a Safety Zone or Regulated Navigation Area, the following will be put into place in addition to those recommended by the committee:

a. Tank barges moving into, out of, or within the RNA must report to the MSU Pittsburgh Marine Duty Officer:

- 1) The product name and total capacity should be reported;
- 2) Origin and destination of tank barges along with their ETA;

- 3) Owner/operator and name of towing vessel pushing barges; and,
 - 4) Towing vessel's 24 hour telephone number.
- b. Tank barges will be protected by other barges in tow, if possible (will not be lead barges).
 - c. Vessels that become beset in ice must report their status to the Sector Ohio Valley Command Center.
 - d. All mooring devices, wires, chains, lines, and connecting gear are of sufficient strength and in sufficient number to withstand forces that may be exerted on them by moored vessels/barges.
6. The Coast Guard will establish any Safety Zone, put out a Broadcast Notice to Mariners and SITREPS as needed, of all restrictions agreed upon by the Ice Committee, and notify other waterway users (Safe Boating Council, and facility managers, etc.).

EXAMPLE BNM:

FM COGARD MSU PITTSBURGH PA
TO COMCOGARD SECTOR OHIO VALLEY LOUISVILLE KY
BT
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SUBJ: REQUEST BROADCAST NOTICE TO MARINERS BEGINNING *INSERT DATE*.

1. THE U. S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT PITTSBURGH, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION OF PITTSBURGH, HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO ICE ACCUMULATIONS ON THE ALLEGHENY, MONONGAHELA AND OHIO RIVERS. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS BE TAKEN TO MITIGATE THE RISKS POSED BY THESE CONDITIONS AND THAT ALL MARINERS EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION. FACILITY OPERATORS AND FLEETING AREA MANAGERS ARE REMINDED TO REVIEW THEIR FLEETING PROCEDURES ENSURING THE CONTINUOUS SURVEILLANCE OF FLEETING AREAS, ENSURE FLEETS ARE SECURED WITH AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF LINES, THAT LINES ARE DOUBLED-UP AT THE HEAD OF THE FLEET, AND SECURING TOWBOAT ASSISTANCE IF NECESSARY.

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FM COGARD MSU PITTSBURGH PA
TO COMCOGARD SECTOR OHIO VALLEY LOUISVILLE KY
BT
UNCLAS

SUBJ: REQUEST BROADCAST NOTICE TO MARINERS BEGINNING *INSERT DATE*.

SIGNIFICANT ICE ACCUMULATION IS FORMING IN THE VICINITY OF **[MILE NUMBER]** ON THE **[ALLEGHENY-MONONGAHELA-OHIO RIVER]**. MARINERS MUST REPORT ALL VESSELS THAT CANNOT MAKE WAY DUE TO ICE AND TANK BARGE MOVEMENT INTO AND WITHIN THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT PITTSBURGH ZONE. VESSEL RESTRICTIONS AND TOW CONFIGURATION

REQUIREMENTS MAY BE IMPOSED TO FACILITATE SAFETY TRANSIT AND LOCKAGES IN THE AREA. ALL MARINERS ARE URGED TO USE EXTREME CAUTION WHEN TRANSITING THE AREA. THE COAST GUARD CAN BE REACHED ON VHF-FM CHANNEL 16.

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EXAMPLE SITREP:

FM COGARD MSU PITTSBURGH PA
TO COMCOGARD SECTOR OHIO VALLEY LOUISVILLE KY
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CCGDEIGHT NEW ORLEANS LA//DP/DPB/DPW/DR/DW//
COGARD MSU HUNTINGTON WV
COGARD MSD CINCINNATI OH
COGARD AIRSTA DETROIT MI
COMCOGARD SECTOR UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER ST LOUIS MO
USCGC OSAGE

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FM COGARD MSU PITTSBURGH PA
SUBJ: SITREP ONE, ICE CONDITIONS ON THE ALLEGHENY, MONONGAHELA, AND OHIO RIVER.

A. OHIO RIVER VALLEY WATERWAYS ACTION PLAN.

1. SITUATION: THE MSU PITTSBURGH AOR HAS EXPERIENCED SEVERAL WEEKS OF SUB-FREEZING TEMPERATURES. AS A RESULT, ACCUMULATIONS OF ICE HAVE FORMED ON ALL RIVERS WITHIN THE ZONE. NAVIGABLE CHANNELS REMAIN OPEN TO VESSEL TRAFFIC, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE UPPER REACHES OF THE XXXXXX RIVER BEYOND L/D #X. WEATHER FORECASTS FOR THE AREA INDICATE A HIGH/LOW PROBABILITY OF SNOW/FREEZING RAIN OVER THE NEXT 48 HOURS WITH TEMPERATURES EXPECTED TO RISE TO/FALL TO/STABILIZE BETWEEN XX-XX DEGREES FARENHEIT, INCREASING/DECREASING THE LIKELIHOOD OF NEW ICE FORMATION OR BUILD-UP.

2. ACTION TAKEN:

INSERT DTG: MSU PITTSBURGH HOSTED A TELECONFERENCE WITH THE PITTSBURGH HYDRO COMMITTEE WHICH INCLUDES MEMBERS FROM USACE, NWS, AND LOCAL INDUSTRY TO ASSESS CURRENT OPERATING CONDITIONS.

INSERT DTG: LIST RESTRICTIONS

3. FUTURE PLANS:

A. HYDRO COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR *INSERT DTG*.

B. CGAUX OVERFLIGHT OF AOR SCHEDULED FOR *INSERT DTG*.

C. MSU PITTSBURGH WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR SITUATION WITH INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS AND INITIATE OVERFLIGHTS AS NECESSARY. COTP PITTSBURGH WILL CONSIDER INPUT PROVIDED BY ALL INVOLVED AND APPLY VESSEL RESTRICTIONS, AS NEEDED, BASED UPON CHANGING CONDITIONS WITHIN THE MSU PITTSBURGH AOR.

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3.A.2. MSU Huntington AOR Communications Plan

COMPANY / ORGANIZATION	DESIGNATED CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL	WHEN CONTACTED
James M. Gavin Power, LLC	Philip Bailey	740-925-3126	Philip.bailey@lightstoneGen.com	All Situations
AEP John Amos Plant	Gary McGraw	304-256-2707 304-542-0050	glmcgraw@aep.com	All Situations
AEP River Operations	Greg Walburn	304-675-4709	glwalburn@AEPriverops.com	All Situations
American Styrenics Marietta	Douglas Currey	740-760-0652	djcurray@amstyrenics.com	All Situations
Amherst Madison, Inc. (HDWA President)	Butch LePort	304-812-7087	Hclleport@aep.com	All Situations
Amherst Madison, Inc.	Jim Jarrell Alan Hall VP Operations	304-926-1110 o 304-549-7273 c 304-926-1102 o 304-529-7224 c	jjarrell@portamherst.com	All Situations
Asphalt Materials Plant	Josh Gregory	740-374-5100 740-629-2806	josh.gregory@asphalt-materials.com	All Situations
Baker Oil Company	Tim Comer	304-442-2439 304-678-7366	bakeroilterminal@yahoo.com	All Situations
Century Lubricants (Fuchs)	Candice Bloomfield	304-397-5912	cbloomfield@fuchsus.com	All Situations
Ceredo Liquids (KRT)	Brad Tiller	304-526-0700 606-315-6692	BDTiller@Suncoke.com	All Situations
Chemours Chemicals Belle (DuPont)	Matt Lyons	304-357-1030 340-546-6475	James.matthew.lyons@chemours.com	All Situations
Chemours Washington Works (DuPont)	Randy Lowe	304-863-4059 304-863-4240	randall.lee.lowe@chemours.com	All Situations
Crounse Corp.	Michael Kidd	606-564-6843 606-407-0472	mkidd@crounse.com	All Situations
Docks Creek	John Morrison	304-453-4000	jmorrison@rtcltd.com	All Situations
Dominion Transmission-Bens Runs	Terry Vass	804-921-1379 804-771-3161	Terry.vass@dominionenergy.com	All Situations
Dow Chemical Institute & Dow Chemical Charleston	Toby Scholl	304-747-5619	Scholl@dow.com	All Situations
Ergon Terminaling	Brian Hadley	740-473-2781 w 740-336-4089 c	Brian.hadley@ergon.com	All Situations
Ergon LLC	Nicolas Sparks	740-533-9060 740-285-2520	nicholas.sparks@ergon.com	All Situations
Go-Mart Inc. Amandaville Terminal	John O'Dell	304-727-5423 304-201-1147	jodell@wvdsi.net	All Situations
Hardin Street Marine	Jamie Alcorn	606-739-2404 606-465-9565	jralcorn@marathonpetroleum.com	All Situations
Kanawha Harbor Fleeting	John Snodgrass	740-446-4686 w 304-593-1413 c	jsnodgrass@portamherst.com	All Situations
Kirby Institute Barge Fleeting	Doug Hodges Duty Watchman	304-747-4568 304-727-1091 24h	doug.hodges@kirbycorp.com	All Situations
Kokosing Materials	Jerry Jones	740-574-4770 614-207-8574	kmi512@kokosing.biz	All Situations

COMPANY / ORGANIZATION	DESIGNATED CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL	WHEN CONTACTED
Kraton Polymers	Mike Chevalier	740-423-2384	mike.chevalier@kraton.com	All Situations
M & G Polymers	Rodney Bumgarner	304-576-4510 304-674-5723	rodney.a.bumgarner@gruppomgus.com	All Situations
Marathon Oil Company	David Earl Ted Ewing	606-739-2442 606-739-2503	daearl@marathonpetroleum.com fanyhuis@marathonpetroleum.com	All Situations
Marathon Petroleum	Ted Ewing	606-739-2503	fanyhuis@marathonoil.com	All Situations
Marietta Industrial Enterprises	William Elliott	740-373-2252	bmellio9tt@miecorp.com	All Situations
Mark West Energy Appalachia, LLC	Hank Uhl	606-932-8205 w 606-922-8658 c	HHUhl@marathonpetroleum.com	All Situations
McGinnis, Inc.	Gary Gills	740-377-4391 w 740-307-1739 c	ggills@MCGINNISINC.com	All Situations
MPC Charleston	Roger Miller	304-347-1059 304-741-2833	rdmiller@marathonpetroleum.com	All Situations
MPC Inc. - Harbor Dispatch	Jason Thompson	606-739-2494 w 606-369-7088 c	Jthompson6@marathonpetroleum.com	All Situations
MPLX Kenova Terminal	Brad Kifer	606-921-3137 w 865-244-7088 c	bmkifer@marathonpetroleum.com	All Situations
MPLX Charleston	Chad Howard	304-347-1058	jrcole@marathonpetroleum.com	All Situations
MPC Kenova Terminal	Barry Blankenship	606-921-3137 304-208-1760	bblankenship@marathonoil.com	All Situations
MPLX Marietta	Charles Bradley	740-374-5067 513-208-6773	cwbradley@marathonpetroleum.com	All Situations
MPLX Terminals-Big Sandy Refinery – Marathon Oil	James D. Woods	606-921-2536	jwoods@marathonpetroleum.com	All Situations
N&S Railroad	Chris Davis	740-354-8284 w 540-798-8880 c	chris.davis@nscorp.com	All Situations
Neale Fleetng	Richard Neale Jr.	304-295-4223 304-834-0758	nealesfleet@hotmail.com	All Situations
Nova Chemicals(Caretaker Status)	Denver Drake	740-568-3200	denver.drake@ineos-nova.com	All Situations
Ohio Oil Gathering Corp.	Garrett Fleming	740-473-2711 740-525-0204	garrett.fleming@enlink.com	All Situations
Ohio River Sanitation Commission	Sam Dinkins	513-231-7719 x108 513-509-2972 c	sdinkins@orsanco.com	All Situations
Orion Engineered Carbons	Josh Ankrom	740-423-9571 w 740-525-2223 c	josh.ankrom@OrionCarbons.com	All Situations
R&D Associates	Don Salyers	606-739-4166	rdassoc299@windstream.net	All Situations
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc.	Joey Coulter	304-755-4279 304-741-0072	joey.coulter@safety-kleen.com	All Situations
Saint Mary's Refining	Dale Colvin	304-684-2222 304-483-7582	stmarys@gomart.com	All Situations
Shelly Liquid	Rick VanGundy	740-441-1703	rvangundy@shellyco.com	All Situations
Superior Marine Fleetng & Mobile	Tyler Yocom	740-894-6224	alex@superiormarineinc.com	All Situations
Union Carbide (Dow Hanging Rock)	Rocky White	740-533-4140 740-646-2468	rtwhite@dow.com	All Situations

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	DESIGNATED CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL	WHEN CONTACTED
USCG MSU Huntington Duty Officer	Not applicable	304-563-9084	Not applicable	All Situations
USCG MSU Huntington Commanding Officer	CDR Paul Mangini	304-733-0198	Paul.J.Mangini@uscg.mil	All Situations
USCG MSU Huntington Prevention Department	LT Noel Shriner	304-733-0198	Noel.t.shriner@uscg.mil	All Situations
WV Dept of Natural Resources	Major Brad DeBord	304-558-2784 304-759-0703 (D5 DNR)	Brad.C.DeBord@wv.gov	All Situations
USACE, Huntington District	Kent Browning	304-399-5239	kent.c.browning@usace.army.mil	All Situations
USACE, Huntington District	Domenico Chianesi	304-399-5652	domenico.chianesi@usace.army.mil	All Situations
National Weather Service, Charleston, WV	John Sikora	304-746-0180 304-746-0190	John.Sikora@noaa.gov	All Situations
OH Dept. of Natural Resources	CAPT Carl Vance	740-353-8257	carl.vance@dnr.state.oh.us	All Situations

3.A.3. Ohio Valley (Louisville) AOR Communications Plan

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Nutrien	Jerrold Prather	812-838-9779	jerrod.prather@agrium.com	All Situations
American Commercial Barge Line	Jeremy Tardy	270-933-8056	jeremy.tardy@bargeacbl.com	All Situations
American Electric Power (AEP)	Greg Walburn	304-675-4709	glwalburn@AEPriverops.com	All Situations
Arrow Terminals LP NAS Dock	Kevin Rinear	502-347-0033 x112	krinear@watcocompanies.com	All Situations
BB Riverboats	Alan Bernstein	859-292-2449	abernstein@bbriverboats.com	All Situations
Beckjord Power Station	Christina Hoxie	513-255-1881	christina.hoxie@duke-energy.com	All Situations
Belle of Louisville	Capt Mark Doty	502-817-4565	mark.doty@louisvilleky.gov	All Situations
Belterra Casino and Resort	Steven Cheh	812-427-7739	stevencheh@boydgamiing.com	All Situations
BP Oil Pipeline Company	Tom Antenucci	317-694-5948	Thomas.antenucci@bp.com	All Situations
Buckeye Terminals	Tim Thompson	502-776-4671	tthompson@buckeye.com	All Situations
CF Industries Inc.	Chuck Polage	812-838-4851	cpolage@cfindustries.com	All Situations
Chevron USA	Rich Desenglau	502-775-1018	rdjh@chevron.com	All Situations
Cincinnati Bulk Terminal	Justin Weiss	513-621-4800 x2470	jmweiss@cinbulk.com	All Situations
Citgo Petroleum Corp	Bill Wieneke	502-447-1030	wwienek@citgo.com	All Situations
Contanda	James Troxell	513-921-8441 x3015	jtroxell@contanda.com	All Situations
Consolidated Grain and Barge	Kyle Lahna	270-822-4241	kyle.lahna@cgb.com	All Situations
Countrymark Cooperative	Dean Jackson	812-388-8174	dean.jackson@countrymark.com	All Situations
Countrymark Henderson Terminal	Dean Jackson	812-388-8174	dean.jackson@countrymark.com	All Situations
Nutrien Ag Solutions	Mike Goodall	270-852-7842	mikegoodall@nutrien.com	All Situations
Crounse Corp.	Michael Kidd	606-564-6843	mkidd@crounse.com	All Situations
Dart Polymers Inc.	Phil Spencer	270-926-3434	Phil.Spencer@dart.biz	All Situations
Dow Chemical Co.	Mark Reichenbach	502-449-5318	hmreichenbach@dow.com	All Situations
Dow Chemical (Silicones)	Mark Stewart	502-732-2000 x2633	mark.w.stewart@dowcorning.com	All Situations
Evansville Marine Service	Shaun Olson	270-443-5377	shauno@ems-harbors.com	All Situations
Excell Marine	Robert Englert	270-556-7873	renglert@nmrky.com	All Situations
Fall City Towing	Chad McBride	502-339-1410	chad@fallcitytowing.com	All Situations
Five M Transportation	Wayne McBride	502-664-6468	gwaynemcbride@aol.com	All Situations
Glenmore Distillery	Barry Grace	270-688-9316	bgrace@glenmoredistillery.com	All Situations

Rising Star Casino Resort	Mike Berry	513-383-9533	Michael.berry@risingstarcasino.com	All Situations
INEOS ABS	Timothy Benter	513-467-2403	timbenter@ineos.com	All Situations
IN-KY Electric	Lauren Mayer	812-265-8714	lmayer@ovec.com	All Situations
Kinder Morgan	Talitha Wesson	513-871-9018 x253	talitha_wesson@kindermorgan.com	All Situations
Kirby Inland Marine	Jay McDaniel	225-201-3006 x3043	Jay.McDaniel@kirbycorp.com	All Situations
MAP/LLC Mt. Vernon	Chris Peters	812-838-2867	cspeters@marathonpetroleum.com	All Situations
MAP/LLC Clarksville/Louisville	Chris McCormick	502-772-5241	tc McCormick@marathonpretroleum.com	All Situations
MAP/LLC Evansville	Chris Peters	812-425-3195	cspeters@marathonpetroleum.com	All Situations
Marathon Ashland Asphalt	Bill Mihaly	513-941-4400 x227	wfmihaly@marathonpetroleum.com	All Situations
Marathon Ashland Co.	Dennis Stauffer	513-451-0485 x237	sdstauffer@marathonpetroleum.com	All Situations
Marathon Ashland Covington	Dennis Stauffer	513-451-0485 x237	sdstauffer@marathonpetroleum.com	All Situations
Marathon Petroleum Marine Transportation	Mark Sawyer	606-739-2502	msawyer@marathonpetroleum.com	All Situations
McGinnis, Inc.	Doug Hedrick	513-200-5380	dhedrick@mcginnisinc.com	All Situations
Mosaic Phosphates	Robert Fernandez	863-280-0395	Robert.fernandez@mossaicco.com	All Situations
Mt. Vernon Barge Service	Josh Williams	812-838-4889	j.williams@mvbarge.com	All Situations
Mulzer Crushed Stone, Inc.	Matthew Bunner	812-547-1400 x50161	mattbunner@mulzer.com	All Situations
Ohio Valley Marine Service	Butch Branson	270-826-9165	cebutch@ovmarine.com	All Situations
Owensboro Grain Co./Edible Oils	Derek Smith	270-926-2032	smith@owensborograin.com	All Situations
Peter Cremer	Mike Doll	513-616-4915	mdoll@petercremerna.com	All Situations
Port of Indiana-Jeffersonville	Jeff Miles	812-282-2096	jmiles@portsofindiana.com	All Situations
Port of Indiana-Mt. Vernon	Phillip Wilzbacher	812-833-2166	pwilzbacher@portsofindiana.com	All Situations
Queen City Terminals	Robert Nolan	513-708-4999	bobnolan@fzoomtown.net	All Situations
Southern States	Luke Fulkerson	270-302-9801	lukefulkerson@sscoop.com	All Situations
Tanco Clark Maritime LLC	Kimberly Moran	502-439-3669	kmoran@wolflakeinc.com	All Situations
Thornton Transportation	Nathan Schrader	502-937-7233	nathan.schrader@mythortons.com	All Situations
Trammo	Katrina Johnston	513-467-7314	katrina.johnston@lemmcorp.com	All Situations
Transmontaigne Evansville	Jason Smith	812-423-5427 w 812-228-6235 c	jcsmith@transmontaigne.com	All Situations
Transmontaigne Henderson	Ashley Bugg	270-830-6187 w 270-577-7031 c	abugg@transmontaigne.com	All Situations
Transmontaigne Kentuckiana	George Sheperd	812-948-2458	kentuckiana@transmontaigne.com	All Situations

Transmontaigne Louisville	George Sheperd	502-772-7575	louisville@transmontaigne.com	All Situations
Transmontaigne Owensboro	Chris Weeks	270-691-0096	cweeks@transmontaigne.com	All Situations
Transmontaigne Cincinnati	Dwayne Gray	859-331-0900 w 859-322-0275 c	dgray@transmontaigne.com	All Situations
Watco	Mitchell Christenson	270-927-8007	mitchell.christenson@watcocompanies.com	All Situations
Wooten's River Service	James Cruse	502-896-0317 812-288-2282	james@wootenriverservice.com	All Situations
Yager Materials, Inc.	Rick Voyles	270-926-3611	rick.voyles@yagermaterials.com	All Situations

3.A.4. MSU Paducah AOR Communications Plan

COMPANY / ORGANIZATION	DESIGNATED CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS	WHEN CONTACTED
American Commercial Barge Line (ACBL)	Harold Dodd	618-306-5985 c	Harold.Dodd@aclines.com	All Situations
American Cruise Lines	Andrew White Scott Bauby (PV Queen of the Mississippi, American Harmony & America)	202-909-2482 c 203-824-1591 c	Andrew.White@americancruiselines.com Scott.Bauby@americancruiselines.com	Low/High Water, Olmsted & Kentucky Lock & Dam Delays
American Queen Steamboat Company	Gary Frommelt (PV American Queen & American Duchess)	312-505-9384 c	gfrommelt@aqsc.com	Low/High Water, Olmsted & Kentucky Lock & Dam Delays
ARTCO/ADM	Bernie Heroff	314-481-8828 w 314-803-4644 c	Bernard.Heroff@adm.com	All Situations
Crounse Corporation	Randy Bowling Robbie Englert Jr	270-217-1148 c 270-559-2138 c	rbowling@crounse.com renglert@crounse.com	All Situations
Florida Marine	Troy Hotard David Goin	337-344-2959 c 985-237-0795 c	Troy.Hotard@flmarine.com David.Goin@flmarine.com	All Situations
Four River Fleeting Association	Mark Glaab	502-777-4318 c	Mark.Glaab@bargeacbl.com	High Water

French America Line	Greg Brown (PV Louisiane)	812-987-5493 c	gbrown@inlandmarineservice.com	Low/High Water
Hines Furlong Line Inc.	Reggie Tubbs	270-444-7011w 270-331-0516 c	rtubbs@hfline.com	All situations
Ingram Barge Co.	Billy Poindexter Jr. David Edgin Steve Southern Frank Johnson John Operle 24HR Dispatch:	270-853-2195 c 615-969-0751 c 270-210-7726 c 270-210-5912 c 270-210-6183 c 270-441-1630 w	Billy.PoindexterJr@ingrambarge.com David.Edgin@ingrambarge.com Steve.Southern@ingrambarge.com Frank.Johnson@ingrambarge.com John.Operle@ingrambarge.com	All Situations
Inland Marine Service	Dave Hammond	859-689-7707 w 859-802-9135 c	dhammond@inlandmarineservice.com	All Situations
Kirby Inland Marine	Shannon Hughes Jimbo Gibbens	225-202-3744 c 225-201-3007 w	Shannon.Hughes@kirbycorp.com Jimbo.Gibbens@kirbycorp.com	All Situations
Luhr Brothers, Inc.	Mike Dunn Rodney Linker Lloyd Miller (HSE)	618-340-5295 c 618-791-0760 c 618-920-0052 c	mdunn@luhr.com rlinker@luhr.com lmiller@luhr.com	Low Water Dredging Operations / Surveys
Magnolia Marine	Michael Carpenter	800-696-5921(24 hrs) 601-802-8613 w 601-618-6071 c	Michael.Carpenter@ergon.com	All Situations
Marathon Petroleum Corporation	Office number Mike Burdick James Mathis Greg Erwin Ted Ewing	606-739-2485 w 606-739-2443 w 606-585-3163 c 606-465-4060 c 606-547-6234 c 606-923-1070 c	mcburdick@marathonpetroleum.com jmathis@marathonpetroleum.com gserwin@marathonpetroleum.com twewing@marathonpetroleum.com	All Situations
Marquette Transportation	Gary Frayser	270-744-4312 w 270-556-6391 c	gfrayser@marquettetrans.com	All Situations
McGinnis, Inc - Excell Marine	Robert Englert III Ron Lauder	270-556-7873 c 256-744-4205 c	renglert@nmrky.com rlauder@mcginnisinc.com	All Situations

National Maintenance & Repair of Kentucky	Larry Salyers Will Colinger (HSE) Ron Lauder	270-559-6492 c 270-252-6792 c 256-744-4205 c	lsalyers@nmrky.com wcolinger@nmrky.com rlauder@mcginnisinc.com	All Situations
Pine Bluff Materials Co.	Gene Whelan	615-514-1458 w 270-969-1393 c	Gene.WheLAN@pbmat.com	All Situations
River Marine Enterprises	David Smith	270-534-5693 w 606-547-7112 c	davidsmith.rme@gmail.com	All Situations
Seamen's Church Institute	Dave Dewey John Arenstam	270-575-1005 w 240-682-2606 c	ddewey@seamenschurch.org jarenstam@seamenschurch.org	Industry Assistance
Tennessee Valley Towing	Harley Hall Barry Gipson	270-554-0154 w 270-210-2338 c 270-519-9543	hhall@tennesseevalleytowing.com bgipson@jamesmarine.com	All Situations
Western Rivers Boat Management	Ronnie Griffin	270-444-4772 w 270-519-0285 c	rgriffin@westernriversboat.com	All situations

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Sector Commander	CAPT Amy Beach	502-779-5411	Amy.M.Beach@uscg.mil	All Situations
Deputy Sector Cmd'er Ohio Valley	CDR Randy Waddington	502-779-5412	Randy.S.Waddington@uscg.mil	All Situations
Chief, Prevention	CDR Judson Wheeler	502-779-5448	Judson.B.Wheeler@uscg.mil	All Situations
U.S. Coast Guard Sector Ohio Valley Buoy Tenders	BOSN Scott Kahle Sector SOHV Comms Center	502-779-5301 1-800-253-7465	Kenneth.S.Kahle@uscg.mil STL-SMB-SECOHV-CommandCTR@uscg.mil	Aids to Navigation Issues
U.S. Coast Guard MSU Paducah	CDR Luis Carmona LT Tim Veach	270-442-1621 x 2101 w 270-442-1621 x 2119w 270-217-8430 c	Luis.O.Carmona@uscg.mil Timothy.G.Veach@uscg.mil	All Situations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District Office	Chief of Technical Support Tracey Keel	502-315-6694 w 502-381-0750 c	tracey.l.keel@usace.army.mil	Dredging Ops Nav Channel Surveys
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District Office	Chief, Operations Division Tim Fudge	502-315-6731 w	Timothy.C.Fudge@usace.army.mil	All Situations

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District Office	Deputy Chief, Operations Division Waylon Humphrey	502-315-6662 w 502-548-5373 c	waylon.d.humphrey@usace.army.mil	All Situations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District Office	District L&D Manager Brad Stout	502-523-4976 c	Brad.M.Stout@usace.army.mil	Lock & Dam Operations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District Office	District L&D Assist. Mgr Ryan Lawrence	502-232-3141	Ryan.T.Lawrence@usace.army.mil	Lock & Dam Operations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District Smithland Lock and Dam	Smithland Lockmaster Jeffrey Kelly	618-564-2315 w 618-697-4779	jeffrey.w.kelly@usace.army.mil	Ohio River Low / High Water
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District Olmsted Lock and Dam	Olmsted Lockmaster Rodney “Shane” Byassee	618-317-7315 c	Rodney.S.Byassee@usace.army.mil	Ohio River Low / High Water
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Cairo, IL GAUGE Reading	Cairo, IL GAUGE Phone Number	901-544-3634 800-317-4156 x3634	Not Applicable	Ohio River Low / High Water
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District (Kentucky/Barkley Lock and Dam)	Lockmaster “Caleb” Skinner	270-362-4226 w 270-508-1319 c	john.c.skinner@usace.army.mil	TN/Cumberland River: Low / High Water
Tennessee Valley Authority (Kentucky and Barkley L&D)	River Forecast Center (lead enr) Nikki Berger	865-632-7063 (24 hr) 865-632-8980 w 865-322-0013 c	rsolead@tva.gov ncberger@tva.gov	Ohio River Low Water
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Paducah, KY Flood Protection Project Levee Manager	Superintendent Kenny Brannon	270-444-8563 w 270-994-7394 c	kbrannon@paducahky.gov	Ohio River High Water Levee Concerns
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Brookport, IL Flood Protection Project Levee Manager	Mayor Tammy Wessel	618-564-2351 w	citygov@shawneelink.net	Ohio River High Water Levee Concerns

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Golconda, IL Flood Protection Project Levee Manager	Mayor Jon Broadway	618-683-3341	citygol@shawneelink.com	Ohio River High Water Levee Concerns
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rosiclare, IL Flood Protection Project Levee Manager	Wastewater Superintendent Mike Smith	618-285-3383	No email	Ohio River High Water Levee Concerns
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sturgis, KY Flood Protection Project Levee Manager	Superintendent Public Works Jeff Wilson	270-333-2166	cosgov@earthlink.net	Ohio River High Water Levee Concerns
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Shawneetown, IL Flood Protection Project Levee Manager	Superintendent Laurence Randall	618-313-0278 c	thevillageofoldshawneetown@gmail.com	Ohio River High Water Levee Concerns
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District Cumberland River & Tennessee Water Control Issues	Water Management Anthony Rodino	615-736-5675 w 615-476-3023 c	Anthony.Rodino@usace.army.mil	Cumberland & Tennessee River: Low / High Water
Tennessee Valley Authority Tennessee River Water Control Issues	River Forecast Center TVA – Nikki Berger	865-632-7063 (24 hr) 865-632-8980 w 865-322-0013 c 865-632-8980 w 865-322-0013 c	rsolead@tva.gov ncberger@tva.gov	Tennessee River: Low / High Water

3.A.4.a. Ohio River (Cairo-Smithland) Towing Industry Communications Plan (ICE)

The Ohio River Ice Committee (ICE) MSU Paducah AOR is an ad hoc committee of the Ohio River towing companies formed to address navigation problems during the major ice event of 1977 – 1978 on the Ohio River. Subsequent to this crisis, the committee has evolved to address all issues concerning Ohio River navigation, especially issues related to river conditions in the Lower Ohio River Valley area, and is the major liaison between the towing industry, the Coast Guard, and the Army Corps of Engineers stretching from Smithland, IL to Cairo, IL. The Ice Committee also addresses river conditions impacting the Tennessee River and the Cumberland River. The Ice Committee is coordinated by a volunteer chairman from industry.

COMPANY / ORGANIZATION	DESIGNATED CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS	WHEN CONTACTED
American Commercial Barge Line (ACBL)	Harold Dodd Mike Morris	618-306-5985 c 314-602-1504 c	Harold.Dodd@aclines.com mike.morris@aclines.com	All Situations
American Cruise Lines	Andrew White (PV Queen of the Mississippi & America)	202-909-2482 c	Andrew.White@americancruiselines.com	Low/High Water, Olmsted & Kentucky Lock & Dam Delays
American Queen Steamboat Company	Gary Frommelt (PV American Queen & American Duchess)	312-505-9384 c	gfrommelt@aqsc.com	Low/High Water, Olmsted & Kentucky Lock & Dam Delays
ARTCO/ADM	Bruce Hussell	314-481-8828 w 314-803-4643 c	bruce.hussell@adm.com	All Situations
Crounse Corporation	Randy Bowling Robbie Englert Jr	270-217-1148 c 270-559-2138 c	Hrbowling@crounse.com Hrenglert@crounse.com	All Situations
Florida Marine	Troy Hotard David Goin	337-344-2959 c 985-237-0795 c	Troy.Hotard@flmarine.com David.Goin@fmtdry.com	All Situations
Four Rivers Fleeting Association	Todd Brown	270-832-2379 c	Todd.Brown@ingram.com	High Water
French America Line	Greg Brown (PV Louisiane)	812-987-5493 c	gbrown@inlandmarineservice.com	Low/High Water, Olmsted & Kentucky Lock & Dam Delays
Hines Furlong Line	Reggie Tubbs Glenn Hendon	270-331-0516 c 270-417-5638 c	rtubbs@hfline.com ghendon@hfline.com	All situations

COMPANY / ORGANIZATION	DESIGNATED CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS	WHEN CONTACTED
Ingram Barge Co.	Billy Poindexter Jr. David Edgin Steve Southern Frank Johnson John Operle	270-853-2195 c 615-969-0751 c 270-210-7726 c 270-210-5912 c 270-210-6183 c 24HR Dispatch: 270-441-1630	Billy.PoindexterJr@ingrambarge.com David.Edgin@ingrambarge.com Steve.Southern@ingrambarge.com Frank.Johnson@ingrambarge.com John.Operle@ingrambarge.com	All Situations
Inland Marine Service	Dave Hammond	859-689-7707 w 859-802-9135 c	dhammond@inlandmarineservice.com	All Situations
Kirby Inland Marine	Shannon Hughes Jimbo Gibbens	225-202-3744 c 225-201-3007 w	Shannon.Hughes@kirbycorp.com Jimbo.Gibbens@kirbycorp.com	All Situations
Luhr Brothers, Inc.	Mike Dunn Rodney Linker Lloyd Miller (HSE)	618-340-5295 c 618-791-0760 c 618-920-0052 c	mdunn@luhr.com rlinker@luhr.com lmiller@luhr.com	Low Water Dredging Operations / Surveys
Magnolia Marine	Michael Carpenter	800-696-5921(24 hrs) 601-802-8613 w 601-618-6071 c	Michael.Carpenter@ergon.com	All Situations
Marathon Petroleum Corporation	Office number Mike Burdick James Mathis Greg Erwin Ted Ewing	606-739-2485 w 606-739-2443 w 606-585-3163 c 606-465-4060 c 606-547-6234 c 606-923-1070 c	mcburdick@marathonpetroleum.com jmmathis@marathonpetroleum.com gserwin@marathonpetroleum.com twewing@marathonpetroleum.com	All Situations
Marquette Transportation	Gary Frayser	270-744-4312 w 270-556-6391 c	gfrayser@marquettettrans.com	All Situations
McGinnis, Inc - Excell Marine	Robert Englert III Ron Lauder	270-556-7873 c 256-744-4205 c	renglert@nmrky.com rlauder@mcginnisinc.com	All Situations
National Maintenance & Repair of Kentucky	Larry Salyers Will Colinger (HSE) Ron Lauder	270-559-6492 c 270-252-6792 c 256-744-4205 c	lsalyers@nmrky.com wcolinger@nmrky.com rlauder@mcginnisinc.com	All Situations

Pine Bluff Materials Co.	Gene Whelan	615-514-1458 w 270-969-1393 c	Gene.WheLAN@pbmat.com	All Situations
River Marine Enterprises	David Smith	270-534-5693 w 606-547-7112 c	davidsmith.rme@gmail.com	All Situations
Seamen's Church Institute	Dave Dewey John Arenstam	270-575-1005 w 240-682-2606 c	ddewey@seamenschurch.org jarenstam@seamenschurch.org	Industry Assistance
Tennessee Valley Towing	Harley Hall Gordon Southern	270-554-0154 w 270-210-2338 c 270-210-9920 c	hhall@tennesseevalleytowing.com gsouthern@tennesseevalleytowing.com	All Situations
Western Rivers Boat Management	Ronnie Griffin	270-444-4772 w 270-519-0285 c	rgriffin@westernriversboat.com	All situations

3.A.4.b. MSU Paducah AOR Government Contacts

GOVERNMENT AGENCY	DESIGNATED CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS	WHEN CONTACTED
U.S. Coast Guard MSU Paducah	CDR Luis Carmona LT Tim Veach	270-442-1621 x 2101 270-442-1621x2119w 270-217-8430c	HLuis.O.Carmona@uscg.mil Timothy.G.Veach@uscg.mil	All Situations
U.S. Coast Guard Sector Ohio Valley Buoy Tenders	BOSN Scott Kahle Sector SOHV Comms Center	502-779-5301 1-800-253-7465	Kenneth.S.Kahle@uscg.mil STL-SMB-SECOHV-CTR@uscg.mil	Aids to Navigation Issues
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District Office	Chief of Technical Support Tracey Keel	502-315-6694 w 502-381-0750 c	tracey.l.keel@usace.army.mil	Dredging Ops Nav Channel Surveys
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District Office	Chief, Operations Division Tim Fudge	502-315-6731 w	Timothy.C.Fudge@usace.army.mil	All Situations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District Office	Deputy Chief, Operations Division Waylon Humphrey	502-315-6662 w 502-548-5373 c	waylon.d.humphrey@usace.army.mil	All Situations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District Office	District L&D Manager Brad Stout	502-523-4976 c	Brad.M.Stout@usace.army.mil	Lock & Dam Operations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District Office	District L&D Assist. Mgr Ryan Lawrence	502-232-3141 c	Ryan.T.Lawrence@usace.army.mil	Lock & Dam Operations

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District Smithland Lock and Dam	Smithland Lockmaster Jeffrey Kelly	618-564-2315 w 618-697-4779	jeffrey.w.kelly@usace.army.mil	Ohio River Low / High Water
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District Olmsted Lock and Dam	Olmsted Lockmaster Rodney “Shane” Byassee	618-317-7315 c	Rodney.S.Byassee@usace.army.mil	Ohio River Low / High Water
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Cairo, IL GAUGE Reading	Cairo, IL GAUGE Phone Number	901-544-3634 800-317-4156 x3634	Not Applicable	Ohio River Low / High Water
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District (Kentucky/Barkley Lock and Dam)	Lockmaster “Caleb” Skinner	270-362-4226 w 270-508-1319 c	john.c.skinner@usace.army.mil	TN/Cumberland River: Low / High Water
Tennessee Valley Authority (Kentucky and Barkley L&D)	<u>River Forecast Center (lead enr)</u> Nikki Berger	865-632-7063 (24 hr) 865-632-8980 w 865-322-0013 c	rsolead@tva.gov ncberger@tva.gov	Ohio River Low Water
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Paducah, KY Flood Protection Project Levee Manager	Superintendent Kenny Brannon	270-444-8563 w 270-994-7394 c	kbrannon@paducahky.gov	Ohio River High Water Levee Concerns
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Brookport, IL Flood Protection Project Levee Manager	Mayor Tammy Wessel	618-564-2351 w	citygov@shawneelink.net	Ohio River High Water Levee Concerns
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Golconda, IL Flood Protection Project Levee Manager	Mayor Jon Broadway	618-683-3341	citygol@shawneelink.com	Ohio River High Water Levee Concerns
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rosiclare, IL Flood Protection Project Levee Manager	Wastewater Superintendent Mike Smith	618-285-3383	No email	Ohio River High Water Levee Concerns
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sturgis, KY Flood Protection Project Levee Manager	Superintendent Public Works Jeff Wilson	270-333-2166	cosgov@earthlink.net	Ohio River High Water Levee Concerns

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Shawneetown, IL Flood Protection Project	Superintendent Laurence Randall	618-313-0278 c	thevillageofoldshawneetown@gmail.com	Ohio River High Water Levee Concerns
Tennessee Valley Authority Tennessee River Water Control Issues	River Forecast Center (lead engr) Nikki Berger	865-632-7063 (24 hr) 865-632-8980 w 865-322-0013 c	rslead@tva.gov ncberger@tva.gov	Tennessee River: Low / High Water

3.A.5. Ohio Valley Internet Information Communications Plan

INTERNET SITE PURPOSE	ADDRESS
Incident Command System (ICS) Courses – Response Training	http://training.fema.gov/EMIWEB/IS/crslist.asp
Kentucky / Barkley Lock & Dam Information	http://explorekentuckylake.com/weather.htm
Lock & Dam Vessel Queues	http://corpslocks.usace.army.mil/lpwb/f?p=121:3:0:
National Incident Management System (NIMS) Courses – Response Training	http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp
National Response Center (NRC) – Report Pollution / Terrorist Activity	http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/ContactUs.aspx
National Weather Service (NWS) – River Forecasts	http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lmrfc/?n=lmrhc-mississippiandohioriverforecast
River Industry Bulletin Board (R.I.B.B.)	http://www.ribb.com/index.php
Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) – TNR / CMR	https://www.tva.gov/Environment/Lake-Levels
Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) – Barkley L&D Flows	http://lakeinfo.tva.gov/htbin/lakeinfo?site=BAH&DataType=All&submit=View+info
Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) – Kentucky L&D Flows	http://lakeinfo.tva.gov/htbin/lakeinfo?site=KYH&DataType=All&submit=View+info
The River School – River Training & Orientation	http://www.riverschool.com/
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – River Gauges	http://rivergages.mvr.usace.army.mil/WaterControl/new/layout.cfm
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – River Navigation Charts	http://www.agc.army.mil/Missions/Echarts/InlandChartBooks.aspx
U.S. Coast Guard Port Security Directorate (MTSA Info)	http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/Inspections-Compliance-CG-5PC-/International-Domestic-Port-Assessment/International-Port-Security-Program-Port-Security-Advisory/
U.S. Coast Guard – Eighth District Site – New Orleans, LA	https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/new-orleans
U.S. Coast Guard – Sector Ohio Valley – Louisville, KY	https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/ohio-valley
U.S. Coast Guard - Sector Lower Mississippi – Memphis, TN	https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/lower-mississippi-river-(memphis)
U.S. Coast Guard - Sector Upper Mississippi – St. Louis MO	https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/upper-mississippi-river-(st-louis)

3.B. Mississippi River Communications Plan

3.B.1. Upper Mississippi River

The River Industry Action Committee (RIAC) is a committee of the Upper Mississippi River and the lower Ohio River towing companies, formed to address navigation problems during significant changes in river conditions such as extreme low water and high water events. The committee has evolved to address all issues concerning Upper Mississippi River navigation and is the major liaison between the towing industry, the Coast Guard, and the Army Corps of Engineers for river conditions on the UMR in MSU Paducah's AOR. RIAC is coordinated by a volunteer chairman from industry.

3.B.1.a. Upper Mississippi River Towing Industry Communications Plan (RIAC)

COMPANY / ORGANIZATION	DESIGNATED CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS	WHEN CONTACTED
American Commercial Barge Line (ACBL)	Harold Dodd	618-306-5985 c	harold.dodd@aclines.com	All Situations
ARTCO/ADM	Bernie Heroff	314-803-4644 c	Bernard.Heroff@adm.com	All Situations
Crounse Corporation	Randy Bowling Robbie Englert Jr	270-217-1148 c 270-559-2138 c	rbowling@crounse.com renglert@crounse.com	All Situations
Florida Marine	Troy Hotard David Goin	337-344-2959 c 985-237-0795 c	troy.hotard@flmarine.com David.Goin@flmarine.com	All Situations
Ingram Barge Co.	Ed Henleben Frank Johnson John Operle David Edgin	314-304-2557 c 270-210-5912 c 270-210-6183 c 615-969-0751 c	Ed.Henleben@ingrambarge.com Frank.johnson@ingrambarge.com John.operle@ingrambarge.com David.Edgin@ingrambarge.com	All Situations
Kirby Inland Marine	Shannon Hughes Jimbo Gibbens	225-202-3744 c 225-201-3007 w	Shannon.Hughes@kirbycorp.com Jimbo.Gibbens@kirbycorp.com	All Situations

COMPANY / ORGANIZATION	DESIGNATED CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS	WHEN CONTACTED
Luhr Brothers, Inc.	Mike Dunn Rodney Linker Lloyd Miller (HSE)	618-340-5295 c 618-791-0760 c 618-920-0052 c	mdunn@luhr.com rlinker@luhr.com lmiller@luhr.com	Low Water Dredging Operations / Surveys
Marquette Transportation	Gary Frayser	270-744-4312 w 270-556-6391 c	gfrayser@marquettettrans.com	All Situations
River Industry Action Committee (RIAC) Chairman (primary POC for St. Louis USACE District AOR)	Bernie Heroff	314-803-4644 c	Bernard.Heroff@adm.com	All Situations
River Marine Enterprises	David Smith	270-534-5693 w 606-547-7112 c	davidsmith.rme@gmail.com	All Situations
Tennessee Valley Towing	Harley Hall Barry Gipson	270-210-2338 c 270-519-9543	hhall@tennesseevalleytowing.com bgipson@jamesmarine.com	All Situations

3.B.1.b. Upper Mississippi River Government Agency Communications Plan

GOVERNMENT AGENCY	DESIGNATED CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS	WHEN CONTACTED
U.S. Coast Guard Sector Ohio Valley Sector Command	CAPT Amy Beach CDR Randy Waddington CDR Judson Wheeler	502-779-5411 w 502-779-5412 w 502-779-5448 w	Amy.M.Beach@uscg.mil randy.s.waddington@uscg.mil Judson.B.Wheeler@uscg.mil	All Situations
U.S. Coast Guard Sector Ohio Valley Buoy Tenders	BOSN Scott Kahle Sector SOHV Comms Center	502-779-5301 w 1-800-253-7465	Kenneth.S.Kahle@uscg.mil STL-SMB-SECOHV-CmdCTR@uscg.mil	Aids to Navigation Issues
U.S. Coast Guard MSU Paducah	CDR Luis Carmona LT Tim Veach	270-442-1621 x 2101w 270-442-1621 x 2119w 270-217-8430 c	Luis.O.Carmona@uscg.mil Timothy.G.Veach@uscg.mil	All Situations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers St. Louis District Office	Dredging Project Manager Lance Engle	314-865-6343 314-952-5197 c	Lance.Engle@usace.army.mil	Dredging, Hydro Surveyors, Sunken Vessels, Channel Patrol/Buoy Assistance
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers St. Louis District Office	Chief Water Control Joan Stemler	314-331-8330 w 314-630-6292 c	Joan.M.Stemler@usace.army.mil	All Situations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers St. Louis District Office	Chief Hydraulic Design Section Dave Gordon	314-331-8358 w 314-605-4379 c	David.Gordon@usace.army.mil	All Situations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers St. Louis District Office	Chief Engineering Data Mgmt. (Hydrographic Surveys) Paul Clouse Keith Short (Interim)	314-331-8390 w 314-331-8867 w	Paul.Clouse@usace.army.mil Keith.L.Short@usace.army.mil	All Situations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers St. Louis District Office	Chief, Rivers Project Office Andy Schimpf	636-899-0044 w	Andrew.C.Schimpf@usace.army.mil	All Situations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers St. Louis District Office	Asst. Chief Rivers Project Office Karen Watwood	636-899-0055 w	Karen.Watwood@usace.army.mil	All Situation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers St. Louis District Office	Chief Readiness Branch (Emergency Operations) Matthew Hunn	314-331-8568 w	Matthew.J.Hunn@usace.army.mil	All Situations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers St. Louis District Office	Chief Operations Regulatory & Readiness Division Lou DellOrco	314-331-8100 w	Lou.DellOrco@usace.army.mil	Flooding, Flood Fight, Levees, Natural Disasters

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers St. Louis District Office	Asst. Chief, Operations Regulatory & Readiness Division Ashley Cox	314-331-8110 w 314-623-9075 c	ashley.n.cox@usace.army.mil	All Situation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Cairo, IL	Cairo, IL GAUGE Phone Number	901-544-3634	Not Applicable	Upper Miss. Low / High Water Gauge Reading
GOVERNMENT AGENCY	DESIGNATED CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS	WHEN CONTACTED
City Planner Cape Girardeau, MO Flood Protection Project Levee Manager	Superintendent Kenny Brannon	573-334-8326 w 270-994-7394	kbrannon@paducahky.gov	Upper Miss. River High Water
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Memphis District Birds Point Protection Project Levee Manager	Birds Point Levee Emergency Manager Steven Barry	901-544-3401 901-409-9543	Steven.Barry@usace.army.mil	Upper Miss. / Ohio River High Water

3.B.1.c. Upper Mississippi River Internet Information Communications Plan

INTERNET SITE PURPOSE	ADDRESS
Incident Command System (ICS) Courses – Response Training	http://training.fema.gov/EMIWEB/IS/crslist.asp
Lock & Dam Vessel Queues	http://corpslocks.usace.army.mil/lpwb/f?p=121:3:0:
National Incident Management System (NIMS) Courses – Response Training	http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp
National Response Center (NRC) – Report Pollution / Terrorist Activity	http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/ContactUs.aspx
National Weather Service (NWS) – River Forecasts	http://www.riverwatch.noaa.gov/u_mississippi.shtml
River Industry Bulletin Board (R.I.B.B.)	http://www.ribb.com/index.php
The River School – River Training & Orientation	http://www.riverschool.com/
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Channel Patrol:	http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/Surveys/ChannelPatrol.aspx
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Navigation Information Connection:	http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation.aspx
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – River Gauges	http://rivergages.mvr.usace.army.mil/WaterControl/new/layout.cfm
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – River Navigation Charts	http://www.agc.army.mil/Missions/Echarts/InlandChartBooks.aspx
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Weekly Navigation Status Reports:	http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/StatusReports.aspx
U.S. Coast Guard – Eighth District Site – New Orleans, LA	https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/new-orleans
U.S. Coast Guard - Marine Safety Unit – Paducah, KY	https://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/channelView.do?channelId=-24885&channelPage=%2Fep%2Fchannel%2Fdefault.jsp&pageTypeId=13489
U.S. Coast Guard Port Security Directorate (MTSA Info)	https://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/channelView.do?channelId=-24885&channelPage=%2Fep%2Fchannel%2Fdefault.jsp&pageTypeId=13489
U.S. Coast Guard – Sector Ohio Valley – Louisville, KY	https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/ohio-valley
U.S. Coast Guard – Sector Upper Miss. River - St. Louis, MS	https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/upper-mississippi-river-(st-louis)

3.B.2. Lower Mississippi River

Lower Mississippi River Committee (LOMRC) is a committee of the Lower Mississippi River and the lower Ohio River towing companies, formed to address navigation problems during significant changes in river conditions such as extreme low water and high water events. The committee has evolved to address all issues concerning Lower Mississippi River navigation and is the major liaison between the towing industry, the Coast Guard, and the Army Corps of Engineers for river conditions on the LMR in MSU Paducah's AOR. LOMRC is coordinated by a volunteer chairman from industry.

3.B.2.a. Lower Mississippi River Towing Industry Communications Plan (LOMRC)

COMPANY / ORGANIZATION	DESIGNATED CONTACT	OFFICE PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS	WHEN CONTACTED
American Commercial Barge Line (ACBL)	Harold Dodd Mike Morris	618-306-5985 c 341-602-1504	Harold.Dodd@aclines.com Tom.damotte@aclines.com	All Situations
ARTCO/ADM	Bruce Hussell	314-803-4643 c	bruce.hussell@adm.com	All Situations
Canal Barge Line	Paul Barnes	504-908-0828 c	pbarnes@canalbarge.com	All Situations
Ergon Marine	Danny Koestler	601-831-4711 c	danny.koestler@ergon.com	All Situations
Florida Marine	Troy Hotard David Goin	337-344-2959 c 985-237-0795 c	troy.hotard@flmarine.com david.goin@fmtdry.com	All Situations
Ingram Barge Co.	Frank Johnson John Operle Tom More David Edgin	270-210-5912 c 270-210-6183 c 618-638-3150 c 615-969-0751 c	frank.johnson@ingrambarge.com john.operle@ingrambarge.com tom.more@ingrambarge.com david.edgin@ingrambarge.com	All Situations

COMPANY / ORGANIZATION	DESIGNATED CONTACT	OFFICE PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS	WHEN CONTACTED
Kirby Inland Marine	Shannon Hughes Jimbo Gibbens	225-202-3744 c 225-201-3007 w	Shannon.Hughes@kirbycorp.com Jimbo.Gibbens@kirbycorp.com	All Situations
Lower Mississippi River Committee (LOMRC)	LOMRC Chairman Frank Johnson	270-210-5912 c	frank.johnson@ingrambarge.com	All Situations
Lower Mississippi River Committee (LOMRC)	LOMRC Co-Chair David Goin	985-564-6149 c	david.goin@fmtdry.com	All Situations
Luhr Brothers, Inc.	Mike Dunn Rodney Linker Lloyd Miller (HSE)	618-340-5295 c 618-791-0760 c 618-920-0052 c	mdunn@luhr.com rlinker@luhr.com lmiller@luhr.com	All Situations Low Water Dredging Operations / Surveys
Magnolia Marine	Michael Carpenter	800-696-5921(24 hrs) 601-618-6071 c	michael.carpenter@ergon.com	All Situations
Marquette Transportation	Gary Frayser	270-556-6391 c	gfrayser@marquettettrans.com	All Situations
Tennessee Valley Towing	Harley Hall Gordon Southern	270-210-2338 c 270-210-9920 c	hhall@tennesseevalleytowing.com gsouthern@tennesseevalleytowing.com	All Situations

3.B.2.b. Lower Mississippi River Government Agency Communications Plan

U.S. Coast Guard Sector Ohio Valley Sector Command	CAPT Amy Beach CDR Randy Waddington CDR Judson Wheeler	502-779-5411 w 502-779-5412 w 502-779-5448 w	Amy.M.Beach@uscg.mil randy.s.waddington@uscg.mil Judson.B.Wheeler@uscg.mil	All Situations
U.S. Coast Guard Sector Ohio Valley Buoy Tenders	BOSN Scott Kahle Sector SOHV Comms Center	502-779-5301 w 1-800-253-7465	kenneth.s.kahle@uscg.mil STL-SMB-SECOHV-CmdCTR@uscg.mil	Aids to Navigation Issues
U.S. Coast Guard MSU Paducah	CDR Luis Carmona LT Tim Veach	270-442-1621 X 2101 w 270-442-1621 x 2119w 270-217-8430 c	Luis.O.Carmona@uscg.mil Timothy.G.Veach@uscg.mil	All Situations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Cairo, IL GAUGE Reading	Cairo, IL GAUGE Phone Number	901-544-3634	Not Applicable	Lower Miss. River Low / High Water
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Memphis District	Chief, Operations Division Don Mayer	901-544-3764 w 901-355-0147 c	Donald.V.Mayer@usace.army.mil	Lower Miss. River Low / High Water
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Memphis District	Chief, Watershed Division Birds Point Protection Plan Chuck Sadie	601-831-5710 c	Charles.E.Shadie@usace.army.mil	Cairo Point High Water

3.B.2.c. Lower Mississippi River Internet Information Communications Plan

INTERNET SITE PURPOSE	ADDRESS
Incident Command System (ICS) Courses – Response Training	http://training.fema.gov/EMIWEB/IS/crslist.asp
Lock & Dam Vessel Queues	http://corpslocks.usace.army.mil/lpwb/f?p=121:3:0:
National Incident Management System (NIMS) Courses – Response Training	http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp
National Response Center (NRC) – Report Pollution / Terrorist Activity	http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/ContactUs.aspx
National Weather Service (NWS) – River Forecasts	http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lmrfc/?n=lmrhc-mississippiandohioriverforecast
River Industry Bulletin Board (R.I.B.B.)	http://www.ribb.com/index.php
The River School – River Training & Orientation	http://www.riverschool.com/
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – River Gauges	http://rivergages.mvr.usace.army.mil/WaterControl/new/layout.cfm
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – River Navigation Charts	http://www.agc.army.mil/Missions/Echarts/InlandChartBooks.aspx
U.S. Coast Guard – Eighth District Site – New Orleans, LA	https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/new-orleans
U.S. Coast Guard - Marine Safety Unit – Paducah, KY	MSU Paducah Via Sector Ohio Valley Homeport
U.S. Coast Guard Port Security Directorate (MTSA Info)	https://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/channelView.do?channelId=-24885&channelPage=%2Fep%2Fchannel%2Fdefault.jsp&pageTypeId=13489
U.S. Coast Guard – Sector Ohio Valley – Louisville, KY	https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/ohio-valley
U.S. Coast Guard – Sector Lower Mississippi River – Memphis, TN	https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/lower-mississippi-river-(memphis)

3.C. Tennessee River Communications Plan

The Tennessee and Cumberland River Industry Committee (TCIC) MSD Nashville and MSU Paducah AOR serves as the primary committee for communicating among the towing companies operating on the Tennessee and Cumberland River within the Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment Nashville and Marine Safety Unit Paducah Area of Responsibility. The TCIC Committee Chairman serves as the primary point of contact for relaying information, coordinating meetings, and setting up conference calls between all federal agencies and the towing industry. The primary purpose of the TCIC Committee is to address all issues concerning Tennessee and Cumberland River navigation and to act as the major liaison between the towing industry, the Coast Guard, the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Army Corps of Engineers throughout the Tennessee and Cumberland River Valley.

3.C.1. Tennessee River Towing Industry Communications Plan

COMPANY / ORGANIZATION	DESIGNATED CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS	WHEN CONTACTED
American Commercial Barge Line (ACBL)	Harold Dodd	618-306-5985 c	harold.dodd@aclines.com	All Situations
Canal Barge Lines	Paul Barnes	504-908-0828 c	Hpbarnes@canalbarge.comH	All Situations
Crounse Corporation	Randy Bowling Robbie Englert Jr	270-217-1148 c 270-559-2138 c	Hrbowling@crounse.comH renglert@crounse.com	All Situations
Hines Furlong Line Inc.	Reggie Tubbs	270-331-0516 c	rtubbs@hfline.com	All Situations
Ingram Barge Co.	Steve Southern Billy Poindexter Jr. David Edgin John Operle Frank Johnson	270-210-7726 c 270-853-2195 c 615-969-0751 c 270-210-6183 c 270-210-5912 c	HSteve.Southern@ingrambarge.comH HBilly.PoindexterJr@ingrambarge.comH David.Edgin@ingrambarge.com John.Operle@ingrambarge.com Frank.Johnson@ingrambarge.com	All Situations
Magnolia Marine	Michael Carpenter	800-696-5921 (24 hrs) 601-618-6071 c	michael.carpenter@ergon.com	All Situations
Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel	Brandon Robertson Jay McDaniel	318-308-8403 c 225-978-2984 c	Brandon.Robertson@pbsgc.com	All Situations
Serodino	Travis Schrimsher Peter Serodino IV	423-942-7000 w 404-852-5724 c 423-443-8251 c	travis@serodinoinc.com peteriv@serodinoinc.com	All Situations
Tennessee and Cumberland River Industry Committee (TCIC)	TCIC Chairman Harley Hall	270-210-2338 c	hhall@tennesseevalleytowing.com	All Situations
Tennessee Valley Towing (TVT)	Harley Hall Barry Gipson	270-210-2338 c 270-519-9543	hhall@tennesseevalleytowing.com bgipson@jamesmarine.com	All Situations

3.C.2. Tennessee River Government Agencies Communications Plan

GOVERNMENT AGENCY	DESIGNATED CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS	WHEN CONTACTED
U.S. Coast Guard Sector Ohio Valley Sector Command	CAPT Amy Beach CDR Randy Waddington CDR Judson Wheeler	502-779-5411 w 502-779-5412 w 502-779-5448 w	Amy.M.Beach@uscg.mil randy.s.waddington@uscg.mil Judson.B.Wheeler@uscg.mil	All Situations
U.S. Coast Guard Sector Ohio Valley Buoy Tenders	BOSN Scott Kahle Sector SOHV Comms Center	502-779-5301 w 1-800-253-7465	Kenneth.S.Kahle@uscg.mil STL-SMB-SECOHV-CmdCTR@uscg.mil	Aids to Navigation Issues
U.S. Coast Guard MSU Paducah	CDR Luis Carmona LT Tim Veach	270-442-1621 x 2101 w 270-442-1621 x 2110 w 270-210-4742 c	Luis.O.Carmona@uscg.mil Timothy.G.Veach@uscg.mil	All Situations
U.S. Coast Guard MSD Nashville	LCDR Robert Gay	615-736-5421	Robert.S.Gay@uscg.mil	All Situations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District Office	District L&D Manager Brad Stout	502-523-4976 c	Brad.M.Stout@usace.army.mil	Lock & Dam Operations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District Office	District L&D Assist. Mgr Ryan Lawrence	502-315-6636 w 502-232-3141 c	Ryan.T.Lawrence@usace.army.mil	Lock & Dam Operations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District Kentucky & Barkley L&D	Lockmaster Caleb Skinner	270-362-4226 w 270-508-1319 c	john.c.skinner@usace.army.mil	Tennessee & Ohio River: Low/High Water and Lock & Dam Operations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District	Chief, Operations Division Diane Parks	615-736-7273 w 615-804-6762 c	diane.e.parks@usace.army.mil	All Situations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District	Chief, Navigation Branch John Tribble	615-736-7809 w 615-347-1746 c	john.d.tribble@usace.army.mil	All Situations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District	Chief, Technical Svc Branch Chris Atkins	615-736-2030 w 615-981-2446 c	christopher.l.atkins@usace.army.mil	All Situations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District	Civil Engineer Tech Owen Traughber	615-347-8157 c	owen.traughber@usace.army.mil	Tennessee & Ohio River: Low/High Water, Groundings, Surveys
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District Cumberland & Tennessee River Water Control Issues	Chief, Water Management Anthony Rodino	615-736-5675 w 615-476-3023 c	Anthony.Rodino@usace.army.mil	Cumberland & Tennessee River: Low / High Water
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District	Chief, Emergency Mgmt. Jerry Breznican	615-736-7931 w 615-347-7849 c	Jerry.Breznican@usace.army.mil	All Situations

Tennessee Valley Authority (Kentucky & Barkley L&D)	<u>River Forecast Center-Lead Engr</u> Nikki Berger	865-632-7063 (24 hrs) 865-632-8980 w 865-322-0013 c	rsolead@tva.gov ncberger@tva.gov	Tennessee, Cumberland, Ohio River: Low/High Water
Tennessee Valley Authority Tennessee River- Water Control Issues	Nikki Berger	865-632-7063 (24 hrs) 865-632-8980 w 865-322-0013 c	ncberger@tva.gov rsolead@tva.gov	Tennessee River: Low/High Water

3.C.3. Tennessee River Internet Information Communications Plan

INTERNET SITE PURPOSE	ADDRESS
Incident Command System (ICS) Courses – Response Training	http://training.fema.gov/EMIWEB/IS/crslist.asp
Kentucky / Barkley Lock & Dam Information	http://explorekentuckylake.com/weather.htm
Lock & Dam Vessel Queues	http://corpslocks.usace.army.mil/lpwb/f?p=121:3:0
National Incident Management System (NIMS) Courses – Response Training	http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp
National Response Center (NRC) – Report Pollution / Terrorist Activity	http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/ContactUs.aspx
National Weather Service (NWS) – River Forecasts	http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/forecasts.php?wfo=ohx
River Industry Bulletin Board (R.I.B.B.)	http://www.ribb.com/index.php
The River School – River Training & Orientation	http://www.riverschool.com/
Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) – Barkley L&D Flows	http://lakeinfo.tva.gov/htbin/lakeinfo?site=BAH&DataType=All&submit=View+info
Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) – Kentucky L&D Flows	http://lakeinfo.tva.gov/htbin/lakeinfo?site=KYH&DataType=All&submit=View+info
Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) – TNR / CMR	https://www.tva.gov/Environment/Lake-Levels
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – River GAUGEs	http://rivergages.mvr.usace.army.mil/WaterControl/new/layout.cfm
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – River Navigation Charts	http://www.agc.army.mil/Missions/Echarts/InlandChartBooks.aspx
U.S. Coast Guard – Eighth District Site – New Orleans, LA	https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/new-orleans
U.S. Coast Guard Port Security Directorate (MTSA Info)	https://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/channelView.do?channelId=-24885&channelPage=%2Fep%2Fchannel%2Fdefault.jsp&pageTypeId=13489
U.S. Coast Guard – Sector Ohio Valley – Louisville, KY	https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/ohio-valley

3.D. Cumberland River Communications Plan

The Tennessee and Cumberland River Industry Committee (TCIC) MSD Nashville and MSU Paducah AOR serves as the primary committee for communicating among the towing companies operating on the Tennessee and Cumberland River within the Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment Nashville and Marine Safety Unit Paducah Area of Responsibility. The TCIC Committee Chairman serves as the primary point of contact for relaying information, coordinating meetings, and setting up conference calls between all federal agencies and the towing industry. The primary purpose of the TCIC Committee is to address all issues concerning Tennessee and Cumberland River navigation and to act as the major liaison between the towing industry, the Coast Guard, the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Army Corps of Engineers throughout the Tennessee and Cumberland River Valley.

3.D.1. Cumberland River Towing Industry Communications Plan

COMPANY / ORGANIZATION	DESIGNATED CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS	WHEN CONTACTED
American Commercial Barge Line (ACBL)	Mike Morris	618-306-5985 c	harold.dodd@aclines.com	All Situations
Canal Barge Lines	Paul Barnes	504-581-2424 w 504-908-0828 c	pbarnes@canalbarge.com	All Situations
Crounse Corporation	Randy Bowling Robbie Englert Jr	270-217-1148 c 270-559-2138 c	rbowling@crounse.com renglert@crounse.com	All Situations
Heartland Barge	Doug Halbert Tim Delaney	615-378-6001 w 618-806-4572 c 618-806-4276 c	doug.halbert@heartlandbarge.com tim.delaney@heartlandbarge.com	All situations
Hines Furlong Line Inc.	Reggie Tubbs	270-331-0516 c	rtubbs@hfline.com	All Situations
Ingram Barge Co.	Steve Southern Billy Poindexter Jr. David Edgin John Operle Frank Johnson 24 hrs Dispatch office	270-210-7726 c 270-853-2195 c 615-969-0751 c 270-210-6183 c 270-210-5912 c 270-441-1600 (24 hrs)	Steve.southern@ingrambarge.com Billy.PoindexterJr@ingrambarge.com David.edgin@ingrambarge.com John.operle@ingrambarge.com Frank.johnson@ingrambarge.com	All Situations
COMPANY / ORGANIZATION	DESIGNATED CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS	WHEN CONTACTED
Magnolia Marine	Michael Carpenter	800-696-5921(24 hrs) 601-618-6071 c	Michael.Carpenter@ergon.com	All Situations
Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel	Brandon Robertson	870-541-4465 w 318-308-8403 c	Brandon.Robertson@pbsgc.com	All Situations

Serodino	Travis Schrimsher Peter Serodino IV	423-942-7000 w 404-852-5724 c 423-443-8251 c	travis@serodinoinc.com peteriv@serodinoinc.com	All Situations
Tennessee and Cumberland River Industry Committee (TCIC)	TCIC Chairman Harley Hall	270-210-2338 c	hhall@tennesseevalleytowing.com	All Situations
Tennessee Valley Towing (TVT)	Harley Hall Barry Gipson	270-210-2338 c 270-210-9920 c 270-519-9543	Hhall@tennesseevalleytowing.com bgipson@jamesmarine.com	All Situations

3.D.2. Cumberland River Government Agencies Communications Plan

GOVERNMENT AGENCY	DESIGNATED CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS	WHEN CONTACTED
U.S. Coast Guard Sector Ohio Valley Sector Command	CAPT Amy Beach CDR Randy Waddington CDR Judson Wheeler	502-779-5411 w 502-779-5412 w 502-779-5448 w	Amy.M.Beach@uscg.mil randy.s.waddington@uscg.mil Judson.B.Wheeler@uscg.mil	All Situations
U.S. Coast Guard Sector Ohio Valley Buoy Tenders	BOSN Scott Kahle Sector SOHV Comms Center	502-779-5301 1-800-253-7465	kenneth.s.kahle@uscg.mil STL-SMB-SECOHV-CmdCTR@uscg.mil	Aids to Navigation Issues
U.S. Coast Guard MSU Paducah	CDR Luis Carmona LT Tim Veach	270-442-1621 X 2101 w 270-442-1621 x 2119w 270-217-8430 c	Luis.O.Carmona@uscg.mil Timothy.G.Veach@uscg.mil	All Situations
U.S. Coast Guard MSD Nashville	LCDR Robert Gay LTJG John White	615-736-5421	Robert.S.Gay@uscg.mil John.S.White2@uscg.mil	All Situations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District Office	District L&D Manager Brad Stout	502-315-6701 w 502-523-4976c	brad.m.stout@usace.army.mil	Lock & Dam Operations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District	Navigation Branch Owen Traughber	615-736-5608	Owen.Traughber@usace.army.mil	All Situations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District Kentucky / Barkley Lock and Dam	Lockmaster John “Caleb” Skinner	270-362-4226 w 270-508-1318 c	john.c.skinner@usace.army.mil	Tennessee, Cumberland, Ohio River Low / High Water
Tennessee Valley Authority (Kentucky/Barkley L&D)	River Forecast Center-Lead Engr Nikki Berger	<u>865-632-7063 (24 hrs)</u> 865-632-8980 w 865-322-0013 c	rsolead@tva.gov ncberger@tva.gov	Tennessee, Cumberland, Ohio River Low / High Water
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District Cumberland River Water Control Issues	Chief, Water Management Anthony Rodino	615-736-5675 w 615-476-3023 c	Anthony.Rodino@usace.army.mil	Cumberland & Tennessee River: Low / High Water

3.D.3. Cumberland River Internet Information Communications Plan

INTERNET SITE PURPOSE	ADDRESS
Incident Command System (ICS) Courses – Response Training	http://training.fema.gov/EMIWEB/IS/crslist.asp
Kentucky / Barkley Lock & Dam Information	http://explorekentuckylake.com/weather.htm
Lock & Dam Vessel Queues	http://corpslocks.usace.army.mil/lpwb/f?p=121:3:0:
National Incident Management System (NIMS) Courses – Response Training	http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp
National Response Center (NRC) – Report Pollution / Terrorist Activity	http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/ContactUs.aspx
National Weather Service (NWS) – River Forecasts	http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=ohx
River Industry Bulletin Board (R.I.B.B.)	http://www.ribb.com/index.php
The River School – River Training & Orientation	http://www.riverschool.com/
Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) – Barkley L&D Flows	http://lakeinfo.tva.gov/htbin/lakeinfo?site=BAH&DataType=All&submit=View+info
Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) – Kentucky L&D Flows	http://lakeinfo.tva.gov/htbin/lakeinfo?site=KYH&DataType=All&submit=View+info
Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) – TNR / CMR	https://www.tva.gov/Environment/Lake-Levels
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – River Gauges	http://www.lrd-wc.usace.army.mil/OhioRiver/text/lourpti.rpt
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – River Navigation Charts	http://www.agc.army.mil/Missions/Echarts/InlandChartBooks.aspx
U.S. Coast Guard – Eighth District Site – New Orleans, LA	https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/new-orleans
U.S. Coast Guard Port Security Directorate (MTSA Info)	https://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/channelView.do?channelId=-24885&channelPage=%2Fep%2Fchannel%2Fdefault.jsp&pageTypeId=13489
U.S. Coast Guard – Sector Ohio Valley – Louisville, KY	https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/ohio-valley

4. Action Plan

Actions taken during waterways crisis span a wide range of controls and responses from all involved parties including industry and federal government agencies. In general, actions taken by industry will be intended to reduce marine casualties during low & high water situations. Some actions taken by industry during extreme low water conditions include reducing loads or lightering barges, which reduce vessel drafts. During high water conditions, industry may reduce tow sizes to allow more positive control over the tow to more effectively utilize towboat horsepower. The federal government, including the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Tennessee Valley Authority, is also required to take specific and timely actions to aid in preventing marine casualties while facilitating commerce. Some of these actions include the USCG's issuance of Broadcast Notice to Mariners (BNM), establishment of Safety Zones, dredging operations by the USACE, and adjustment of flow rates from locks and dams by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). The enclosed Safety Advisory and Safety Zone templates are recommended for use, but can be modified or combined to meet the needs of the situation.

4.A. Ohio River Action Plan

4.A.1. Emsworth Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
EMSWORTH LOCK & DAM OHIO RIVER MILE MARKER: 6.2 FLOOD STAGE READING: 30' LG OTHER USEFUL DATA: NORMAL POOL 16' ON UG & 12' ON LG MAX. DAM OPENING 105' CEASE LOCKING 30' LG THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH THE LOCK AND DAM TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENT INCREASES. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: SEVERE OUTDRAFT DURING HIGH WATER. <u>USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u>	<65' DAM OPENING	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	65'+DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Consider for high water conference calls. MSU Pittsburgh and/or WAP will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and WAP. Topics to discuss: water conditions, concerns, future actions, weather forecasts and river stages. The SCC will initiate a Safety Advisory (See Enclosure). Small lock chamber taken out of operation when dam openings exceed 65'
	75'-94'+ DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	Extreme High Water/Extreme High Flow Conditions	Action	Continue monitoring river conditions. The SCC will initiate a Safety Advisory (See Enclosure) and cancel Safety Advisory (See Enclosure). Note: Double lockages restricted to a maximum of two barge lengths between 90' – 94'. * No restrictions with helper boat.
	95'+DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	Extreme High Water/Extreme High Flow Conditions	Action	Continue monitoring river conditions; continue broadcasting Safety Advisory (See Enclosure). Note: Small lock chamber taken out of operation when dam openings exceed 95'. Double lockages restricted to a maximum of one barge length at and above 95' of dam opening. * No restrictions with helper boat.
	95'- DAM OPENING	Falling	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Continue monitoring river conditions, continue broadcasting Safety Advisory (See Enclosure).
	75'- DAM OPENING	Falling	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and consider canceling Safety Advisory (See Enclosure) when below 75' and initiating Safety Advisory (See Enclosure). Consider canceling Safety Advisory (See Enclosure) when below 65'.

OHIO RIVER - EMSWORTH L&D

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER / HIGH FLOW CONDITIONS AT EMSWORTH DAM MILE MARKER 6.2 OHIO RIVER. THE GATE OPENING AT EMSWORTH DAM READS GREATER THAN 65 FEET. FOR VESSELS TRANSITING THE OHIO RIVER, WHEN TRANSITING DOWNRIVER WITH THE INTENTION OF USING THE FRONT CHANNEL PAST BRUNOT ISLAND, MILE MARKER 1.5, KEEP TOWARDS THE RIGHT DESCENDING BANK WHILE ENTERING THE FRONT CHANNEL TO AVOID SEVERE SET TOWARDS THE ISLAND. WHEN TRANSITING UPRIVER WITH THE INTENTION OF USING THE BACK CHANNEL PAST BRUNOT ISLAND, MILE MARKER 3, EXERCISE CAUTION WHILE ENTERING THE BACK CHANNEL TO PREVENT BEING SET AGAINST THE LEFT DESCENDING BANK. EXERCISE CAUTION AND ENSURE VERTICAL CLEARANCE IS SUFFICIENT WHILE TRANSITING UNDER BRIDGES LOCATED BETWEEN MILE MARKERS 0 AND 3 ALLEGHENY RIVER AND BETWEEN MILE MARKERS 0 AND 9 MONONGAHELA RIVER.

HIGH WATER Enclosure 2 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER / HIGH FLOW CONDITIONS AT EMSWORTH DAM MILE MARKER 6.2 OHIO RIVER. THE GATE OPENING AT EMSWORTH DAM READS GREATER THAN 85 FEET. FOR VESSELS TRANSITING THE OHIO RIVER, WHEN TRANSITING DOWNRIVER WITH THE INTENTION OF USING THE FRONT CHANNEL PAST BRUNOT ISLAND, MILE MARKER 1.5, KEEP TOWARDS THE RIGHT DESCENDING BANK WHILE ENTERING THE FRONT CHANNEL TO AVOID SEVERE SET TOWARDS THE ISLAND. WHEN TRANSITING UPRIVER WITH THE INTENTION OF USING THE BACK CHANNEL PAST BRUNOT ISLAND, MILE MARKER 3, EXERCISE CAUTION WHILE ENTERING THE BACK CHANNEL TO PREVENT BEING SET AGAINST THE LEFT DESCENDING BANK. ENSURE VERTICAL CLEARANCE IS SUFFICIENT WHILE TRANSITING UNDER BRIDGES LOCATED BETWEEN MILE MARKERS 0 AND 3 ALLEGHENY RIVER AND BETWEEN MILE MARKERS 0 AND 9 MONONGAHELA RIVER. EXERCISE CAUTION WHILE TRANSITING IN THE AREA OF THE EMSWORTH AND DASHIELDS LOCK AND DAMS, MILE MARKERS 13.3 TO 15, DUE TO THE STRONG CURRENTS IN THE AREA. SOUTHBOUND TOW VESSELS ARE RECOMMENDED TO HAVE A HELPER BOAT PRESENT TO ASSIST WHEN EITHER, (1) PUSHING A TOW CONSISTING OF TWO BARGE LENGTHS OR GREATER WHEN AT LEAST ONE BARGE IS A TANK BARGE OR, (2) CONDUCTING A DOUBLE LOCKAGE THROUGH EMSWORTH, DASHIELDS, OR MONTGOMERY LOCKS.

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4.A.2. Dashields Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
DASHIELDS LOCK & DAM OHIO RIVER MILE MARKER: 13.3 FLOOD STAGE READING: 23'UG OTHER USEFUL DATA: NORMAL POOL 12' ON UG & 12' ON LG CEASE LOCKING 23' UG TABLE USES UPPER AND LOWER GAUGE READINGS TO MONITOR RIVER CONDITIONS. THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL COLLISIONS WITH THE LOCK AND DAM TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENT INCREASES. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: SEVERE OUTDRAFT DURING HIGH WATER. OUTDRAFT INCREASES AS RIVER RISES. CAUTIONARY NOTE 2: MARINERS ARE ALSO ADVISED TO CLOSELY MONITOR CONDITIONS AND DAM OPENINGS AT EMSWORTH LOCK AND DAM, WHILE TRANSITING IN THE VICINITY OF DASHIELDS. UNEXPECTED INCREASES IN FLOW, CURRENT AND SEVERE OUTDRAFTS DURING HIGH WATER CONDITIONS, MAY BE ENCOUNTERED. USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT	<18.5' UG	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	18.5' UG	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	When Dashields Upper Gage reaches 18.5 double lockage is restricted to no more than 400 feet or two barge lengths. * No restrictions with helper boat.
	20'+ UG	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Consider for high water conference calls. MSU Pittsburgh and/or WAP will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and WAP. Topics to discuss: water conditions, concerns, future actions, weather forecasts and river stages. The Sector Command Center (SCC) will initiate a Safety Advisory (See Enclosure). Small lock chamber removed from service and no up bound double lockages without the assistance of a helper boat.
	24'+ UG	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	Extreme High Water/ Extreme High Flow Conditions	Action	Continue monitoring river conditions; continue broadcasting Safety Advisory (See Enclosure).
	24'- UG	Falling	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Continue monitoring river conditions and consider canceling Safety Advisory (See Enclosure).
	18.5'- UG	Falling	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	Recovery	Locking operations normal.

OHIO RIVER - DASHIELDS L&D

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER / HIGH FLOW CONDITIONS AT DASHIELDS DAM MILE MARKER 13.3 OHIO RIVER. THE UPPER GAUGE AT DASHIELDS DAM READS GREATER THAN 20 FEET. FLEETING FACILITIES ARE ADVISED TO (1) REVIEW AND ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR WATERFRONT FLEET OPERATIONS GUIDE AND ANY COMPANY CONTINGENCY PLANS, (2) TO ASSIGN A PERSON TO BE IN CONTINUOUS SURVEILLANCE AND TO OBSERVE THE BARGES IN THE FLEETING FACILITY, (3) DOUBLE-UP LINES ON THE HEAD OF THE FLEET AND PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF SPRING AND BREAST LINES BETWEEN THE DOCK AND THE BARGES IN THE FLEET, AND (4) REVIEW THEIR NEED TO SECURE TOWBOAT ASSISTANCE.

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4.A.3. Montgomery Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
MONTGOMERY LOCK & DAM OHIO RIVER MILE MARKER: 31.7 FLOOD STAGE READING: 33' LG OTHER USEFUL DATA: NORMAL POOL 12' ON UG & 12' ON LG CEASE LOCKING 20' UG MAX. DAM OPENING 100' THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH THE LOCK AND DAM TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENT INCREASES. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: SEVERE OUTDRAFT DURING HIGH WATER. USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT	<40' DAM OPENING	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	40'+ DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Consider for high water conference calls. MSU Pittsburgh and/or WAP will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and WAP. Topics to discuss: water conditions, concerns, future actions, weather forecasts and river stages. The Sector Command Center (SCC) will initiate a Safety Advisory (See Enclosure).
	65'+ DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	Extreme High Water/ Extreme High Flow Conditions	Action	Continue monitoring river conditions. The SCC will initiate a Safety Advisory (See Enclosure) and cancel Safety Advisory (See Enclosure). When dam openings exceed 65', small lock chamber taken out of operations and no up bound double lockages without the assistance of a helper boat.
	65'- DAM OPENING	Falling	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Continue monitoring river conditions, cancel Safety Advisory (See Enclosure) and initiate Safety Advisory (See Enclosure).
	40'- DAM OPENING	Falling	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and consider canceling Safety Advisory (See Enclosure).

OHIO RIVER - MONTGOMERY L&D

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER / HIGH FLOW CONDITIONS AT MONTGOMERY DAM, MILE MARKER 31.7, OHIO RIVER. THE GATE OPENING AT MONTGOMERY DAM IS GREATER THAN 40 FEET. EXERCISE CAUTION WHILE TRANSITING UNDER THE NEWELL HIGHWAY BRIDGE MILE MARKER 44.5 DUE TO THE STRONG SET AND CURRENTS IN THAT AREA. UPBOUND TOW VESSELS ARE ADVISED THAT WHEN PERFORMING A SET OVER OR KNOCK OUT THROUGH THE MONTGOMERY LOCKS, TO SECURE THE HEAD OF THEIR TOWS TO THE LOCK WALL USING THE CLOSEST PIN POSSIBLE BEFORE THE SET OVER OR KNOCK OUT IS INITIATED, AND ENSURE THAT TOWS ARE FULLY SECURED PRIOR TO LEAVING THE VICINITY OF THE LOCKS. DOWNBOUND TOW VESSELS PERFORMING A DOUBLE LOCKAGE ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO HAVE A HELPER BOAT ASSIST THE TOWS IN KEEPING ALONGSIDE THE GUIDE WALL WHILE ENTERING THE LOCKS.

Broadcast Notice to Mariners Enclosure 2 (example)

Safety Marine Information Broadcast (Local Safety)

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER / HIGH FLOW CONDITIONS AT MONTGOMERY DAM, MILE MARKER 31.7, OHIO RIVER. THE GATE OPENING AT MONTGOMERY DAM IS GREATER THAN 65 FEET. EXERCISE CAUTION WHILE TRANSITING UNDER THE NEWELL HIGHWAY BRIDGE, MILE MARKER 44.5, AND THE P. L. & E. RAILROAD BRIDGE, MILE MARKER 25.8, DUE TO THE STRONG SET AND CURRENTS IN THOSE AREAS. TOW VESSELS ARE RECOMMENDED TO HAVE A HELPER BOAT WHEN TRANSITING THROUGH THE MONTGOMERY LOCKS, IF THEY ARE PUSHING TWO BARGE LENGTHS OR GREATER. UPBOUND TOW VESSELS ARE ADVISED THAT WHEN PERFORMING A SET OVER OR KNOCK OUT THROUGH THE MONTGOMERY LOCKS, TO SECURE THE HEAD OF THEIR TOWS TO THE LOCK WALL USING THE CLOSEST PIN POSSIBLE BEFORE THE SET OVER OR KNOCK OUT IS INITIATED, AND ENSURE THAT TOWS ARE FULLY SECURED PRIOR TO LEAVING THE VICINITY OF THE LOCKS. DOWNBOUND TOW VESSELS PERFORMING A DOUBLE LOCKAGE ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO HAVE A HELPER BOAT ASSIST THE TOWS IN KEEPING ALONGSIDE THE GUIDE WALL WHILE ENTERING THE LOCKS.

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4.A.4. New Cumberland Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
NEW CUMBERLAND LOCK & DAM OHIO RIVER MM: 54.4 FLOOD STAGE READING: 37' Lower Gauge OTHER USEFUL DATA: NORMAL POOL 12' ON UPPER GAUGE & 12' ON LOWER GAUGE CEASE LOCKING 37' LOWER GAUGE MAX. DAM OPENING 143' THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH THE LOCK AND DAM TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENT INCREASES. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: OUTDRAFTS DURING HIGH WATER. <u>USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u>	<50' DAM OPENING	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	50'+ DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Consider for high water conference calls. MSU Pittsburgh and/or WAP will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and WAP. Topics to discuss: water conditions, concerns, future actions, weather forecasts and river stages. The Sector Command Center will initiate a Safety Advisory (See Enclosure).
	50'- DAM OPENING	Falling	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions; consider canceling Safety Advisory (See Enclosure).

OHIO RIVER - NEW CUMBERLAND L&D

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER / HIGH FLOW CONDITIONS AT NEW CUMBERLAND DAM, MILE MARKER 54.4, OHIO RIVER. THE GATE OPENING AT NEW CUMBERLAND DAM IS GREATER THAN 50 FEET. EXERCISE CAUTION WHILE TRANSITING PAST BROWNS ISLAND, MILE MARKERS 60.5 TO 64, DUE TO THE NARROW CHANNEL, ABUNDANCE OF FLEETING AREAS, AND FAST CURRENTS IN THAT AREA. EXERCISE CAUTION WHILE TRANSITING PAST CABLES EDDY, MILE MARKERS 64.5 TO 65.5, DUE TO THE NARROW CHANNEL AND SHARP BEND IN THAT AREA.

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4.A.5. Pike Island Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
PIKE ISLAND LOCK & DAM OHIO RIVER MM: 84.2 FLOOD STAGE READING: 37' LG OTHER USEFUL DATA: NORMAL POOL 12' ON UG & 12' ON LG CEASE LOCKING 37' LG MAX. DAM OPENING 194' THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH THE LOCK AND DAM TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENT INCREASES. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: OUTDRAFTS DURING EXTREME HIGH WATER. CAUTIONARY NOTE 2: DURING LOW WATER, UPBOUND TOWS ARE REMINDED TO BE CAUTIOUS OF OUTDRAFTS TOWARDS THE RIVER WALL. USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT	<50' DAM OPENING	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	50'+ DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Consider for high water conference calls. MSU Pittsburgh and/or WAP will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and WAP. Topics to discuss: water conditions, concerns, future actions, weather forecasts and river stages. The Sector Command Center will initiate a Safety Advisory (See Enclosure).
	50'- DAM OPENING	Falling	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions; consider canceling Safety Advisory (See Enclosure).

OHIO RIVER - PIKE ISLAND L&D

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER / HIGH FLOW CONDITIONS AT PIKE ISLAND DAM, MILE MARKER 84.2, OHIO RIVER. THE GATE OPENING AT PIKE ISLAND DAM IS GREATER THAN 50 FEET. EXERCISE CAUTION WHILE TRANSITING UNDER THE I-470 BRIDGE, MILE MARKER 91.8, DUE TO THE STRONG SET TOWARDS THE LEFT DESCENDING BANK IN THAT AREA. EXERCISE CAUTION WHILE TRANSITING UNDER THE CSX RAILROAD BRIDGE, MILE MARKER 94.5, DUE TO ITS LIMITED HORIZONTAL CLEARANCE OF 320 FEET. IF PUSHING AHEAD, TOW VESSELS ARE RECOMMENDED TO HAVE A HELPER BOAT WHEN TRANSITING UNDER THE CSX RAILROAD BRIDGE TO ENSURE THEY MAINTAIN PROPER COURSE AND SPEED.

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4.A.6. Hannibal Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
HANNIBAL LOCK & DAM OHIO RIVER MM: 126.4 FLOOD STAGE READING: 35.0 LG OTHER USEFUL DATA: MAX OPENING 172.8' GATES ALL OUT 32.0' CEASE LOCKING 37.0' LG 17.0' UG THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH HANNIBAL L&D TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENTS INCREASE. VESSELS EXPERIENCE OUTDRAFT WHILE APPROACHING LOCK DOWNBOUND. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION, ENTER CHAMBERS AT LOWEST SAFE SPEED, AND PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL OUTDRAFTS. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: DRIFT TENDS TO ACCUMULATE IN THE UPPER APPROACH CAUTIONARY NOTE 2: WHEN MAKING A SOUTHBOUND APPROACH BE ALERT TO CURRENTS SETTING TOWARD THE ARRIVAL CELLS. CAUTIONARY NOTE 3: OUTDRAFTS MAY BE SEVERE WHEN GATE OPENING IS GREATER THAN 40' CAUTIONARY NOTE 4: 3000 CFS THROUGH THE HYDRO IS EQUAL TO 1' OF GATE OPENING <u>USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u>	< 40' DAM OPENING	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	40' + DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Consider for high water conference calls. MSU Huntington and/or HDWA will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and HDWA. Topics to discuss: water conditions, concerns, future actions, weather forecasts and river stages. Sector Ohio Valley Command Center will initiate a SMIB.
	100'+ DAM OPENING	Rising	Extreme High Water/ Extreme High Flow Conditions	Action	MSU Huntington and/or HDWA will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and HDWA. Factors to evaluate include rate of rise, amount of drift, and presence of ice and weather conditions. In extreme ice conditions consider providing local Pilot knowledge of river characteristics.
	100' - DAM OPENING	Falling	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Action	Continue conference calls, monitor conditions, and adjust restrictions as appropriate.
	40' - DAM OPENING	Falling	Normal Operations / Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and cancel SMIB.

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4.A.7. Willow Island Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
WILLOW ISLAND LOCK & DAM OHIO RIVER MM: 161.7 FLOOD STAGE READING: 37' LG OTHER USEFUL DATA: MAX OPENING 176' GATES ALL OUT 34.5' LG CEASE LOCKING 41.4' LG THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH WILLOW ISLAND L&D TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENT INCREASES. VESSELS EXPERIENCE OUTDRAFT WHILE APPROACHING LOCK DOWNBOUND. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION, ENTER CHAMBERS AT SLOWEST SAFE SPEED, AND PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL OUTDRAFTS. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: DRIFT TENDS TO ACCUMULATE IN THE UPPER APPROACH. CAUTIONARY NOTE 2: OUTDRAFT IS SEVERE AT APPROXIMATELY 150' OF GATE OPENING. GAUGE READINGS REPORT: USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT	<50' DAM OPENING	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	50'+ DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Consider for up river high water conference calls. MSU Huntington and/or HDWA will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and HDWA. Topics to discuss: water conditions, concerns, future actions, weather forecasts and river stages. MSU Huntington will submit a Safety Advisory request to the Sector Command Center (SCC). The SCC will initiate a SMIB.
	100'+ DAM OPENING	Rising	Extreme High Water/ Extreme High Flow Conditions	Action	MSU Huntington and/or HDWA will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and HDWA. Factors to evaluate include rate of rise, amount of drift, and presence of ice and weather conditions. In extreme ice conditions consider providing local Pilot knowledge of river characteristics.
	100'- DAM OPENING	Falling	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Action	Continue conference calls, monitor conditions, and adjust restrictions as appropriate.
	50'- DAM OPENING	Falling	Normal Operations / Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and cancel SMIB.

OHIO RIVER – Willow Island L&D

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Willow Island Lock Opening 80' Watch Phase

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT OHIO VALLEY HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER THAT EXISTS IN THE VICINITY OF WILLOW ISLAND LOCK AND DAM, MILE MARKER 161.7, OHIO RIVER. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE CAUTION DUE TO THE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH STRONG CURRENTS, INCREASED DRIFT, AND SEVERE OUTDRAFTS. WHEN NAVIGATING LOCK CHAMBERS, MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO CONSIDER HORSEPOWER CAPABILITY AND TOW SIZE. FLEET OPERATORS SHOULD REGULARLY CHECK THEIR FLEETS AND IMMEDIATELY REPORT BARGE BREAK -AWAYS TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD AND DAM, MILE MARKER 161.7, OHIO RIVER. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE CAUTION DUE TO THE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH STRONG CURRENTS, INCREASED DRIFT, AND SEVERE OUTDRAFTS. WHEN NAVIGATING LOCK CHAMBERS, MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO CONSIDER HORSEPOWER CAPABILITY AND TOW SIZE. FLEET OPERATORS SHOULD REGULARLY CHECK THEIR FLEETS AND IMMEDIATELY REPORT BARGE BREAK -AWAYS TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD.

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4.A.8. Parkersburg-Belpre Highway Bridge High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
Parkersburg-Belpre Highway Bridge B&O Rail Road Bridge Parkersburg Highway Bridge MILE MARKER:185-183 Reference: WILLOW ISLAND LOCK & DAM FLOOD STAGE READING: 37' LG off of WILLOW ISLAND L&D OTHER USEFUL DATA Attained Willow Island L&D: MAX OPENING 176' GATES ALL OUT 33' LG CEASE LOCKING 33' LG THE TABLE USES DAM OPENING AT WILLIOW ISLAND L&D. THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH THESE BRIDGES TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENTS INCREASE. VESSELS EXPERIENCE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH STRONG CURRENTS AND INCREASED DRAFTING TOWARD BRIDGE PIERS. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION, ENTER CHAMBERS AT MINIMUM SAFE SPEED, AND PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL OUTDRAFTS. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: CONSIDER HORSEPOWER CAPABILITY, TOW SIZE, REGENCY THROUGH THE AREA, AND POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF STRONG CURRENTS WHILE NAVIGATING. CAUTIONARY NOTE 2: WHEN THE GATE OPENING AT WILLOW ISLAND L&D EXCEEDS 100' THE COAST GUARD, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HDWA, RECOMMENDS LOADED TOWS OF 800' OR GREATER TRANSITING MILES 183-185 OHIO RIVER DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY. USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT	<50' DAM OPENING	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	50'+ DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly.	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	When Watch Phase conditions exist at Willow Island L/D the COTP will coordinate with industry to determine the need to initiate the calling tree and /or a phone conference between the CG, USACE, and HDWA. During this phone conference, topics that will be discussed are the water conditions, tow restrictions or assistance needed for navigating under the Parkersburg-Belpre Highway Bridge, B&O Rail Road Bridge and the Parkersburg Highway Bridge. All concerns and future actions should also be discussed. Future weather forecasts and river stages will be reviewed and river conditions will be assessed for future actions/considerations. MSU Huntington will submit a Safety Advisory request (See Enclosure) to the Sector Command Center (SCC). The SCC will initiate a SMIB.
	100'+ DAM OPENING	Rising	Extreme High Water/ Extreme High Flow Conditions	Action	MSU Huntington and/or HDWA will initiate a phone conference between CG, US USACE and HDWA. Factors to evaluate include rate of rise, amount of drift, presence of ice, weather conditions, and tow restrictions or assistance needed for navigating under the Parkersburg-Belpre Highway, B&O Rail Road Bridge and the Parkersburg Highway Bridge. In extreme ice conditions consider providing local Pilot knowledge of river characteristics. Cancel SMIB and issue Safety Advisory (See Enclosure).
	100'- DAM OPENING	Falling	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Action	Continue conference calls, monitor conditions, and adjust restrictions/assistance as appropriate. Consider canceling Safety Advisory (See Enclosure) and issuing SMIB.
	50'- DAM OPENING	Falling	Normal Operations / Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	When Recovery Phase conditions exist at Willow Island L/D, the CG, USACE and HDWA will coordinate to ensure a proper recovery and timely return to normal operations. Topics of discussion should be current and future river conditions, channel surveys if necessary, recovery/salvage of sunken barges, and discuss any changes necessary for future events. Consider canceling SMIB.

OHIO RIVER - PARKERSBURG-BELPRE HIGHWAY BRIDGE

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER THAT EXISTS IN THE VICINITY OF THE BRIDGES AT PARKERSBURG, MILE MARKERS 183 TO 185, OHIO RIVER. THE GATE OPENING AT WILLOW ISLAND LOCK AND DAM, MILE MARKER 161.7, EXCEEDS 100 FEET. TOWS OF 800 FEET OR GREATER ARE RECOMMENDED TO TRANSIT MILE MARKERS 183 TO 185 DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE CAUTION DUE TO THE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH STRONG CURRENTS, INCREASED DRIFT, INCREASED DRAFTING TOWARD BRIDGE PIERS, AND SEVERE OUTDRAFTS. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO CONSIDER HORSEPOWER CAPABILITY AND TOW SIZE. FLEET OPERATORS SHOULD REGULARLY CHECK THEIR FLEETS AND IMMEDIATELY REPORT BARGE BREAK-AWAYS TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD.

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4.A.9. Belleville Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
BELLEVILLE LOCK & DAM OHIO RIVER MM: 203.9 FLOOD STAGE READING: 45' LG OTHER USEFUL DATA: MAX OPENING: 176' GATES ALL OUT 33' LG CEASE LOCKING 43.0' LG THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH BELLEVILLE L&D TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENT INCREASES. VESSELS EXPERIENCE OUTDRAFT WHILE APPROACHING LOCK DOWNBOUND. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION, ENTER CHAMBERS AT SLOWEST SAFE SPEED, AND PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL OUTDRAFTS. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: DRIFT TENDS TO ACCUMULATE IN THE UPPER APPROACH. CAUTIONARY NOTE 2: OUTDRAFT IS SEVERE AT APPROXIMATELY 150' OF GATE OPENING. <u>USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u>	<60' DAM OPENING	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	60'+ DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Consider for up river high water conference calls. MSU Huntington and/or HDWA will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and HDWA. Topics to discuss: water conditions, concerns, future actions, weather forecasts and river stages. MSU Huntington will submit a Safety Advisory (See Enclosure) request to the Sector Command Center (SCC). The SCC will initiate a SMIB.
	90'+ DAM OPENING	Rising	Extreme High Water/ Extreme High Flow Conditions	Action	MSU Huntington and/or HDWA will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and HDWA. Factors to evaluate include rate of rise, amount of drift, and presence of ice and weather conditions. In extreme ice conditions consider providing local Pilot knowledge of river characteristics. Note: Ohio River MM 209 – 211(long bottom bend) recommended one way traffic
	90'- DAM OPENING	Falling	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Action	Continue conference calls, monitor conditions, and adjust restrictions as appropriate.
	60' DAM OPENING	Falling	Normal Operations / Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and cancel SMIB.

BELLEVILLE LOCK & DAM

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

Belleville Lock Opening 100' Action Phase

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT OHIO VALLEY HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER THAT EXISTS IN THE VICINITY OF BELLEVILLE LOCK AND DAM, MILE MARKER 203.9, OHIO RIVER. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE CAUTION DUE TO THE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH STRONG CURRENTS, INCREASED DRIFT, AND SEVERE OUTDRAFTS. WHEN NAVIGATING LOCK CHAMBERS, MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO CONSIDER HORSEPOWER CAPABILITY AND TOW SIZE. FLEET OPERATORS SHOULD REGULARLY CHECK THEIR FLEETS AND IMMEDIATELY REPORT BARGE BREAK-AWAYS TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD.

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4.A.10. Racine Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
RACINE LOCK & DAM OHIO RIVER MILE MARKER: 237 FLOOD STAGE READING: 38'LG OTHER USEFUL DATA: MAX OPENING: 200' GATES ALL OUT: 34' LG CEASE LOCKING: 49.9' LG THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH RACINE L&D TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENT INCREASES. VESSELS EXPERIENCE OUTDRAFT WHILE APPROACHING LOCK DOWNBOUND. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION, ENTER CHAMBERS AT SLOWEST SAFE SPEED, AND PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL OUTDRAFTS. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: DRIFT TENDS TO ACCUMULATE IN THE UPPER APPROACH. CAUTIONARY NOTE 2: OUTDRAFT IS SEVERE AT APPROXIMATELY 180' OF GATE OPENING. IF UNFAMILIAR WITH OUTDRAFT CONIDCTIONS WHILE LOCKING DOWNBOUND, RECOMMEND REACHING OUT TO LOCAL MARINERS FOR DETAILED RIVER KNOWLEDGE FOR LOCK APPROACH.	<50' DAM OPENING	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	50'+ DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Consider conducting upper OHR high water conference calls. MSU Huntington and/or HDWA navigational chair will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and industry reps. Topics to discuss: water conditions, concerns, future actions, weather forecasts, river stages, and need for general outreach to mariners. MSU Huntington will submit any safety advisory requests (See Enclosure) to the Sector Command Center (SCC). The SCC will initiate a SMIB.
	150' DAM OPENING	Rising	Extreme High Water/ Extreme High Flow Conditions	Action	MSU Huntington and/or HDWA navigational chair will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and industry reps. Evaluate rate of rise, amount of drift, presence of ice and weather conditions. In extreme ice conditions consider providing local pilot knowledge of river characteristics. Consider daylight only transit for down bound vessels if warranted by existing or predicted river conditions. At 150ft dam opening, keep mooring cells on the LDB near MM 236.8 clear, unless preparing or completing a locking evolution. Note: MM 245 to 247 (sliding hill bend) recommended one way traffic.
	150' - DAM OPENING	Falling	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Action	Continue conference calls, monitor conditions, and adjust restrictions as appropriate.

CAUTIONARY NOTE 3: MM 265 TO 267 (MOUTH OF THE KANAWHA RIVER) IS A HIGH TRAFFIC AREA <u>USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u>	50'- DAM OPENING	Falling	Normal Operations / Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and cancel SMIB.
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OHIO RIVER - RACINE L&D

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

HIGH WATER enclosure 1 (example)

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED A SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER CONDITIONS IN THE VICINITY OF RACINE LOCK AND DAM, MILE MARKER 237, OHIO RIVER. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE CAUTION DUE TO THE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH STRONG CURRENTS, INCREASED DRIFT, AND SEVERE OUTDRAFTS. WHEN NAVIGATING LOCK CHAMBERS, MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO CONSIDER HORSEPOWER CAPABILITY AND TOW SIZE. FLEET OPERATORS SHOULD REGULARLY CHECK THEIR FLEETS AND IMMEDIATELY REPORT BARGE BREAKAWAYS TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD.

IF NOT PREPARING OR COMPLETING LOCKING, MARINERS ARE REQUESTED TO LEAVE THE MOORING CELLS IMMEDIATELY UPRIVER OF THE LOCKING CHAMBER ON THE LEFT DESCENDING BANK OPEN FOR THE NEXT VESSEL IN THE LOCK QUEUE TO ALLOW THEM A BETTER POSITION TO APPROACH THE LOCK. FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BROADCAST CONTACT RACINE LOCK AT (304) 882-2118 OR CG SECTOR OHIO VALLEY AT (800) 253-7465.

HIGH WATER – DAYLIGHT ONLY enclosure 2 (example)

DUE TO HIGH WATER AND EXTREME OUTDRAFT CONDITIONS, SOUTHBOUND TRANSIT AT THE RACINE LOCKS WILL BE LIMITED TO DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY BETWEEN X:XX AM to X:XX PM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. RACINE LOCKS IS OPEN TO NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC 24 HOURS DAILY. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION, ENTER CHAMBERS AT SLOWEST SAFE SPEED, AND PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL OUTDRAFTS. MARINERS ARE REMINDED TO ENSURE THE TOWBOAT HAS ADEQUATE HORSEPOWER FOR TOW SIZE AND CURRENT RIVER CONDITIONS.

IF NOT PREPARING OR COMPLETING LOCKING, MARINERS ARE REQUESTED TO LEAVE THE MOORING CELLS IMMEDIATELY UPRIVER OF THE LOCKING CHAMBER ON THE LEFT DESCENDING BANK OPEN FOR THE NEXT VESSEL IN THE LOCK QUEUE TO ALLOW THEM A BETTER POSITION TO APPROACH THE LOCK. FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BROADCAST CONTACT RACINE LOCK AT CONTACT RACINE LOCK AT (304) 882-2118 OR CG SECTOR OHIO VALLEY AT (800) 253-7465.

LOW WATER enclosure 3 (example)

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT OHIO VALLEY HAS ISSUED A SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO LOW WATER THAT EXISTS IN THE VICINITY OF RACINE LOCK AND DAM, MILE MARKER 237, OHIO RIVER. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE CAUTION DUE TO THE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH OBSTRUCTIONS THAT MAY IMPEDE SAFE PASSAGE IN THIS AREA DUE TO WATER DEPTHS OF LESS THAN NINE FEET. OPERATORS SHOULD REGULARLY CHECK RIVER DEPTHS TO GAUGE SAFE DRAFTS AND IMMEDIATELY REPORT GROUNDINGS TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD. FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BROADCAST CONTACT CG SECTOR OHIO VALLEY AT (800) 253-7465.

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4.A.11. Robert C. Byrd Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
ROBERT C. BYRD LOCK & DAM OHIO RIVER MILE MARKER: 279.2 FLOOD STAGE READING: 50' LG OTHER USEFUL DATA: MAX OPENING 144' GATES ALL OUT 33.5' LG CEASE LOCKING 53' LG THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH ROBERT C. BYRD L&D TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENTS INCREASE. VESSELS EXPERIENCE OUTDRAFT WHILE APPROACHING LOCK DOWNBOUND. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION, ENTER CHAMBERS AT SLOWEST SAFE SPEED, AND PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL OUTDRAFTS. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: EXERCISE CAUTION DEPARTING CANAL UPBOUND IN HIGH FLOW CONDITIONS; HEAD OF LOADED TOW MAY DIVE. CAUTIONARY NOTE 2: OUTDRAFT IS SEVERE AT APPROXIMATELY 130' OF GATE OPENING. CAUTIONARY NOTE 3: MM 265 TO 267 (MOUTH OF THE KANAWHA RIVER) IS A HIGH TRAFFIC AREA CAUTIONARY NOTE 4: MM 304 TO 328 (HUNTINGTON CATLETTSBURG HARBOR) IS A HIGH TRAFFIC AREA <u>USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u>	<40' DAM OPENING	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	40'+ DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Consider for up river high water conference calls. MSU Huntington and/or HDWA will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and HDWA. Topics to discuss: water conditions, concerns, future actions, weather forecasts and river stages. MSU Huntington will submit a Safety Advisory (See Enclosure) request to the Sector Command Center (SCC). The SCC will initiate a SMIB.
	144'+ DAM OPENING	Rising	Extreme High Water/ Extreme High Flow Conditions	Action	MSU Huntington and/or HDWA will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and HDWA. Factors to evaluate include rate of rise, amount of drift, and presence of ice and weather conditions. In extreme ice conditions consider providing local Pilot knowledge of river characteristics.
	144'- DAM OPENING	Falling	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Action	Continue conference calls, monitor conditions, and adjust restrictions as appropriate.
	40'- DAM OPENING	Falling	Normal Operations / Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and cancel SMIB.

RC Byrd LOCK & DAM

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

RC Byrd Lock Opening All Out Action Phase

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER THAT EXISTS IN THE VICINITY OF R. C. BYRD LOCK AND DAM, MILE MARKER 279.2, OHIO RIVER. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE CAUTION DUE TO THE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH STRONG CURRENTS, INCREASED DRIFT, AND SEVERE OUTDRAFTS. WHEN NAVIGATING LOCK CHAMBERS, MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO CONSIDER HORSEPOWER CAPABILITY AND TOW SIZE. FLEET OPERATORS SHOULD REGULARLY CHECK THEIR FLEETS AND IMMEDIATELY REPORT BARGE BREAKAWAYS TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD.

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4.A.12. Greenup Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
GREENUP LOCK & DAM OHIO RIVER MM: 341.0 FLOOD STAGE READING: 54' LG OTHER USEFUL DATA: MAX OPENING 242' GATES ALL OUT 42' LG CEASE LOCKING 59' LG THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH GREENUP L&D TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENT INCREASES. VESSELS EXPERIENCE OUTDRAFT WHILE APPROACHING LOCK DOWNBOUND. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION, ENTER CHAMBERS AT SLOWEST SAFE SPEED, AND PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL OUTDRAFTS. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: DRIFT TENDS TO ACCUMULATE IN THE UPPER APPROACH. CAUTIONARY NOTE 2: OUTDRAFT IS SEVERE AT APPROXIMATELY 180' OF GATE OPENING. CAUTIONARY NOTE 3: MM 304 TO 328 (HUNTINGTON CATLETTSBURG HARBOR) IS A HIGH TRAFFIC AREA <u>USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u>	<100' DAM OPENING	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	100'+ DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Consider for up river high water conference calls. MSU Huntington and/or HDWA will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and HDWA. Topics to discuss: water conditions, concerns, future actions, weather forecasts and river stages. MSU Huntington will submit a Safety Advisory (See Enclosure) request to the Sector Command Center (SCC). The SCC will initiate a SMIB.
	200'+ DAM OPENING	Rising	Extreme High Water/ Extreme High Flow Conditions	Action	MSU Huntington and/or HDWA will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and HDWA. Factors to evaluate include rate of rise, amount of drift, and presence of ice and weather conditions. In extreme ice conditions consider providing local Pilot knowledge of river characteristics.
	200'- DAM OPENING	Falling	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Action	Continue conference calls, monitor conditions, and adjust restrictions as appropriate.
	100'- DAM OPENING	Falling	Normal Operations / Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and cancel SMIB.

Greenup LOCK & DAM

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

Greenup Lock Opening All Out Action Phase

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER THAT EXISTS IN THE VICINITY OF GREENUP LOCK AND DAM, MILE MARKER 341, OHIO RIVER. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE CAUTION DUE TO THE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH STRONG CURRENTS, INCREASED DRIFT, AND SEVERE OUTDRAFTS. WHEN NAVIGATING LOCK CHAMBERS, MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO CONSIDER HORSEPOWER CAPABILITY AND TOW SIZE. FLEET OPERATORS SHOULD REGULARLY CHECK THEIR FLEETS AND IMMEDIATELY REPORT BARGE BREAKAWAYS TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD.

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4.A.13. Meldahl Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
MELDAHL LOCK & DAM OHIO RIVER MM: 436.2 FLOOD STAGE READING: 51' LG OTHER USEFUL DATA: MAX OPENING 360' GATES ALL OUT 41.6' LG THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH MELDAHL L&D TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENT INCREASES. VESSELS EXPERIENCE OUTDRAFT WHILE ENTERING SOUTHBOUND LOCK CHAMBER. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION, ENTER CHAMBERS AT SLOWEST SAFE SPEED, AND PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL OUTDRAFTS. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: OUTDRAFT IS SEVERE AT APPROXIMATELY 300' OF GATE OPENING. CAUTIONARY NOTE 2: WHEN TRANSITING BETWEEN MM 462 AND MM 473 MARINERS SHOULD BE AWARE OF A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF PLEASURE CRAFTS DURING SUMMER MONTHS AND SPECIAL EVENTS. CAUTIONARY NOTE 3: RADIO COMMUNICATIONS ARE POOR BETWEEN MM 461 AND MM 474. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO UTILIZE CH-13 AND CH-20, OR ALL OTHER AVAILABLE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION TO ENSURE SAFE TRANSIT. <u>USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u>	<60' DAM OPENING	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions **Note 1**	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	60'+ DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Sector Ohio Valley Command Center initiates a SMIB.
	90'+ DAM OPENING	Rising	Extreme High Water/ Extreme High Flow Conditions	Action	COTP Ohio Valley and/or CORMIG will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and CORMIG. Factors to evaluate include rate of rise, amount of drift, and presence of ice and weather conditions. In extreme ice conditions consider providing local Pilot knowledge of river characteristics. Note: RNA (See Enclosure) is initiated when the Cincinnati Gauge reads 45'. Facilities and fleeting areas must comply with USACE Permit restrictions regarding barge storage.
	90'- DAM OPENING	Falling	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Action	Continue conference calls, monitor conditions, and adjust restrictions as appropriate. Consider SMIB.
	60'- DAM OPENING	Falling	Normal Operations/ Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and consider canceling SMIB.

OHIO RIVER - MELDAHL LOCK & DAM

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

Meldahl Lock Opening 288' Action Phase

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER THAT EXISTS IN THE VICINITY OF MELDAHL LOCK AND DAM, MILE MARKER 436.2, OHIO RIVER. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE CAUTION DUE TO THE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH STRONG CURRENTS, INCREASED DRIFT, AND SEVERE OUTDRAFTS. WHEN NAVIGATING LOCK CHAMBERS, MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO CONSIDER HORSEPOWER CAPABILITY AND TOW SIZE. FLEET OPERATORS SHOULD REGULARLY CHECK THEIR FLEETS AND IMMEDIATELY REPORT BARGE BREAK-AWAYS TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD.

CINCINNATI REGULATED NAVIGATION AREA

DUE TO THE HIGH WATER LEVEL AT THE CINCINNATI GAUGE BEING 45 FEET OR GREATER, A REGULATED NAVIGATION AREA IS IN EFFECT IN THE CINCINNATI HARBOR FROM MI 466.0 TO 473.0. ENTRY INTO THIS ZONE BY ALL D/B VESSELS TOWING CARGOES REGULATED BY TITLE 46 CFR SUBCHAPTER D AND O WITH A TOW LENGTH EXCEEDING 600 FEET, EXCLUDING TOWBOAT, ARE PROHIBITED FROM 1/2 HOUR BEFORE SUNSET TO 1/2 HOUR AFTER SUNRISE. IAW THE PROVISIONS OUTLINED IN TITLE 33 CFR 165.821, THIS REGULATED NAVIGATION AREA WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THE CINCINNATI GAUGE DROPS BELOW 45 FEET. ALL MARINERS ARE URGED TO USE CAUTION WHEN TRANSITING THIS AREA. MARINERS WANTING TO MAKE PASSING ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD ATTEMPT COMMUNICATIONS VIA CH-20 IF UNABLE TO REACH INTENDED TRAFFIC ON CH-13.

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4.A.14. Markland Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
MARKLAND LOCK & DAM OHIO RIVER MM: 531.5 FLOOD STAGE READING: 16' UG OTHER USEFUL DATA: MAX OPENING 480' GATES ALL OUT 47' LG CEASE LOCKING 55' LG 19' UG TABLE USES A COMBINATION OF DAM OPENING AND LOWER GAUGE READINGS. THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH MARKLAND L&D TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENTS INCREASE. VESSELS EXPERIENCE OUTDRAFT WHILE ENTERING SOUTHBOUND LOCK CHAMBER. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION, ENTER CHAMBERS AT SLOWEST SAFE SPEED, AND PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL OUTDRAFTS. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: DOWNBOUND MARINERS NEED TO BE AWARE OF POCKET AND PROTRUDING POINT THAT HAS A POTENTIAL TO SADDLEBAG THE TOW ON THE LEFT DESCENDING BANK AT MM 531. CONSIDER NO MOORING TO THE UPPER APPROACH MOORING CELLS >120' OF DAM OPENING FOR SOUTHBOUND VESSELS. CAUTIONARY NOTE 2: OUTDRAFT IS SEVERE AT APPROXIMATELY 400' OF GATE OPENING. CAUTIONARY NOTE 3: WHEN TRANSITING BETWEEN MM 462 AND MM 473 MARINERS SHOULD BE AWARE OF A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF PLEASURE CRAFTS DURING SUMMER MONTHS AND SPECIAL EVENTS. CAUTIONARY NOTE 4: RADIO COMMUNICATIONS ARE POOR BETWEEN MM 461 AND MM 474. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO UTILIZE CH-13 AND CH-20, OR ALL OTHER	<50' DAM OPENING	Rising	Normal Operations/Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	50'+ DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/Increased Flow Conditions	Watch	Sector Ohio Valley Command Center will initiate a SMIB.
	120'+ DAM OPENING	Rising	Extreme High Water/Extreme High Flow Conditions	Action	COTP Ohio Valley and/or CORMIG will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and CORMIG. Factors to evaluate include rate of rise, amount of drift, and presence of ice and weather conditions. In extreme ice, conditions consider providing local Pilot knowledge of river characteristics. Note: RNA (See Enclosure) is initiated when the Cincinnati Gauge reads 45' or greater. CG turns on AIS Geographical Notice.
	120'- DAM OPENING	Falling	High Water/Increased Flow Conditions	Action	Continue conference calls, monitor conditions, and adjust restrictions as appropriate. Consider SMIB.
	50'- DAM OPENING	Falling	Normal Operations/Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and consider canceling SMIB.

AVAILABLE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION TO ENSURE SAFE TRANSIT. CAUTIONARY NOTE 5: WHEN THE GAUGE AT CINCINNATI IS AT 39 FEET OR GREATER, THE BARGE FLEETING AREA LOCATED AT MM 472.8 RDB (upstream from Schletker Light, LLN-26030) MUST REDUCE FLEET SIZE TO NO MORE THAN 4 BARGES WIDE BY 5 LONG. <u>USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u>					
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OHIO RIVER - MARKLAND LOCK & DAM

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

CINCINNATI REGULATED NAVIGATION AREA

DUE TO THE HIGH WATER LEVEL AT THE CINCINNATI GAUGE BEING 45 FEET OR GREATER, A REGULATED NAVIGATION AREA IS IN EFFECT IN THE CINCINNATI HARBOR FROM MI 466.0 TO 473.0. ENTRY INTO THIS ZONE BY ALL D/B VESSELS TOWING CARGOES REGULATED BY TITLE 46 CFR SUBCHAPTER D AND O WITH A TOW LENGTH EXCEEDING 600 FEET, EXCLUDING TOWBOAT, ARE PROHIBITED FROM 1/2 HOUR BEFORE SUNSET TO 1/2 HOUR AFTER SUNRISE. IAW THE PROVISIONS OUTLINED IN TITLE 33 CFR 165.821, THIS REGULATED NAVIGATION AREA WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THE CINCINNATI GAUGE DROPS BELOW 45 FEET. ALL MARINERS ARE URGED TO USE CAUTION WHEN TRANSITING THIS AREA. MARINERS WANTING TO MAKE PASSING ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD ATTEMPT COMMUNICATIONS VIA CH-20 IF UNABLE TO REACH INTENDED TRAFFIC ON CH-13.

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4.A.15. McAlpine Lock and Dam High/Low Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
MCALPINE LOCK & DAM OHIO RIVER MM: 606.8 FLOOD STAGE READING: 23' UG OTHER USEFUL DATA: MAX OPENING 113' GATES ALL OUT 28'-30' LG CEASE LOCKING 66' LG 31.5 UG TABLE USES A COMBINATION OF DAM OPENING AND LOWER GAUGE READING. THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH MCALPINE L&D TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENTS INCREASE. VESSELS EXPERIENCE OUTDRAFT WHILE ENTERING SOUTHBOUND PORTLAND CANAL. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION, ENTER CHAMBERS AT SLOWEST SAFE SPEED, AND PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL OUTDRAFTS. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: THE VANE DYKE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE LOUISVILLE AND PORTLAND CANAL AT OHR MM 604.3 EXPERIENCES STRONG OUTDRAFTS ON THE UP STREAM END DURING HIGH FLOWS. CAUTIONARY NOTE 2: SEDIMENT SHOALING FROM MM 606 TO 609 RESTRICTS VESSEL TRAFFIC AT 10' ON THE LOWER GAUGE; VESSELS SHOULD USE CAUTION WHEN TRANSITING THIS AREA. CAUTIONARY NOTE 3: CONSIDER SOUTH BOUND DAYLIGHT ONLY TRAFFIC AT MCALPINE UPPER GAUGE >18'. <u>USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u>	<60' DAM OPENING	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	60'+ DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Sector Ohio Valley Command Center initiates a SMIB
	ALL OUT DAM OPENING and 15' UG	Rising	Extreme High Water/ Extreme High Flow Conditions	Action	COTP Ohio Valley and/or CORMIG will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and CORMIG. Factors to evaluate include rate of rise, amount of drift, and presence of ice and weather conditions. Consider: providing local Pilot knowledge of river characteristics and/or daylight only transit of south bound vessels. Note: Safety Zone (See Enclosure) is initiated when the McAlpine L&D reaches 13.0' UG (VTS Louisville activated). CG turns on AIS Geographical notice.
	100'- DAM OPENING or < 13' UG	Falling	High Water/Increased Flow Conditions	Watch	Continue conference calls, monitor conditions, and adjust restrictions as appropriate. Consider Safety Advisory, (See Enclosure) and cancel Safety Zone (See Enclosure) once river levels fall below 13' UG. CG turns off AIS Geographical notice.
	60'- DAM OPENING	Falling	Normal Operations/ Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and cancel SMIB. Locking operations normal.
	9.0' LG >20' DAM OPENING	Falling	Normal Operations/ Normal Flow Conditions	Watch	Locking operations normal.
	8.9' – 8.5' LG	Falling	Low Water / Low Flow Conditions	Watch	COTP Ohio Valley issues SMIB.
	8.5'- LG	Falling	Extreme low Water/ Extreme low Flow Conditions	Action	Continue conference calls, monitor conditions, and adjust restrictions as appropriate. Consider Safety Zone (See Enclosure) versus SMIB. Mile markers 637-677 may warrant one-way traffic during low water conditions.
	8.5' + LG	Rising	Low Water/ Low Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and cancel SMIB.

OHIO RIVER - McALPINE LOCK & DAM

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example) Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE VESSEL TRAFFIC SYSTEM LOUISVILLE, KY WAS ACTIVATED ON **DD MMM YY**. THIS SYSTEM IS FROM MI 593.0 TO 606.8 AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT WHILE MCALPINE L/D UPPER GAUGE READS 13.0 FT AND ABOVE. OPERATING PROCEDURES AND INSTRUCTIONS TO MARINERS ARE DESCRIBED IN 33 CFR 161.

LOW WATER Enclosure 2 (example) Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ESTABLISHED A SAFETY ZONE FROM MILE MARKER _____ TO _____ OHIO RIVER. ALL MARINERS ARE TO PROCEED WITH CAUTION AND REMAIN IN THE NAVIGABLE CHANNEL DUE TO DECREASING WATER LEVELS. ALL VESSELS MUST MONITOR CHANNEL DEPTHS AND ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE WATER EXISTS FOR THEIR VESSEL DRAFTS. VESSEL DRAFTS SHALL NOT EXCEED _____ FT. REPORT ALL GROUNDINGS TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD.

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4.A.16. Cannelton Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
CANNELTON LOCK & DAM OHIO RIVER MM: 720.7 FLOOD STAGE READING: 42' LG OTHER USEFUL DATA: MAX OPENING 420' GATES ALL OUT 34.5'-35.0' LG CEASE LOCKING 51' LG THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH CANNELTON L&D TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENTS INCREASE. VESSELS EXPERIENCE OUTDRAFT WHILE ENTERING SOUTHBOUND LOCK CHAMBER. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION, ENTER CHAMBERS AT SLOWEST SAFE SPEED, AND PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL OUTDRAFTS. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: OUTDRAFT IS SEVERE AT APPROXIMATELY 400' OF GATE OPENING. CAUTIONARY NOTE 2: WHEN LEAVING THE LOCK NORTHBOUND WITH LOADED TOWS, MARINERS SHOULD BE AWARE OF AN AREA OF SLACK WATER FROM THE CHAMBERS TO A DIKE SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS UPRIVER. MARINERS SHOULD CONSIDER REDUCING POWER IN ANTICIPATION OF INCREASED CURRENTS WHEN LEAVING SLACK WATER AS THEY PASS THE DIKE, TO PREVENT BREAKAWAYS OR DIVING. <u>USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u>	<80' DAM OPENING	Rising	Normal Operations/Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	80'+ DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/Increased Flow Conditions	Watch	Sector Ohio Valley Command Center will initiate a SMIB.
	120'+ DAM OPENING	Rising	Extreme High Water/Extreme High Flow Conditions	Action	COTP Ohio Valley and/or CORMIG will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and CORMIG. Factors to evaluate include rate of rise, amount of drift, and presence of ice and weather conditions. Consider: Keeping up river federal mooring cells clear for approach. In extreme ice conditions consider providing local Pilot knowledge of river characteristics.
	120'- DAM OPENING	Falling	High Water/Increased Flow Conditions	Action	Continue conference calls, monitor conditions, and adjust restrictions as appropriate. Consider SMIB.
	80'- DAM OPENING	Falling	Normal Operations/Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and cancel SMIB.

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4.A.17. Newburgh Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
NEWBURGH LOCK & DAM OHIO RIVER MM: 776.1 FLOOD STAGE READING: 38' LG OTHER USEFUL DATA: MAX OPENING 252' GATES ALL OUT 27.5'-28.0' LG CEASE LOCKING 47' LG THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH NEWBURGH L&D TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENTS INCREASE. VESSELS EXPERIENCE OUTDRAFT WHILE ENTERING SOUTHBOUND LOCK CHAMBER. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION, ENTER CHAMBERS AT SLOWEST SAFE SPEED, AND PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL OUTDRAFTS. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: THERE IS NOTICEABLE SHOALING DURING LOW WATER CONDITIONS FROM MM 723 TO MM 737. CAUTIONARY NOTE 2: OUTDRAFT IS SEVERE ON THE UPPER SIDE OF THE LOCK DUE TO HIGH FLOWS. <u>USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u>	<60' DAM OPENING	Rising	Normal Operations/Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	60'+ DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/Increased Flow Conditions	Watch	Sector Ohio Valley Command Center will initiate a SMIB.
	100'+ DAM OPENING	Rising	Extreme High Water/Extreme High Flow Conditions	Action	COTP Ohio Valley and/or CORMIG will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and CORMIG. Once the LG reaches 47' LG implement Broadcast Notice to Mariners (Encl. 1) advising mariners that the Newburgh L&D has ceased locking and the weir is navigable. Consider: implementing the following restrictions: 250 HP minimum per loaded barge, daylight transits only for tows comprised of barges carrying cargoes regulated under Title 46 CFR Subchapter D & O and/or more than 6 barges loaded with any product, and/or a standby assist vessel of appropriate HP to provide assistance as needed. CG and USACE develop/deploy electronic ATON. Factors to evaluate include rate of rise, amount of drift, and presence of ice and weather conditions. In extreme ice conditions consider providing local Pilot knowledge of river characteristics. Note: High/low water conditions may warrant one way traffic due to ATON changes from MM 791 to MM 795.
	100' - DAM OPENING	Falling	High Water/Increased Flow Conditions	Action	Continue conference calls, monitor conditions, and adjust restrictions as appropriate. Cancel Broadcast Notice to Mariners (See Enclosure). Consider SMIB.
	60'- DAM OPENING	Falling	Normal Operations/Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and cancel SMIB.

OHIO RIVER - NEWBURGH LOCK & DAM

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER THAT EXISTS IN THE VICINITY OF NEWBURGH LOCK AND DAM, MILE MARKER 776.1 OHIO RIVER. MARINERS ARE ADVISED THAT NEWBURGH LOCK AND DAM HAS CEASED LOCKING OPERATIONS DUE TO HIGH WATER AND MARINERS SHOULD CONTACT THE LOCK OPERATOR TO DETERMINE IF IT IS SAFE TO NAVIGATE OVER THE WEIR.

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4.A.18. J. T. Myers Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
J. T. MYERS LOCK & DAM OHIO RIVER MM: 846 FLOOD STAGE READING: 37' LG OTHER USEFUL DATA: MAX OPENING 270' GATES ALL OUT 30' LG CEASE LOCKING 47' LG THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH J. T. MYERS L&D TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENT INCREASES. VESSELS EXPERIENCE OUTDRAFTS WHILE ENTERING SOUTHBOUND LOCK CHAMBER. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION, ENTER CHAMBERS AT SLOWEST SAFE SPEED, AND PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL OUTDRAFTS. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: SHALLOW WATER OFTEN EXISTS BELOW THE LOCK FROM MM 847 TO MM 851 DUE TO OUT FLOW FROM THE WABASH RIVER CAUTIONARY NOTE 2: OUTDRAFT IS SEVERE ON THE UPPER SIDE OF THE LOCK DUE TO HIGH FLOWS. <u>USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u>	<100' DAM OPENING	Rising	Normal Operations/Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	100'+ DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/Increased Flow Conditions	Watch	Sector Ohio Valley Command Center will initiate a SMIB.
	150'+ DAM OPENING	Rising	Extreme High Water/Extreme High Flow Conditions	Action	COTP Ohio Valley and/or CORMIG will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and CORMIG. Once the LG reaches 47' LG implement Safety Zone (See Enclosure) advising mariners that the J. T. Myers L&D has ceased locking and the weir is navigable. Consider: implementing the following restrictions: 250 HP minimum per loaded barge, daylight transits only for tows compromised of barges carrying cargoes regulated under Title 46 CFR Subchapter D & O and/or more than 6 barges loaded with any product, and/or a standby assist vessel of appropriate HP to provide assistance as needed. CG and USACE develop/deploy electronic ATON. Evaluate the rate of rise, amount of drift, presence of ice and weather conditions. In extreme ice conditions consider providing local Pilot knowledge of river characteristics. Note: High/low water conditions may warrant one way traffic due to ATON changes from MM 791 to MM 795.
	150'- DAM OPENING	Falling	High Water/Increased Flow Conditions	Action	Continue conference calls, monitor conditions, and adjust restrictions as appropriate. Cancel Safety Zone (See Enclosure), Consider SMIB.
	100'- DAM OPENING	Falling	Normal Operations/Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and cancel SMIB.

OHIO RIVER – J. T. MYERS LOCK & DAM

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example) Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ESTABLISHED A SAFETY ZONE FOR J. T. MYERS LOCK AND DAM, MILE MARKER 845, OHIO RIVER. THE J. T. MYERS LOCK AND DAM HAS CEASED LOCKING. THE J. T. MYERS WEIR IS NAVIGABLE UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: MINIMUM HORSE POWER PER LOADED BARGE IS 250 HP. TOWS COMPRISED OF BARGES CARRYING CARGOES REGULATED UNDER TITLE 46 CFR SUCH CHAPTER D AND O (KNOWN AS RED FLAG BARGES) AND/OR WITH MORE THAN 6 BARGES LOADED WITH ANY PRODUCT, ARE RESTRICTED TO DAYLIGHT TRANSIT ONLY. A STANDBY ASSIST BOAT WITH APPROPRIATE HORSE POWER IS ON SCENE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AS NEEDED. AT FIRST LIGHT, NORTH BOUND TOWS WILL BE CLEARED FIRST, FOLLOWED BY SOUTHBOUND TOWS. THE J. T. MYERS LOCK OPERATOR WILL ESTABLISH THE TRANSIT QUEUE. TOWS SHOULD NOTIFY THE LOCK OPERATOR WHEN APPROACHING J. T. MYERS L/D. A CARRIER MAY REQUEST AN EXCEPTION TO THE ABOVE. REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS TO THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT AT 1-800-253-7465. THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT MAY CONSULT WITH THE CENTRAL OHIO RIVER MARINE INDUSTRY GROUP (CORMIG) CHAIRMAN, BUT IT WILL BE THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT WHO WILL MAKE A FINAL DETERMINATION ON EACH REQUEST. MARINERS ARE ADVISED THAT FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS REGULATION MAY RESULT IN A CIVIL PENALTY.

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4.A.19. Smithland Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING UPPER GAUGE	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
SMITHLAND LOCK & DAM OHIO RIVER MM: 918.5 REFERENCE GAUGE: Ohio River at Smithland L&D FLOOD STAGE READING: 20'0" OTHER USEFUL DATA: NOAA RIVER GAUGE FOR SMITHLAND L&D INDICATE RIVER LEVELS ON THE LOWER PORTION OF THE DAM. VESSEL ALLISIONS INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENT INCREASES. VESSELS EXPERIENCE OUTDRAFT WHILE ENTERING SOUTHBOUND RIVERSIDE LOCK CHAMBER SO LOCAL PRACTICE IS TO USE THE LANDSIDE LOCK CHAMBER WHEN DOWNBOUND. <u>USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u> <u>Smithland L&D</u> #: 618-564-2315	<12'3"	Rising	Normal Operations	n/a	Locking Operations Normal.
	15'5"	Rising & projected to rise rapidly	High Water	Watch	Lockmaster contacts MSU Paducah & ICE Committee Chairman. Consider ICE Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah, & CGC CHIPPEWA. SOHV CC will release high water SMIB.
	20'0"	Rising	Extreme High Water	Watch	Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah & ICE Committee Chairman. Hold ICE Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & CGC CHIPPEWA. Safety Advisory in effect. Consider helper boat w/250' or more of dam open to reduce out draft issues & discuss potential for rising river stage as well as placing red flag barges in a protected area in the tow..
	25'0"	Rising	Extreme High Water	Action	Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah & ICE Committee Chairman. Discuss river forecast and potential for lock/river closure and consider pre-identified lay-up areas.
	27'4" (or 49'0" lower gauge)	Rising	Max Locking Ability	Action	Smithland L&D ceases locking vessels. MSU Paducah will submit a BNM (See Enclosure) request to the SOHV CC. Hold ICE Committee conference call w/USACE & MSU Paducah.
	27'4"	Falling	Resume Locking Ability	Recovery	Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah & ICE Committee Chairman. Smithland L&D resumes locking vessels. Hold ICE Committee conf. call w/USACE & MSU Paducah to discuss queue management. MSU Paducah cancels Safety Zone (See Enclosure). SOHV CC re-issues SMIB.
	20'0"	Falling	Extreme High Water	Recovery	SMIB in remains in effect
	12'5" - 15'5"	Falling	High Water	Recovery	Continue monitoring river condition and cancel SMIB.
	12'0"	Falling	Normal Operations	n/a	Locking Operations Normal.

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4.A.20. Smithland Lock and Dam Low Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING LOWER GAUGE	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
SMITHLAND LOCK & DAM OHIO RIVER MM: 918.5 REFERENCE GAUGE: Ohio River at Smithland L&D OTHER USEFUL DATA: MITER SILLS SIT 3 FEET BELOW THE LOWER GAUGE READING. LOCKMASTER WILL ALLOW VESSELS DRAFTING 2 FEET OVER GAUGE READING TO TRANSIT AS THIS LEAVES 1 FOOT OF CLEARANCE OVER SILL. MASTERS ARE AWARE THERE IS ONLY APPROXIMATELY 6 INCHES + LOWER GAUGE READING OF CLEARANCE OVER MM 925.. LOWER SIDE OF SMITHLAND L&D TO THE FOOT OF CUMBERLAND ISLAND IS ONE WAY TRAFFIC AT ALL TIMES. USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT <u>Smithland Lock</u> #:618-564-2315	12'0" and above	Falling	Normal Operations	n/a	Lock Operations Normal.
	11'0"	Falling	Low Water	Watch	Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah & ICE Committee Chairman. Consider ICE Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & TVA. Discuss potential draft restrictions under falling river conditions. SOHV CC initiate a SMIB.
	10'5"	Falling	Low Water	Watch	Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah & ICE Committee Chairman. Hold ICE Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & TVA. Safety Advisory in effect. Discuss potential draft restrictions and placing red flag barges in a protected area in the tow under falling river conditions. . Note: Vessels' draft must have one foot of clearance over miter sills to enter and exit lock chamber.
	10'0"	Falling	Extreme Low Water	Action	Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah & ICE Committee Chairman. Hold ICE Committee call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & TVA. Discuss potential for river closure under falling river conditions. Smithland L&D considers ceasing locking vessels. SMIB in effect.
	9'8" and below	Falling	Potential to restrict Lock Operations	Action	Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah & ICE Committee Chairman. Hold ICE Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & TVA. MSU Paducah implements a Safety Zone (See Enclosure) for extreme low water between MM 918.5 – MM 934.0 OHR (may be in vicinity of pipelines only).. SOHV CC cancels SMIB. Vessels will experience delays.
	9'8" and below	Rising	Restrict Lock Operations	Recovery	Safety Zone in effect. Vessels will experience delays.
	10'0"	Rising	Resume Lock Operations	Recovery	Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah & ICE Committee Chairman. Smithland L&D resumes locking vessels. Hold ICE Committee conference call w/USACE & MSU Paducah to discuss queue management. MSU Paducah cancels Safety Zone & SOHV CC re-issues SMIB.
	10'5"	Rising	Extreme Low Water	Recovery	Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah & ICE Committee Chairman. ICE Committee conference call w/USACE & MSU Paducah to discuss draft and tow size recommendations under rising river conditions. Safety Advisory in effect.
	11'0"	Rising	Low Water	Watch	Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah. SOHV CC cancel SMIB.
	12'0" and above	Rising	Normal Operations	n/a	Lock Operations Normal.

OHIO RIVER – SMITLAND LOCK & DAM

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE USACE ADVISED THAT SMITLAND LOCK AND DAM, LOCATED AT MILE 918.5 OHIO RIVER HAS CEASED ALL LOCKING AS A RESULT OF THE UPPER GAUGE EXCEEDING 27.4 FEET. NO WEIR NAVIGATION IS AUTHORIZED AT THIS TIME. ALL VESSELS MUST CHECK IN THE WITH SMITLAND LOCK MASTER TO REQUEST PLACEMENT ON THE VESSEL QUEUE FOR PASSAGE ONCE THE LOCK IS REOPENED.

LOW WATER Enclosure 2 (example-mile markers may be different and encompass a larger or smaller area)

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT OHIO VALLEY HAS ESTABLISHED A SAFETY ZONE ON THE OHIO RIVER FROM MILE 924-926 DUE TO POTENTIAL HAZARDS CREATED BY LOW WATER CONDITIONS. VESSELS MAY NOT ENTER OR TRANSIT THE SAFETY ZONE IF THEY DRAFT MORE THAN THE SMITLAND LOCK AND DAM LOWER GAUGE PLUS 6 INCHES. VESSELS WISHING TO SEEK DEVIATION TO THESE REQUIREMENTS MUST CONTACT THE COTP'S REPRESENTATIVE BY TELEPHONE AT 270-217-0959. IF MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS, ALL MARINERS ARE REQUESTED TO TRANSIT THIS AREA WITH CAUTION.

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4.A.21. Irvin Cobb Bridge Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
IRVIN COBB BRIDGE OHIO RIVER MM: 937.4 REFERENCE GAUGE: PADUCAH BRIDGE DATA: Horizontal Span Clearance KY side – 700’ /IL side – 500’ Vertical Clearance for both – 91’ at pool OTHER USEFUL DATA: MARINERS SHOULD EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION WHEN NAVIGATING THESE SPANS AND ENSURE ADEQUATE CLEARANCE OF VESSEL UNDER BRIDGE DURING HIGH WATER CONDITIONS. CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE TAKEN FOR PLACING RED FLAG BARGES IN A PROTECTED AREA IN THE TOW.	< 19’	Falling	Normal Operations	Watch	Vessels normally run Illinois channel span when the Paducah Gauge is less than 19 ft.
	19’ >	Rising	Normal Operations	Watch	Vessels normally run Kentucky channel span when the Paducah Gauge is 19 ft and greater.

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4.A.22. I-24 Bridge Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
I-24 BRIDGE OHIO RIVER MM: 940.9 REFERENCE GAUGE: PADUCAH BRIDGE DATA: Horizontal Span Clearance KY side – 700’ /IL side – 600’ Vertical Clearance KY side – 93.9’/IL side – 74.3’ at pool OTHER USEFUL DATA: MARINERS SHOULD EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION WHEN NAVIGATING THESE SPANS AND ENSURE ADEQUATE CLEARANCE OF VESSEL UNDER BRIDGE DURING HIGH WATER CONDITIONS. CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE TAKEN FOR PLACING RED FLAG BARGES IN A PROTECTED AREA IN THE TOW.	< 19’	Falling	Normal Operations	Watch	Vessels normally run Illinois channel span when the Paducah Gauge is less than 19’. . Vertical clearance is 20’ less on Illinois span and may not be adequate to transit high water conditions.
	19’ >	Rising	Normal Operations	Watch	Vessels normally run Kentucky channel span when the Paducah Gauge is 19’ and greater.
	35’ – 38’	Rising	Normal Operations	Watch	Consider holding ICE call to discuss possible safety advisory or restrictions based on prevalent conditions. Discuss bear trap navigation at project formally known as Lock & Dam 52.
	38’ >	Rising	High Water 39’ Flood	Action	Hold ICE call. Move navigation lane to over the bear traps.

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4.A.23. Olmsted High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING OLMSTED UPPER GAUGE	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
OLMSTED LOCK & DAM OHIO RIVER MM: 964.4 REFERENCE GAUGES: Olmsted Upper Gauge FLOOD STAGE READING: 42'0" OTHER USEFUL DATA: WHEN WICKETS ARE RAISED THERE IS AN UPPER AND LOWER GAUGE READING. WICKETS ARE TYPICALLY RAISED WHEN PADUCAH GAUGE IS 13.7, SMITHLAND LOWER GAUGE IS 12' AND CAIRO GAUGE IS BELOW 25' COMBINED FLOWS FROM KY, BARKLEY & SMITHLAND MUST BE BELOW 170K CFS. OLMSTED IS DESIGNED SO THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BE DRAWDOWN CONDITIONS DURING DAM RAISING. COMBINED 60K CFS FROM 3 UPPER PROJECTS WILL USUALLY MAINTAIN POOL. USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT Olmsted L&D #: 618-748-6403	24.5'	Rising	Top of finished right & left boat abutments start going under water	Watch	Hold ICE Committee conference call w/USACE & MSU Paducah to discuss forecasted river conditions. MSU Paducah issues BNM reflecting USACE Nav. Notice issued by Olmsted, as necessary.
	27.0'	Rising	Traffic starts navigating navigable pass	Watch	Hold ICE Committee conference w/USACE & MSU Paducah as necessary to discuss planned traffic routing or other issues. MSU Paducah issues BNM reflecting USACE Nav. Notice issued by Olmsted, as necessary.
	31.0'	Rising	Lock walls start going under water along with unfinished dam piers.	Watch	Hold ICE Committee conference w/USACE & MSU Paducah to discuss planned traffic routing or other issues. MSU Paducah issues BNM reflecting USACE Nav. Notice issued by Olmsted.
	41.0'	Rising	Upstream & Downstream mooring cells start going underwater	Action	Hold ICE Committee conference w/USACE & MSU Paducah to discuss possible HP/barge requirements, tow size restrictions and placing of red flag barges in protected area of tow. MSU Paducah issues BNM reflecting USACE Nav. Notice issued by Olmsted.

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4.A.24. I.C. Railroad Bridge & Cairo Bridge High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	PHASE	ACTION
I.C. RAILROAD BRIDGE & CAIRO BRIDGE OHIO RIVER MMs: 977.7 & 980.4 REFERENCE GAUGE: Cairo & Ohio River at Grand Chain L&D FLOOD STAGE READING: 40'0" BRIDGE DATA: IC RR Horizontal Span Clearance - 500.5' Cairo Bridge Horizontal Span Clearance Center – 630'/IL span – 780' Vertical Clearance Center – 116' minus Cairo Gauge IL- (Ky Pier 116.4', Il pier 105.3') minus Cairo Gauge OTHER USEFUL DATA: COMPARE GAUGES TO DETERMINE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS / FLOWS. SIMILAR CONDITIONS EXIST FOR THE CAIRO HIGHWAY BRIDGE AT MM 980.4. UNDER THESE CONDITIONS MARINERS SHOULD NAVIGATE WITH CAUTION WHILE SOUTHBOUND. HIGH CONSEQUENCE ALLISIONS MAY OCCUR IN THIS AREA UNDER HIGH WATER AND HIGH CURRENT CONDITIONS RESULTING IN MARINE CASUALTIES AND VESSEL SINKINGS. BIRDS POINT FLOOD PLAIN OFFICE: 901-544-3401 CAIRO GAUGE READING: PHONE #: 901-544-3634 USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT	35'0" & below	Rising	n/a	Operations normal.
	35'0"	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	Watch	MSU Paducah contacts ICE Committee chairman to discuss need for Safety Advisory. MSU Paducah may request SOHV CC issue a Safety Advisory SMIB indicating high water in the area causing swift currents and potentials for bridge allisions.
	38'0"	Rising	Watch	MSU Paducah contacts ICE Committee chairman to discuss Safety Advisory & conditions mariners are experiencing. Consider need for HP requirements, tow size restrictions and/or use of assist vessel.
	40'0"	Rising	Action	Safety Advisory in effect. Hold ICE Committee conference call w/MSU Paducah & CGC Chippewa. Consider transit of vessels based on HP, tow size, cargo, and visibility and consider placing red flag barges in a protected area in the tow. Conduct outreach w/fleet managers to ensure precautions are being taken in high water stages to prevent break-aways.
	40'0" & above	Rising & projected to continue rising	Action	Hold ICE Committee conference call w/MSU Paducah & USACE water control. Consider need for Safety Zone. Consider transit of vessels based on HP, tow size, cargo, & visibility. Continue fleet manager outreach. Note: At 49' on Cairo gauge, consult Birds Point Floodway Plan. At 56' on Cairo gauge, CG requested on scene.
	39'0"	Falling	Recovery	MSU Paducah cancels Safety Zone if implemented as conditions allow. SOHV CC reissues Safety Advisory SMIB. Hold ICE Committee conf call w/MSU Paducah to discuss falling river stages and need for continued Safety Advisory as well as continued HP requirements or vessel restrictions.
	38'0"	Falling	Recovery	Safety Advisory may still be in effect. Hold ICE Committee conference call w/MSU Paducah to discuss continued need for vessel transits based on HP, tow size, cargo, & visibility.
	35'0"	Falling	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions; cancel Safety Advisory SMIB when conditions permit.
	35'0" & below	Falling	Recovery	Operations normal.

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4.A.25. American Bar & Mound City Bar Vicinity Low Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING CAIRO GAUGE	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
AMERICA BAR & MOUND CITY BAR VICINITY OHIO RIVER MILE MARKERS: 969.0 – 972.0 & 973.0 – 975.0 REFERENCE GAUGE: CAIRO OTHER USEFUL DATA: THIS AREA EXPERIENCES EXCESSIVE SHOALING RESULTING IN VESSEL GROUNDINGS WITHIN THE CHANNEL. DURING LOW WATER, GROUNDINGS MAY INCREASE IN THIS AREA. VESSEL DRAFTS SHOULD BE CAREFULLY WATCHED WHEN TRANSITING THIS AREA. VESSELS MAY REQUIRE LIGHTERING DURING EXTENDED PERIODS OF LOW WATER. EMERGENCY CONDITIONS EXIST WHEN THE CAIRO GAUGE FALLS BELOW 9'0" FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. CAIRO GAUGE READING: PHONE #: 901-544-3634	11'0" and above	Falling	Normal Operations	Watch	Operations Normal. USACE, ICE Committee Chairman & MSU Paducah monitor Cairo Gauge. Mariners report all missing ATON to SOHV CC.
	10'0"	Falling	Low Water	Watch	SOHV CC issues Safety Advisory SMIB.
	9'5"	Falling	Low Water	Watch	Consider ICE Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & CGC Chippewa. Evaluate the need for draft and/or tow sizes restrictions and placing red flag barges in a protected area in the tow under falling river conditions, surveys & dredging and ATON in area. Safety Advisory SMIB in effect.
	9'0"	Falling	Extreme Low Water	Action	Hold ICE Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & CGC Chippewa to discuss buoy tender on scene and USACE potential dredging plan.
	8'8"	Falling	Extreme Low Water	Action	MSU Paducah cancels Safety Zone, if implemented. SOHV CC reissues Safety Advisory SMIB. Hold ICE Committee conference call w/ MSU Paducah to evaluate need for draft and/or tow size restrictions and placing red flag barges in a protected area in the tow.
	8'3" and below	Falling	Restrict Navigation	Action	Hold ICE Committee conference call w/ MSU Paducah to further discuss need for a Safety Zone due to extreme low water. Vessels will experience delays; activate MTSRU.
	8'3" and below	Rising	Restrict Navigation	Recovery	Safety Zone may be in effect. Hold ICE Committee conference call w/ MSU Paducah to discuss conditions that need to be met to cancel Safety Zone. Vessels will experience delays.
	8'8"	Rising	Extreme Low Water	Recovery	MSU Paducah cancels Safety Zone, if implemented. SOHV CC reissues Safety Advisory SMIB. Hold ICE Committee conference call w/ MSU Paducah to evaluate need for draft and/or tow size restrictions.
	9'0"	Rising	Extreme Low Water	Recovery	CG, Industry chairman, & USACE monitor Cairo Gauge. Hold ICE Committee conference call. Discuss draft and tow size recommendations, if any, under rising river conditions. Safety Advisory in effect.
	9'5"	Rising	Low Water	Recovery	Hold ICE Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & CGC Chippewa. Evaluate the need for draft and/or tow sizes restrictions under rising river condition, surveys & dredging and ATON in area. Safety Advisory SMIB in effect.

<u>USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u>	10'0"	Rising	Low Water	Recovery	Hold ICE Committee conference call w/ MSU Paducah & USACE to discuss need for continued restrictions, if implemented, and any survey results supporting decision.
	11'0" and above	Rising	Normal Operations	Recovery	Operations Normal. USACE, ICE Committee Chairman & MSU Paducah monitor Cairo Gauge. Mariners report all missing ATON to SOHV CC.

4.B. Mississippi River Action Plan

4.B.1. Chester Highway Bridge High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
CHESTER HIGHWAY BRIDGE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER MM: 109.9 FLOOD STAGE READING: 27'0" REFERENCE GAUGE: CHESTER GAUGE BRIDGE DATA: HORIZONTAL SPAN CLEARANCE 650' VERTICAL CLEARANCE 103.8' MINUS CHESTER GAUGE OTHER USEFUL DATA: DURING HIGH WATER CONDITIONS VESSELS MAY EXPERIENCE SET WHILE NAVIGATING CHANNEL SPAN OF THE CHESTER HIGHWAY BRIDGE. DURING HIGH CURRENT AND HIGH WATER MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO NAVIGATE THIS AREA AT SLOWEST SAFE SPEED AND EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION DUE TO POTENTIAL OUTDRAFTS. CAPE GIRARDEAU FLOOD PLAIN OFFICE: 1-573-339-6351 or 573-339-6760 (information on flood walls & pump stations) NOAA GAUGE READINGS REPORT	<12'0" - 18'0"	Rising	Normal Operations	n/a	Operations Normal.
	18'0"	Rising & projected to rise rapidly	Normal Operations	Watch	MSU Paducah contacts RIAC Committee Chairman to discuss overall river conditions & potential for reaching 22'5". Discuss currents, drift, any reports of hazardous conditions & fleeting area concerns/issues and necessity for a full blown call.
	22'5	Rising	High Water	Action	SOHV CC initiates a Safety Advisory SMIB; indicate possibility of swift currents, increased drift, report hazardous conditions and off station buoys or inoperable lights to Coast Guard. Hold RIAC Committee conference call w/MSU Paducah to discuss relative levels at St. Louis, Cape G, & Cairo. Notify levee & fleeting area managers.
	25'0" & above	Rising	High Water 27'-Flood	Action	Safety Advisory in effect. Hold RIAC Committee conference call w/MSU Paducah & USACE to discuss buoys on station, range & bridge lights, drift, expected rise in 24 hours and placing red flag barges in a protected area in the tow. Discuss levee concerns and possible future actions. Safety Advisory in effect.
	33'0" - 40'0"	Rising	Extreme High Water 35'-Moderate Flood	Action	USACE St. Louis EOC stands up and conducts 2 daily briefs at 33' to discuss potential for rising river stage. If river forecast predicts reaching 43', USACE will initiate discussions w/CG for river closures. Hold RIAC Committee conference call w/MSU Paducah & USACE to discuss tow size restrictions to help reduce wake and mitigate risk, levee integrity as well as address traffic management concerns.
	40'0" - 46'0"	Rising	Extreme High Water 40'-Major Flood	Action	USACE St. Louis EOC deploys flood fight teams at 40' to closely monitor levee conditions and report concerns of wakes on levee design limitations. USACE expects river closure to protect levees at 43' and rising. Hold RIAC conference call w/MSU Paducah & USACE to discuss concerns w/high water & levee integrity. Activate MTSRU to manage vessel traffic/queue.
	25'0"	Falling	Extreme High Water	Action	Safety Advisory in effect. Consider holding RIAC phone conference call. Discuss relative levels at St. Louis, Cape G, & Cairo and impact on vessels/tows.
	22'5"	Falling	High Water	Recovery	Cancel Safety Advisory SMIB. Notify RIAC.

	12'0" – 18'0"	Falling	Normal Operations	n/a	Operations Normal
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4.B.2. Grays Point & Thebes Railroad Bridge High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
GRAYS POINT & THEBES RAILROAD BRIDGE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER MM: 43.2 FLOOD STAGE READING: 32'0" REFERENCE GAUGE: CAPE GIRARDEAU BRIDGE DATA: HORIZONTAL CHANNEL SPAN CLEARANCE - 651' VERTICAL CLEARANCE – 105.2' MINUS THEBES GAUGE OTHER USEFUL DATA: INDUSTRY BEST PRACTICE IS 240HP PER BARGE. TRANSITS THROUGH BRIDGE ARE ONE WAY ONLY. VESSELS MAY EXPERIENCE SET WHILE NAVIGATING GRAYS POINT AND CHANNEL SPAN OF THE THEBES RAILROAD BRIDGE. DURING HIGH WATER MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO NAVIGATE THIS AREA AT SLOWEST SAFE SPEED AND EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION DUE TO POTENTIAL OUTDRAFTS. CAPE GIRARDEAU FLOOD PLAIN OFFICE: 1-573-339-6351 or 573-339-6760 (information on flood walls & pump stations)	<12'0" – 20'0"	Rising	Normal Operations	n/a	Operations Normal.
	20'0"	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	Normal Operations	Watch	MSU Paducah contacts RIAC Committee Chairman to discuss overall river conditions & potential for reaching 25'0". Discuss currents, drift, any reports of hazardous conditions & fleeting area concerns/issues and necessity for full blown call.
	25'	Rising	High Water 27'-Flood	Action	SOHV CC initiates a Safety Advisory SMIB; indicate possibility of swift currents, increased drift, report hazardous conditions and off station buoys or inoperable lights to the Coast Guard. Hold RIAC Committee conference call w/MSU Paducah to discuss buoys, lights, & relative levels at St. Louis, Cape G, & Cairo. Call SOHV WWM to determine buoy tender support if needed. Notify levee & fleeting area managers.
	29'0" & above	Rising	High Water	Action	Hold RIAC Committee conference call w/MSU Paducah. Assess need for daylight/visibility restrictions. Buoys on station, range light operable, bridge lights, drift, expected rise in 24 hours. Contact Cape G Flood Plain Office. Safety Advisory in effect.
	33'0"	Rising	Extreme High Water 35'-Moderate Flood	Action	Hold RIAC Committee conference call w/MSU Paducah & USACE. Assess need for experienced wheelmen w/successful handling in current conditions, placing red flag barges in protected area of tow, HP needs, buoys on station, range light operable, bridge lights, drift. Discuss levee concerns and possible future actions. Safety Advisory (See Enclosure) in effect at 33' with restriction in place for night time operations limiting tows to 140' wide.
	38'0" – 42'0"	Rising	Extreme High Water 40'-Major Flood	Action	USACE St. Louis EOC stands up and conducts twice daily briefs at 38' to discuss potential for rising river stage. If river forecast predicts reaching 45', USACE will initiate discussions w/CG for river closures at 45'. Hold RIAC conference call w/MSU Paducah & USACE to discuss reducing wake and mitigate risk, as well as address traffic management concerns. Safety Advisory (See Enclosure) in effect at 40' with restriction in place for night time operations limiting tows to 140' wide x 600' long.

<u>NOAA GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u>	42'0" – 48'0"	Rising	Extreme High Water	Action	USACE St. Louis EOC deploys flood fight teams at 42' to closely monitor levee conditions and report concerns of wakes on levee design limitations. USACE expects river closure to protect levees at 45' and rising. Hold RIAC conference call w/MSU Paducah & USACE to discuss concerns w/high water & levee integrity. Activate MTSRU to manage vessel traffic/queue. Safety Zone (See Enclosure) in effect at 45' if river is closed. Safety Advisory (See Enclosure) remains in effect until river stages fall below 40' if the Safety Zone is not put into place.
	40'	Falling	Extreme High Water	Action	Hold RIAC Committee conference call w/MSU Paducah & USACE. Continue discussion on traffic management as well as need for critical buoys. Safety Advisory (See Enclosure) in effect with restriction in place for night time operations limiting tows to 140' wide x 600' long until river stages fall below 40'. Once river stages fall below 40', Safety Advisory (See Enclosure) in effect and will last until river stages fall below 33'.
	29'0"	Falling	High Water	Action	Safety Advisory in effect. Consider holding RIAC Committee conference call w/MSU Paducah. Discuss relative levels at St. Louis, Cape G, & Cairo and impact on vessels/tows.
	25'0"	Falling	High Water	Recovery	Cancel Safety Advisory SMIB. Notify RIAC.
	12'0" - 20'0"	Falling	Normal Operations	n/a	Operations Normal.

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HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

THE U. S. COAST GUARD COTP OHIO VALLEY HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO EXTREME HIGH WATER ON THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER FROM MM 43.5 TO 46 BEGINNING AT (TIME/DATE). THIS ADVISORY WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL EXTREME HIGH RIVER STAGES SUBSIDE BY FALLING BELOW 33 FEET. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT VESSELS DO NOT MEET, PASS OR OVERTAKE IN THIS LOCATION AND DOWN BOUND TOWS SHOULD NOT EXCEED 140 FEET WIDE DURING THE NIGHT TIME HOURS OF (HOURS DECIDED BY CG AND INDUSTRY) AND RED FLAG BARGES SHOULD BE PLACED IN A PROTECTED LOCATION IN THE TOW. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL VESSELS AVOID LAYING UP ON LEVEES AND ASSESS BRIDGE CLEARANCES IN ADVANCE. USE EXTREME CAUTION, KEEP A SHARP LOOKOUT AND REPORT NAVIGATIONAL HAZARDS TO THE COAST GUARD IMMEDIATELY VIA VHF-FM CHANNEL 16.

HIGH WATER Enclosure 2 (example)

THE COTP OHIO VALLEY HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO RAPIDLY RISING RIVER STAGES ON THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER FROM MM 43.5 – 46 BEGINNING AT (TIME/DATE). THIS ADVISORY WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL EXTREME HIGH RIVER STAGES SUBSIDE BY FALLING BELOW 40 FEET. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT VESSELS DO NOT MEET, PASS OR OVERTAKE IN THIS LOCATION AND DOWN BOUND TOWS SHOULD NOT EXCEED 140 FEET WIDE AND 600 FEET LONG DURING THE NIGHT TIME HOURS OF (HOURS DECIDED BY CG AND INDUSTRY) AND RED FLAG BARGES SHOULD BE PLACED IN A PROTECTED LOCATION IN THE TOW. MARINERS SHOULD USE EXTREME CAUTION WHEN TRANSITING THIS AREA WHILE RIVER STAGES REMAIN HIGH AND CURRENTS ARE SWIFT. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO TRANSIT WITH CAUTION.

HIGH WATER Enclosure 3 (example)

THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS HAS EXPRESSED LIFE-SAFETY CONCERNS ASSOCIATED WITH HIGH RIVER STAGES THAT THREATEN THE STABILITY, INTEGRITY, OVERTOPPING, AND BREACH OF CRITICAL FEDERAL LEVEE SYSTEMS. EFFECTIVE (DATE/TIME), THE U.S. COAST GUARD COTP OHIO VALLEY HAS ESTABLISHED A SAFETY ZONE ON THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER FROM MM 33 TO MM 109.9. MARINERS SHALL STAY CLEAR OF THE RESTRICTED AREA UNLESS THEY ARE CURRENTLY WITHIN A FLEETING AREA. FLEET OPERATORS WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE AROUND TO MAINTAIN SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THEIR FLEETS. VESSELS CURRENTLY WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA AND NOT IN A FLEETING AREA MAY REQUEST TO CONTINUE/FINISH THEIR TRANSIT. REQUESTS WILL BE HANDLED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. ALL VESSELS MUST MAKE REQUESTS THROUGH MSU PADUCAH MTSRU AT (PHONE NUMBER).

HIGH WATER Enclosure 4 (example)

THE U. S. COAST GUARD COTP OHIO VALLEY HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO EXTREME HIGH WATER ON THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER FROM MM 43.5 TO 46 BEGINNING AT (TIME/DATE). THIS ADVISORY WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL EXTREME HIGH RIVER STAGES SUBSIDE BY FALLING BELOW 33 FEET. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT VESSELS DO NOT MEET, PASS OR OVERTAKE IN THIS LOCATION AND DOWN BOUND TOWS SHOULD NOT EXCEED 140 FEET WIDE DURING THE HOURS OF (NIGHT TIME HOURS DECIDED BY CG AND INDUSTRY) AND RED FLAG BARGES SHOULD BE PLACED IN A PROTECTED LOCATION IN THE TOW. WHILE THE OVERALL RIVER STAGE IS DECREASING BE ADVISED THAT DRIFT AND DEBRIS MAY BE A HAZARD TO NAVIGATION AND MAY DRAG BUOYS OFF STATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL VESSELS AVOID LAYING UP ON LEVEES AND ASSESS BRIDGE CLEARANCES IN ADVANCE. USE EXTREME CAUTION, KEEP A SHARP LOOKOUT AND REPORT NAVIGATIONAL HAZARDS TO THE COAST GUARD IMMEDIATELY VIA VHF-FM CHANNEL 16.

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4.B.3. Cairo-Route 60 / 62 Bridge High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING CAIRO GAUGE	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
CAIRO (ROUTE 60 / 62) BRIDGE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER MM: 1.3 FLOOD STAGE READING: 40'0" REFERENCE GAUGE: CAIRO BRIDGE DATA: HORIZONTAL CHANNEL SPAN CLEARANCE - 675' VERTICAL CLEARANCE – 114.2' MINUS CAIRO GAUGE OTHER USEFUL DATA: THE CAPE GIRARDEAU GAUGE CAN BE COMPARED TO THE CAIRO GAUGE TO DETERMINE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS / FLOWS. SIMILAR CONDITIONS EXIST FOR THE LOWER OHIO RIVER BRIDGES FOR VESSELS TRANSITING DOWNBOUND. UNDER THESE CONDITIONS MARINERS SHOULD NAVIGATE AT SLOWEST SAFE SPEED. HIGH CONSEQUENCE ALLISIONS MAY OCCUR IN THIS AREA UNDER HIGH WATER CONDITIONS RESULTING IN HIGH CONSEQUENCE MARINE CASUALTIES AND VESSEL SINKINGS. BIRDS POINT FLOOD PLAIN OFFICE: 901-544-3401 CAIRO GAUGE READING PHONE #: 901-544-3634 NOAA GAUGE READINGS REPORT	35'0" & below	Rising	Normal Operations	n/a	Operations normal.
	35'0"	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Current	Watch	MSU Paducah contacts RIAC Committee Chairman to discuss overall river conditions and need for Safety Advisory SMIB in area.
	38'0"	Rising	High Current	Watch	SOHV CC initiates Safety Advisory SMIB. Fleet managers secure fleeing areas.
	39'0"	Rising	Very High Current	Action	Safety Advisory in effect. Hold RIAC Committee conference call w/MSU Paducah to discuss HP and tow size recommendations and/or use of assist vessel and placing red flag barges in a protected area in the tow. MSU Paducah contacts fleet managers to determine precautions taken by fleeing area managers.
	40'0" & above	Rising	Very High Current	Action	CG MSU Paducah considers implementation of Safety Zone. Hold RIAC Committee conference call w/MSU Paducah. Consider coordination of vessel traffic on a vessel-by-vessel basis and/or assist vessels. Vessels may experience delays. Fleet managers secure fleeing areas. Note: <u>At 49' on Cairo gauge, consult Birds Point Floodway Plan.</u> At 56' on Cairo gauge, CG requested on scene.
	39'0"	Falling	Very High Current	Recovery	MSU Paducah cancels Safety Zone, if implemented, and SOHV CC reissues Safety Advisory SMIB; indicate swift currents, report hazardous conditions to Coast Guard. Hold RIAC Committee conference call w/MSU Paducah to discuss falling river conditions and need for any vessel restrictions.
	38'0"	Falling	Very High Current	Recovery	Safety Advisory in effect. Consider holding RIAC Committee conference call w/MSU Paducah to discuss overall river conditions and continued need for safety advisory.
	35'0"	Falling	High Current	Recovery	Cancel Safety Advisory SMIB.
	35'0" & below	Falling	Normal Operations	n/a	Operations normal.

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4.B.4. Cairo Point Vicinity Low Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING CAIRO GAUGE	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
CAIRO POINT VICINITY UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER MM: 0.3 REFERENCE GAUGE: CAIRO OTHER USEFUL DATA: THIS AREA EXPERIENCES EXCESSIVE SHOALING RESULTING IN VESSEL GROUNDINGS WITHIN THE CHANNEL TYPICALLY ALONG THE RIGHT DESCENDING BANK. DURING LOW WATER, GROUNDINGS MAY INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY. VESSEL DRAFTS SHOULD BE CAREFULLY WATCHED WHEN TRANSITING THIS AREA DURING LOW WATER CONDITIONS. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO NAVIGATE THIS AREA WHILE ADHEREING TO THE CENTER OF THE CHANNEL DURING LOW WATER. EMERGENCY CONDITIONS EXIST WHEN THE CAIRO GAUGE FALLS BELOW 9'0" FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. CAIRO GAUGE READING: PHONE #: 901-544-3634 <u>NOAA GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u>	11'0" and above	Falling	Normal Operations	Watch	Operations Normal. USACE, ICE Committee Chairman & MSU Paducah monitor Cairo Gauge. Mariners report all missing ATON to SOHV CC.
	10'0"	Falling	Low Water	Watch	SOHV CC issues Safety Advisory SMIB.
	9'5"	Falling	Low Water	Watch	Consider ICE Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & CGC Chippewa. Evaluate the need for draft and/or tow sizes restrictions and placing red flag barges in a protected area in the tow under falling river condition, surveys & dredging and ATON in area. Safety Advisory SMIB in effect.
	9'0"	Falling	Extreme Low Water	Action	Hold ICE Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & CGC Chippewa to discuss buoy tender on scene and USACE potential dredging plan.
	8'8"	Falling	Extreme Low Water	Action	Hold ICE Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & CGC Chippewa as needed to identify specific critical low water areas and review survey results. Assess need for potential Safety Zone.
	8'3" and below	Falling	Restrict Navigation	Action	Hold ICE Committee conference call w/ MSU Paducah to further discuss need for a Safety Zone due to extreme low water. Vessels will experience delays; activate MTSRU.
	8'3" and below	Rising	Restrict Navigation	Recovery	Safety Zone may be in effect. Hold ICE Committee conference call w/ MSU Paducah to discuss conditions that need to be met to cancel Safety Zone. Vessels will experience delays.
	8'8"	Rising	Extreme Low Water	Recovery	MSU Paducah cancels Safety Zone if implemented. SOHV CC reissues Safety Advisory SMIB. Hold ICE Committee conference call w/ MSU Paducah to evaluate need for draft and/or tow size restrictions.
	9'0"	Rising	Extreme Low Water	Recovery	CG, Industry chairman, & USACE monitor Cairo gauge. Hold ICE Committee conference call. Discuss draft and tow size recommendations if any under rising river conditions. Safety Advisory in effect.
	9'5"	Rising	Low Water	Recovery	Hold ICE Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & CGC Chippewa. Evaluate the need for draft and/or tow sizes restrictions under rising river condition, surveys & dredging and ATON in area. Safety Advisory SMIB in effect.

	10'0"	Rising	Low Water	Recovery	Hold ICE Committee conference call w/ MSU Paducah & USACE to discuss need for continued restrictions if implemented and any survey results supporting decision.
	11'0" and above	Rising	Normal Operations	Recovery	Operations Normal. USACE, ICE Committee Chairman & MSU Paducah monitor Cairo Gauge. Mariners report all missing ATON to SOHV CC.

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4.B.5. Action Plan Table – Low Water Conditions Upper Mississippi River

CRITICAL REACH DESCRIPTION	THEBES TRIGGER READING	TREND	DEPTH OVER PINNACLES IN THEBES 300' CHANNEL	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER Miles 0.0 to 109.9 Reference Gauge: Thebes Gauge Low Water Reference Plane for Thebes Bridge: 4.8 ft	10'	Falling	18.5'	Normal Operations	Watch	Monitor channel conditions and traffic. Consider initiating communications plan. USACE to plan additional channel reconnaissance surveys and obtain river forecasts. Continue standard methods of survey and communication practices to maintain awareness of channel conditions and known buoy locations. Prioritize dredging, aids to navigation (buoys), and data collection. Realign buoys at Thebes and Grand Tower as a precautionary measure, if necessary.
	5'	Falling	13.5'	Low Water Channel narrows in various conditions	Action	Communications between USACE, USCG and RIAC as needed to discuss problem areas, potential impacts and possible solutions. Reset buoys as needed. Issue advisories to indicate low water between UMR miles 0 to 109.9, and mariners should exercise caution, beware of shifting channels, and transit at slow speed near fleet areas. Consider tow size and draft recommendations and placing red flag barges in a protected area in the tow in coordination with RIAC (See Enclosure). USACE initiates increased channel reconnaissance surveys, monitors potential problem areas, and provides updates on dredging actions. USACE assesses boat ramp availability for survey vessel access. Additional rock encroaches on the channel at multiple locations between MM 38.5 and 46 as well as between MM 79.0 and 81.0 as the river continues to fall. USACE provides most recent survey data to USCG and industry for buoy placement and operational decision making. Industry considers moving deep draft barges out of lower reaches of UMR. Based on river forecast, evaluate need for press release, Joint Information Center, MTSRU, Unified Command/Incident Command Post, vessel reporting scheme, and/or vessel management system. Request inorganic resources if necessary.
	2'	Falling	10.5'	Extreme Low Water	Action	Issue advisories (See Enclosure) or establish safety zones (See Enclosure), if necessary, to indicate extreme low water between UMR miles 0 and 109.9. Consult with RIAC for one way traffic, draft limits, tow size restrictions, and industry desire for marking channel

UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER Miles 0.0 to 109.9				Channel continues to narrow and channel depth decreases		(wider channel allows larger tow sizes and shallower drafts; at 2.5' on Thebes gauge the 300' wide channel provides 11' of water, which allows 10' drafts w/1' buffer) Adjust buoys throughout UMR, paying particular attention to rock encroaching on channel at Thebes and Grand Tower. Reiterate for mariners to be mindful of speed and wake near fleeting areas. Reset buoys as needed throughout UMR. USACE will continue increased channel reconnaissance. Emergency dredging may be required at some locations. Consider press release, Joint Information Center, MTSRU, Unified Command/Incident Command Post, vessel reporting scheme, and/or vessel management system. Continue to assess boat ramps. Industry confirms fuel/water and fleet area/space logistics in the event of prolonged closures/restrictions. ***Note: At Thebes gauge 1.5', and Grand Tower gauge 1.0', there is 10' of water over the rocks in the minimum navigation channel within the respective reach. This would allow a 9' draft w/1' buffer.***
	0'	Falling	8.5'	Minimum Navigation In many areas of zone, channel is at best 300-ft wide by 9-ft deep	Action	Establish safety zones (See Enclosure) between UMR miles 0 and 109.9 with restrictions if conditions warrant. Fleeting may continue if conditions warrant. Survey, dredge (if possible) and re-buoy critical areas. Monitoring channel conditions and communication between USACE, USCG, RIAC and other affected agencies likely occurs on a daily basis. Consider USCG/USACE/Industry Joint Information Center, Incident Command Post, Marine Transportation System Recovery Unit, and Vessel Management System. Continue to assess boat ramps. Consider ice effects on drafts. Consider any combination of these actions: • draft restrictions (Industry should be prepared for a 1-foot under keel safety factor at discretion of COTP with consultation of RIAC, e.g. 8-ft draft restriction in 9-ft channel depth) • restrictions on tow size (equate to dry cargo barge dimensions) • helper boat requirements • daylight only operations Discuss with industry for feedback from mariners that have transited the route recently.

UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER Miles 0.0 to 109.9	0'	Rising	8.5'	Minimum Navigation Channel improves and channel depth increases	Recovery	Issue advisories to indicate extreme low water between UMR mile 0 and 109.9. USACE continues channel reconnaissance surveys and identifies/monitors potential problem areas. Continue communications between USACE, USCG and RIAC as needed to discuss specific problem areas, potential impacts and possible solutions.
	5'	Rising	13.5'	Low Water Channel returning to normal	Recovery	Continue advisories to indicate low water. Continue to monitor channel conditions for possible repeat of extreme low water. USCG will monitor buoys in narrow channel locations within reach. USACE will continue increased level of channel reconnaissance. Lift advisories as river conditions warrant. Continue communications as needed. Cancel any notices, advisories and safety zones as channel conditions improve. Adjust buoys as possible to provide wider channel.
	8'	Rising	16.5'	Normal Operations	Recovery	Cancel all advisories and commence normal operations. Report any hazardous conditions to USCG.

UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER

LOW WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT OHIO VALLEY HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO LOW WATER CONDITIONS ON THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER. TOW SIZE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE FOR NO MORE THAN 20 BARGES DOWNBOUND, AND 25 BARGES UPBOUND WITH NO MORE THAN 15 LOADED AND RED FLAG BARGES ARE PLACED IN A PROTECTED AREA IN THE TOW. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT TOW CONFIGURATIONS BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 5 WIDE BY 6 LONG BASED ON THE STANDARD DIMENSIONS OF A DRY CARGO BARGE. ADDITIONALLY, THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORTS NUMEROUS ROCK PINNACLES IN THE THEBES AREA BETWEEN MILE 38.5 AND MILE 46 AND GRAND TOWER BETWEEN MILE 79 AND MILE 81. MARINERS ARE REQUESTED TO TRANSIT AT THEIR SLOWEST SAFE SPEED NEAR FLEETING AREAS, AND REPORT MISSING OR OFF STATION BUOYS IMMEDIATELY TO THE SECTOR OHIO VALLEY COMMAND CENTER VIA VHF-FM CHANNEL 16. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO USE EXTREME CAUTION WHILE TRANSITING THROUGHOUT THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER, AND BE MINDFUL OF DRAFTS DUE TO CHANGING CONDITIONS.

LOW WATER Enclosure 2 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT OHIO VALLEY HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO LOW WATER CONDITIONS IN THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER, AND ROCKS IN THE RIVER IN THE VICINITY OF THEBES AND GRAND TOWER, IL, MILES 38.5 TO 46 UMR, AND MILES 79 TO 81 UMR. THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORTS NUMEROUS AREAS OF ROCK PINNACLES AND ROCK SHELF IN THESE AREAS. THE COAST GUARD MARKED THESE AREAS WITH BUOYS ON _____. ADDITIONALLY, THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORTS WHEN THE THEBES GAUGE READS 0.5' THERE IS 9 FEET OF WATER OVER THE ROCKS IN THE NAVIGABLE CHANNEL IN THAT REACH, AND WHEN THE GRAND TOWER GAUGE READS 0.0 THERE IS 9 FEET OF WATER OVER THE ROCKS IN THE NAVIGABLE CHANNEL IN THAT REACH. TOW SIZE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE FOR NO MORE THAN 20 BARGES DOWNBOUND, AND 25 BARGES UPBOUND WITH NO MORE THAN 15 LOADED. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT TOW CONFIGURATIONS BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 5 WIDE BY 6 LONG BASED ON THE STANDARD DIMENSIONS OF A DRY CARGO BARGE. MARINERS ARE REQUESTED TO TRANSIT AT THEIR SLOWEST SAFE SPEED NEAR FLEETING AREAS, AND REPORT MISSING OR OFF STATION BUOYS IMMEDIATELY TO THE SECTOR OHIO VALLEY COMMAND CENTER VIA VHF-FM CHANNEL 16. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO USE EXTREME CAUTION WHILE TRANSITING THROUGHOUT THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER, AND BE MINDFUL OF DRAFTS DUE TO CHANGING CONDITIONS.

LOW WATER Enclosure 3 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT OHIO VALLEY HAS ESTABLISHED A SAFETY ZONE FOR MILES 38.5 TO 46 UMR AND MILES 79 TO 81 UMR. THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORTS NUMEROUS AREAS OF ROCK PINNACLES AND ROCK SHELF IN

THESE AREAS, AND THE COAST GUARD MARKED THESE AREAS WITH BUOYS ON _____. VESSELS AND BARGES ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN A ONE FOOT UNDER KEEL CLERANCE AT ALL RIVER STAGES, BASED ON U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORTS OF 9 FEET OF WATER IN THE NAVIGABLE CHANNEL BETWEEN MILES 38.5 AND 46 WHEN THEBES GAUGE READS 0.5', AND 9 FEET OF WATER IN THE NAVIGABLE CHANNEL BETWEEN MILES 79 AND 81 WHEN THE GRAND TOWER GAUGE READS 0.0 FEET. ADDITIONALLY, DOWNBOUND TOWS MAY NOT TRANSIT WITH MORE THAN 20 BARGES, AND UPBOUND TOWS MAY NOT TRANSIT WITH MORE THEN 25 BARGES, 15 OF WHICH MAY BE LOADED. TOW CONFIGURATIONS SHALL BE RESTRICTED TO NO MORE THAN 5 WIDE BY 6 LONG. ALL RESTRICTIONS ARE BASED ON THE DIMENSIONS OF A STANDARD DRY CARGO BARGE MEASURING 200 FEET LONG BY 35 FEET WIDE. MARINERS ARE REQUESTED TO TRANSIT AT THEIR SLOWEST SAFE SPEED NEAR FLEETING AREAS, AND REPORT MISSING OR OFF STATION BUOYS IMMEDIETLY TO THE SECTOR OHIO VALLEY COMMAND CENTER VIA VHF-FM CHANNEL 16. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO USE EXTREME CAUTION WHILE TRANSITING THROUGHOUT THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER, AND BE MINDFUL OF DRAFTS DUE TO CHANGING CONDITIONS.

4.C. Tennessee River Action Plan

4.C.1. I-24 / 62 / 641 Bridge High Water / Strong Current Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING KENTUCKY L&D FLOW RATE	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
I-24 BRIDGE & 62 / 641 BRIDGE TENNESSEE RIVER MM: 21.1 & 22.4 FLOOD STAGE READING: 200 CFS REFERENCE GAUGE: KENTUCKY L&D GIVEN IN THOUSANDS OF (CFS) OTHER USEFUL DATA: TABLE USES FLOW THROUGH CURRENTS ESTIMATED BY KENTUCKY LOCK & DAM. CFS RATES CAN BE USED TO DETERMINE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS / FLOWS. UNDER THESE CONDITIONS MARINERS SHOULD NAVIGATE AT SLOWEST SAFE SPEED. AREA MAY CONTAIN HIGH CURRENT CAUSING VESSELS TO EXPERIENCE UNEXPECTED SET RESULTING IN ADVERSE CONSEQUENCE. <u>USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u>	140 CFS and below	Rising	Normal Operations	Watch	Operations Normal. TVA, CG, Industry chairman, & USACE monitor CFS rates.
	160 CFS	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	Normal Operations	Watch	Notify ICE Committee and TCIC.
	180 CFS	Rising	Strong Current	Watch	Lockmaster contacts MSU Paducah. Sector Command Center (SCC) will initiate Safety Advisory SMIB.
	200 CFS	Rising	Strong Current	Action	Safety Advisory in effect. Notify ICE Committee and TCIC. Discuss horsepower and tow size recommendations restrictions and placing red flag barges in a protected area in the tow.
	220 CFS	Rising	Extreme Strong Current	Action	Safety Advisory in effect. Hold ICE Committee and TCIC conference call. Consider need for assist vessel on stand-by when reaching 220 CFS.
	240 CFS and above	Rising	Extreme Strong Current	Action	Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah. Safety Advisory in effect. Consider ICE Committee and TCIC meeting. Consider implementation of assist vessel.
	220 CFS	Falling	Extreme Strong Current	Action	Safety Advisory in effect. Notify ICE Committee and TCIC. Consider need for assist vessel on stand-by when reaching 220 CFS.
	200 CFS	Falling	Strong Current	Recovery	Safety Advisory in effect. Notify ICE Committee and TCIC. Discuss horsepower and tow size recommendations.
	180 CFS	Falling	Strong Current	Recovery	Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah. Cancel Safety Advisory SMIB. Notify ICE Committee and TCIC.
	160 CFS	Falling	Normal Operations	Recovery	Notify ICE Committee and TCIC.
	140 CFS and below	Falling	Normal Operations	Recovery	Operations Normal. TVA, CG, Industry chairman, & USACE monitor CFS rates.

4.C. Tennessee River Action Plan

4.C.2. Kentucky Lock & Dam Low Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING LOWER GAUGE	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
KENTUCKY LOCK & DAM TENNESSEE RIVER MM: 22.4 REFERENCE GAUGE: KENTUCKY L&D LOWER GAUGE OTHER USEFUL DATA: THIS CHART USES THE KENTUCKY LOCK AND DAM LOWER GAUGE. THE GAUGE IS GIVEN IN FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL. TO DETERMINE DEPTH OVER MITER SILL ADD THE STAFF GAUGE READING + 289 FEET. 289 FEET = THE MITER SILL ELEVATION ABOVE SEA LEVEL. WHEN THE STAFF GAUGE REACHES 11 FEET VESSEL MAY BE RESTRICTED FROM ENTERING LOCK CHAMBER DUE TO LOW WATER. H KENTUCKY LOCK #: 270-362-4226 USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT	302' & above 13ft	Falling	Normal Operations	n/a	Lock Operations Normal
	301' 12ft	Falling	Low Water	Watch	Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah & TCIC Committee Chairman. Consider TCIC Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & TVA. Discuss potential draft restrictions under falling river conditions. SOHV CC initiates a Safety Advisory SMIB.
	300' 11ft	Falling	Low Water	Watch	Safety Advisory in effect. Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah & TCIC Committee Chairman. Hold TCIC Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & TVA to discuss potential draft restrictions due to gauge levels, placing red flag barges in a protected area in the tow as well as issues at MM 17 due to low water.
	299' 10ft	Falling	Extreme Low Water	Action	Safety Advisory in effect. Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah & TCIC Committee Chairman. Hold TCIC Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & TVA to discuss draft and tow size recommendations and limited locking ability based on vessel draft. NOTE: At Kentucky L&D one foot of clearance over the miter sill is required for vessels to enter and exit lock chambers.
	298' 9ft	Falling	Restrict Lock Operations	Action	Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah & TCIC Committee Chairman. Hold TCIC Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & TVA to discuss need for Safety Zone on lower TNR. Limited locking ability based on vessel draft. Vessels may experience delays.
	297' and below 8ft	Falling	Restrict Lock Operations	Action	Hold TCIC Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & TVA to discuss further consideration for safety zone between TNR MM 0.0 –22.4.
	297' and below 8ft	Rising	Restrict Lock Operations	Recovery	Safety Zone may be in effect. Vessels will experience delays.
	298' 9ft	Rising	Restrict Lock Operations	Recovery	Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah & TCIC Committee Chairman. Hold TCIC Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & TVA to discuss queue management and/or vessel restrictions. May still experience limited locking ability based on

					vessel draft. MSU Paducah may cancel Safety Zone & SOHV CC reissues Safety Advisory SMIB.
	299' 10ft	Rising	Extreme Low Water	Recovery	Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah & TCIC Committee Chairman. Hold TCIC Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & TVA to discuss draft and tow size restrictions under rising river conditions. Safety Advisory in effect.
	300' 11ft	Rising	Extreme Low Water	Recovery	Safety Advisory in effect. Vessels exercise caution MM 17.0 TNR.
	301' 12ft	Rising	Low Water	Recovery	Lockmaster contacts MSU Paducah. SOHV CC cancels SMIB.
	302' & above 13ft	Rising	Normal Operations	n/a	Lock Operations Normal.

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4.C.3. Kentucky Lock & Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING LOWER GAUGE	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
KENTUCKY LOCK & DAM TENNESSEE RIVER MM: 22.4 FLOOD STAGE READING: 340' REFERENCE GAUGE: KENTUCKY L&D LOWER GAUGE OTHER USEFUL DATA: THIS CHART USES THE KENTUCKY LOCK AND DAM LOWER GAUGE. THE GAUGE IS GIVEN IN FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL. ADD THE ACTUAL STAFF GAUGE READING + 289 FEET TO DETERMINE THE GAUGE READING. EVERY 30K CFS = 1' INCREASE IN TAILWATER (approximate) <u>USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u> <u>Kentucky Lock</u> #: 270-362-4226	302' 13ft	Rising	Normal Operations	n/a	Locking Operations Normal.
	335' (46 ft)	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water	Watch	Lockmaster contacts MSU Paducah & TCIC Committee Chairman. Consider TCIC Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & TVA to discuss increasing river stages and flow rates. Mooring cell use will be discontinued at elevation of 336'. SOHV CC releases high water SMIB.
	340' (51 ft)	Rising	Extreme High Water	Action	Safety Advisory in effect. Hold TCIC Committee conference call w/USACE, TVA & MSU Paducah to discuss safety zone, potential ceasing of lockage, vessel restrictions and/or helper boat and placing red flag barges in a protected area in the tow. Vessels will experience delays.
	341' (52 ft) 1ft height of guard wall remaining	Rising	Restrict Lock Operations	Action	Lockmaster contacts MSU Paducah. Kentucky Lock ceases locking vessels. Safety Advisory in effect.
	341' (52 ft) 1ft height of guard wall remaining	Falling	Resume Locking Ability	Recovery	Lockmaster contacts MSU Paducah & TCIC Chairman. Hold TCIC Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah to discuss resumption of lockage under falling river conditions to include any vessel restrictions and/or helper boat requirements. SOHV CC reissues Safety Advisory SMIB.
	340' (51 ft)	Falling	Extreme High Water	Recovery	Safety Advisory in effect.
	335' (46 ft)	Falling	High Water	Recovery	Lockmaster contacts MSU Paducah & TCIC Chairman. SOHV CC cancels Safety Advisory SMIB.
	302' 13ft	Falling	High Water	Recovery	Locking Operations Normal.

	386' or 100,000 CFS	Falling	High Water	Recovery	Locking operations normal.
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4.C. Tennessee River Action Plan

4.C.4 The Gorge High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING Chickamauga L&D	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
THE GORGE TENNESSEE RIVER MILE MARKERS: 446.0 – 454.5 OTHER USEFUL DATA: TABLE USES FLOWS THROUGH THE GORGE GIVEN IN THOUSANDS OF CUBIC FEET PER SECOND (CFS). CFS RATES CAN BE USED TO DETERMINE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS / FLOWS. UNDER THESE CONDITIONS MARINERS SHOULD NAVIGATE AT SLOWEST SAFE SPEED. AREA MAY CONTAIN HIGH CURRENT CAUSING VESSELS TO EXPERIENCE UNEXPECTED SET RESULTING IN ADVERSE CONSEQUENCE. <u>TVA GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u>	46,000 CFS	Rising	High Current	Watch	Operations normal. CG, TVA, USACE and TCIC chairman monitor CFS rates and begin holding conference calls as needed. The Sector Command Center will initiate a SMIB.
	85,000 CFS	Rising	High Current	Action	TVA River Forecast Center contacts the Sector Command Center. The Sector Command Center will initiate a BNM (Enc. 1), recommending commercial traffic transit through the Gorge during daylight hours only. TCIC holds conference call.
	100,000 CFS and above	Rising	Very High Current	Emergency	TVA River Forecast Center contacts the Sector Command Center. Chickamauga L&D ceases locking vessels. The Sector Command Center initiates a Safety Zone BNM (Enc. 2), ceasing navigation through the Gorge and cancels BNM (Enc. 1). TCIC holds conference call. CG turns on AIS geographical notice.
	below 100,000 CFS	Falling	High Current	Action	TVA River Forecast Center contacts the Sector Command Center. Chickamauga L&D resumes locking vessels. The Sector Command Center cancels Safety Zone BNM (Enc. 2) and reissues BNM (Enc. 1), recommending commercial traffic transit through the Gorge during daylight hours only. TCIC holds conference call.
	85,000 CFS	Falling	High Current	Action	TVA River Forecast Center contacts the Sector Command Center. The Sector Command Center cancels BNM (Enc. 1)
	46,000 CFS	Falling	Normal Operations	Recovery	Operations normal. CG, TVA, USACE and TCIC chairman monitor CFS rates. The Sector Command Center cancels SMIB.

TENNESSEE RIVER – THE GORGE

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners (BNM)

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER THAT EXISTS IN THE VICINITY OF THE TENNESSEE RIVER GORGE, MILE MARKER 446 TO MILE MARKER 454.5. HEAVY RAINFALL HAS CAUSED RELEASES FROM CHICKAMAUGA DAM, TNR MM 471, TO GO ABOVE 85,000CFS. IAW THE WATERWAY MANAGEMENT PLAN, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC TRANSIT THROUGH THE GORGE AREA DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE CAUTION DUE TO THE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH STRONG CURRENTS, INCREASED DRIFT, AND SEVERE OUTDRAFTS. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO CONSIDER HORSEPOWER CAPABILITY AND TOW SIZE WHEN NAVIGATING THIS AREA. FLEET OPERATORS SHOULD REGULARLY CHECK THEIR FLEETS AND IMMEDIATELY REPORT BARGE BREAK-AWAYS TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD. THIS ADVISORY WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL CHICKAMAUGA DAM REDUCES FLOWS BELOW 85,000 CFS.

HIGH WATER Enclosure 2 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners (BNM)

HEAVY RAINFALL HAS CAUSED RELEASES FROM CHICKAMAUGA DAM, TNR MM 471 TO GO ABOVE 100,000 CFS. IAW THE WATERWAY MANAGEMENT PLAN, THE USCG COTP OHIO VALLEY HAS ESTABLISHED A SAFETY ZONE ON THE TNR FROM MM 446 TO MM 454.5, EXTENDING THE ENTIRE WIDTH OF THE RIVER. NAVIGATION OF THE GORGE HAS CEASED BETWEEN THESE MILE MARKERS. FLEET OPERATORS SHOULD REGULARLY CHECK THEIR FLEETS AND IMMEDIATELY REPORT BARGE BREAK-AWAYS TO THE USCG. THIS SAFETY ZONE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL CHICKAMAUGA DAM REDUCES FLOWS BELOW 100,000 CFS.

4.D. Cumberland River Action Plan

4.D.1. Barkley Lock & Dam Low Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING LOWER GAUGE	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
BARKLEY LOCK & DAM CUMBERLAND RIVER MM: 30.6 REFERENCE GAUGE: BARKLEY L&D LOWER GAUGE OTHER USEFUL DATA: THIS CHART USES THE BARKLEY LOCK AND DAM LOWER GAUGE. THE GAUGE IS GIVEN IN FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL. TO DETERMINE DEPTH OVER MITER SILL ADD THE STAFF GAUGE READING + 289 FEET. 289 FEET = THE MITER SILL ELEVATION ABOVE SEA LEVEL. WHEN THE STAFF GAUGE REACHES 11 FEET VESSEL MAY BE RESTRICTED FROM ENTERING LOCK CHAMBER DUE TO LOW WATER. EVERY 30K CFS = 1/2' INCREASE IN TAILWATER (approximate) BARKELY L&D #: 270-362-4222 <u>USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u>	302' & above 13' over sill	Falling	Normal Operations	n/a	Lock operations normal.
	301' & 12' over sill	Falling	Low Water	Watch	Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah & TCIC Committee Chairman. Consider TCIC Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & TVA. Discuss potential draft restrictions under falling river conditions. SOHV CC initiates a Safety Advisory SMIB.
	300' & 11' over sill	Falling	Low Water	Watch	Safety Advisory in effect. Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah & TCIC Committee Chairman. Hold TCIC Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & TVA to discuss potential draft restrictions due to gauge levels. Note: When the staff gauge falls to or below 11' vessels may be restricted from entering the lock chamber based on draft and water level.
	299' & 10' over sill	Falling	Extreme Low Water	Action	Safety Advisory in effect. Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah & TCIC Committee Chairman. Hold TCIC Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & TVA to discuss draft and tow size recommendations and limited locking ability based on vessel draft. NOTE: At Barkley L&D one foot of clearance over the miter sill is required for vessels to enter and exit lock chambers.
	298' & 9' over sill	Falling	Restrict Lock Operations	Action	Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah & TCIC Committee Chairman. Hold TCIC Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & TVA to discuss need for Safety Zone on lower CMR. Limited locking ability based on vessel draft. Vessels may experience delays.
	297' & 8' over sill	Falling	Restrict Lock Operations	Action	Hold TCIC Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & TVA to discuss further consideration for safety zone between MM 00.0 –30.6 CMR.
	297' & 8' over sill	Rising	Restrict Lock Operations	Recovery	Safety Zone may be in effect. Vessels will experience delays.
	298' & 9' over sill	Rising	Restrict Lock Operations	Recovery	Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah & TCIC Committee Chairman. Hold TCIC Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & TVA to discuss queue management and/or vessel restrictions. May still experience limited locking ability based on vessel draft. MSU Paducah may cancel Safety Zone & SOHV CC reissues Safety Advisory SMIB.

	299' 10' over sill	Rising	Extreme Low Water	Recovery	Lockmaster contacts CG MSU Paducah & TCIC Committee Chairman. Hold TCIC Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & TVA to discuss draft and tow size restrictions under rising river conditions. Safety Advisory in effect.
	300' 11' over sill	Rising	Low Water	Recovery	Safety Advisory in effect. Vessels exercise caution on lower CMR.
	301' 12' over sill	Rising	Low Water	Recovery	Lockmaster contacts MSU Paducah. SOHV CC cancels SMIB.
	302' & above 13' over sill	Rising	Normal Operations	n/a	Lock operations normal.

4.D. Cumberland River Action Plan

4.D.2. Barkley Lock & Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING LOWER GAUGE	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
BARKLEY LOCK & DAM CUMBERLAND RIVER MM: 30.6 REFERENCE GAUGE: BARKLEY L&D LOWER GAUGE FLOOD STAGE READING: 345' OTHER USEFUL DATA: THIS CHART USES THE BARKLEY LOCK AND DAM LOWER GAUGE. THE GAUGE IS GIVEN IN FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL ADD THE ACTUAL STAFF GAUGE READING + 289 FEET TO DETERMINE THE GAUGE READING. MONITOR TVA FLOW RATES. WHEN CFS RATES OVER 60K, VESSELS WILL TYPICALLY STOP USING THIS LOCK DUE TO OUTDRAFTS. FLOWS FROM CUMBERLAND RIVER INTO THE OHIO RIVER CAN POSE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS. EVERY 30K CFS = 1/2' INCREASE IN TAILWATER (approximate) USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT BARKLEY L&D #: 270-362-4222	<302' (13 ft)	Rising	Normal Operations	n/a	Locking Operations Normal.
	345' (56 ft)	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water	Watch	Lockmaster contacts MSU Paducah & TCIC Committee Chairman. Consider TCIC Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & TVA to discuss increasing river stages and flow rates. Mooring cell use will be discontinued at elevation of 336'. SOHV CC releases high water SMIB.
	350' (61 ft)	Rising	Extreme High Water	Watch	Safety Advisory in effect. Hold TCIC Committee conference call w/USACE & MSU Paducah to discuss flow rates & potential for helper boat or daytime restrictions.
	351' (62 ft) 1ft height of guide wall remaining.	Rising	Extreme High Water	Watch	Hold TCIC Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & TVA to discuss potential ceasing of lockage, vessel restrictions and/or helper boat. Safety Advisory in effect.
	352' (63 ft) Top of guide wall submerged	Rising	Restrict Lock Operations	Action	Lockmaster contacts MSU Paducah & TCIC Committee Chairman. Hold TCIC Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & TVA to discuss ceasing of lockage. MSU Paducah considers implementation of Safety Zone. Vessels will experience delays. Note: At 352 feet on the upper gauge Barkley L&D closes due to debris in the gate gears.
	352' (63 ft) & above	Rising	Restrict Lock Operations	Action	Lockmaster contacts MSU Paducah & TCIC Committee Chairman. Hold TCIC Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah & TVA to discuss safety zone and lock closure. NOTE: When the upper gauge reaches 374 feet Kentucky L&D closes due to debris in gate gears.
	352' (63 ft) Top of guide wall submerged	Falling	Restrict Lock Operations	Action	Lockmaster contacts MSU Paducah. Kentucky L&D ceases locking vessels. CG MSU Paducah considers cancellation of Safety Zone if implemented.
	351' (62 ft) 1ft height of guide wall remaining.	Falling	Resume Locking Ability	Recovery	Lockmaster contacts MSU Paducah & TCIC Chairman. Hold TCIC Committee conference call w/USACE, MSU Paducah to discuss resumption of lockage under falling river conditions to include any vessel restrictions and/or helper boat requirements. SOHV CC reissues Safety Advisory SMIB.
	350' (61 ft)	Falling	Extreme High Water	Recovery	Safety Advisory in effect.
	345' (56 ft)	Falling	High Water	Recovery	Lockmaster contacts MSU Paducah & TCIC Chairman. SOHV CC cancels Safety Advisory SMIB.
	302' (13ft)	Falling	Normal Operations	n/a	Locking Operations Normal.

4.E. Allegheny River Action Plan

4.E.1. Lock 4 Low Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
LOCK 4 ALLEGHENY RIVER MILE MARKER: 24.2 FLOOD STAGE READING: 18' UG OTHER USEFUL DATA: NORMAL POOL 10.1' ON UG & 9' LG TABLE USES LOWER GAUGE READINGS TO MONITOR RIVER CONDITIONS. THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL GROUNDINGS INCREASES AS THE WATER FALLS. USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT	>9.8' LG	Falling	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal
	9.8' - LG	Falling & projected to continue falling rapidly	Low Water/ Low Flow Conditions	Watch	Consider for low water conference calls. MSU Pittsburgh and/or WAP will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and WAP. Topics to discuss: water conditions, concerns, future actions, weather forecasts and river stages. Sector Ohio Valley Command Center will initiate a Safety Advisory (See Enclosure).
	9.8'+ LG	Rising	Normal Operations/ Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and consider canceling Safety Advisory.

ALLEGHENY RIVER – LOCK 4

LOW WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Safety Marine Information Broadcast (Local Safety)

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO LOW WATER / LOW FLOW CONDITIONS AT DAM FOUR, MILE MARKER 24.2, ALLEGHENY RIVER. THE LOWER GUAGE AT DAM FOUR READS LESS THAN 9.8 FEET. PROCEED WITH CAUTION AND REMAIN IN THE NAVIGABLE CHANNEL DUE TO DECREASING WATER LEVELS. ALL VESSELS MUST MONITOR CHANNEL DEPTHS AND ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE WATER EXISTS FOR THEIR VESSEL DRAFTS. REPORT ALL GROUNDINGS TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD.

4.E. Allegheny River Action Plan

4.E.2. Lock 7 High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
LOCK 7 ALLEGHENY RIVER MILE MARKER: 45.7 FLOOD STAGE READING: 17' UG OTHER USEFUL DATA: NORMAL POOL 9' ON UG & LG TABLE USES UPPER GAUGE READINGS TO MONITOR RIVER CONDITIONS. THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH LOCK AND DAM TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENTS INCREASE. USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT	<16' UG	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	16'+ UG	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Consider for high water conference calls. MSU Pittsburgh and/or WAP will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and WAP. Topics to discuss: water conditions, concerns, future actions, weather forecasts and river stages. Sector Ohio Valley Command Center will initiate a Safety Advisory (See Enclosure). Note: Cease locking at 17' on upper gauge.
	16' UG	Falling	Normal Operations/ Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and consider canceling Safety Advisory.

ALLEGHENY RIVER – LOCK 7

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER / HIGH FLOW CONDITIONS AT DAM SEVEN MILE MARKER 45.7 ALLEGHENY RIVER. THE UPPER GAUGE AT DAM SEVEN READS GREATER THAN 16 FEET. FLEETING FACILITIES ARE ADVISED TO (1) REVIEW AND ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR WATERFRONT FLEET OPERATIONS GUIDE AND ANY COMPANY CONTINGENCY PLANS. (2) ASSIGN A PERSON TO BE IN CONTINUOUS SURVEILLANCE AND TO OBSERVE THE BARGES IN THE FLEETING FACILITY, (3) DOUBLE-UP THE LINES ON THE HEAD OF THE FLEET AND PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF SPRING AND BREAST LINES BETWEEN THE DOCK AND THE BARGES IN THE FLEET, AND (4) REVIEW THEIR NEED TO SECURE TOWBOAT ASSISTANCE.

4.F. Monongahela River Action Plan

4.F.1. Braddock Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
BRADDOCK LOCK AND DAM MONONGAHELA RIVER MILE MARKER: 11.3 FLOOD STAGE READING: 22' UG OTHER USEFUL DATA: NORMAL POOL 12' ON UG & 16.8' ON LG MAX. DAM OPENING 42' CEASE LOCKING 19' UG TABLE USES UPPER GAUGE AND DAM OPENINGS TO MONITOR RIVER CONDITIONS. THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH LOCK AND DAM TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENT INCREASES. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: SEVERE OUTDRAFT DURING HIGH WATER BY TURTLE CREEK ALONG UPPER GUIDE WALL CAUTIONARY NOTE 2: BRIDGE CLEARANCES AT FORT PERRY AROUND MM 11.6 RESTRICTED DURING HIGH WATER. USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT	<15' DAM OPENING	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	15'+ DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Consider for high water conference calls. MSU Pittsburgh and/or WAP will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and WAP. Topics to discuss: water conditions, concerns, future actions, weather forecasts and river stages. The Sector Command Center will initiate a Safety Advisory (See Enclosure).
	15' - DAM OPENING	Falling	Normal Operations/ Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and consider canceling Safety Advisory.
	<12.5' UG	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	12.5'+ UG	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Consider for high water conference calls. MSU Pittsburgh and/or WAP will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and WAPI. Topics to discuss: water conditions, concerns, future actions, weather forecasts and river stages. The Sector Command Center will initiate a Safety Advisory (See Enclosure).
	12.5' - UG	Falling	Normal Operations/ Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and consider canceling Safety Advisory.

MONONGAHELA RIVER – BRADDOCK LOCK AND DAM

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER / HIGH FLOW CONDITIONS AT BRADDOCK DAM, MILE MARKER 11.3, MONONGAHELA RIVER. THE GATE OPENING IS READING GREATER THAN 15 FEET. EXERCISE CAUTION WHILE TRANSITING UNDER THE MCKEESPORT-DUQUESNE HIGHWAY BRIDGE MILE MARKER 14.0 AND THE UNION RAILROAD BRIDGE MILE MARKER 14.2 DUE TO THE NARROW CHANNEL IN THAT AREA AND THE SHORT DISTANCE BETWEEN THESE TWO BRIDGES.

HIGH WATER Enclosure 2 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER / HIGH FLOW CONDITIONS AT BRADDOCK DAM MILE MARKER 11.3 MONONGAHELA RIVER. THE UPPER GAUGE AT BRADDOCK DAM READS GREATER THAN 12.5 FEET. EXERCISE CAUTION AND ENSURE VERTICAL CLEARANCE IS SUFFICIENT WHILE TRANSITING UNDER THE NORFOLK AND SOUTHERN BRIDGE MILE MARKER 11.7. WHEN THE UPPER GAUGE AT BRADDOCK DAM IS 12.5 FEET, THE VERTICAL CLEARANCE UNDER THIS BRIDGE IS 42.5 FEET.

4.F. Monongahela River Action Plan

4.F.2. Lock and Dam 4 High/Low Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
LOCK AND DAM 4 MONONGAHELA RIVER MILE MARKER: 41.5 FLOOD STAGE READING: 28' LG OTHER USEFUL DATA: NORMAL POOL 10.5' ON UG & 10' ON LG MAX. DAM OPENING 80' CEASE LOCKING 12.5' UG TABLE USES UPPER AND LOWER GAUGE READINGS AND DAM OPENINGS TO MONITOR RIVER CONDITIONS. THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH LOCK AND DAM TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENT INCREASES. USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT	<8' DAM OPENING	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	8'+ DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Consider for high water conference calls. MSU Pittsburgh and/or WAPI will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and WAPI. Topics to discuss: water conditions, concerns, future actions, weather forecasts and river stages. The Sector Command Center (SCC) will initiate a Safety Advisory (See Enclosure).
	35'+ DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	Extreme High Water/Extreme High Flow Conditions	Action	Continue monitoring river conditions and cancel Safety Advisory (See Enclosure). Issue Safety Advisory (See Enclosure).
	35'- DAM OPENING	Falling	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Continue monitoring river conditions and consider canceling Safety Advisories.
	8'- DAM OPENING	Falling	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	Recovery	Locking operations normal.
	9.5' LG	Falling	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	9.5' - LG	Falling & projected to continue falling rapidly	Low Water/ Low Flow Conditions	Watch	Consider for low water conference calls. MSU Pittsburgh and/or WAPI will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and WAPI. Topics to discuss: water conditions, concerns, future actions, weather forecasts and river stages. The Sector Command Center (SCC) will initiate a Safety Advisory (See Enclosure).
	9.5' + LG	Rising	Normal Operations/ Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and consider canceling Safety Advisory (See Enclosure).

MONONGAHELA RIVER – LOCK 4

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER / HIGH FLOW CONDITIONS AT LOCK AND DAM 4, MILE MARKER 41.5 MONONGAHELA RIVER. THE GATE OPENING IS READING GREATER THAN 8 FEET. EXERCISE CAUTION WHILE DOUBLE LOCKING THROUGH LOCK 4.

HIGH WATER Enclosure 2 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER / HIGH FLOW CONDITIONS AT LOCK AND DAM 4 MILE MARKER 41.5 MONONGAHELA RIVER. THE GATE OPENING IS READING GREATER THAN 35 FEET. EXERCISE CAUTION WHILE TRANSITING THROUGH LOCK 4. EXERCISE CAUTION WHILE TRANSITING THROUGH THE AREA BETWEEN GREENFIELD BEND MILE MARKER 50 AND MAXWELL DAM MILE MARKER 61.2.

LOW WATER Enclosure 3 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners (NOTE: This BNM can be changed to reflect actual conditions and draft limitations)

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO LOW WATER / LOW FLOW CONDITIONS AT LOCK AND DAM 4, MILE MARKER 41.5, MONONGAHELA RIVER. THE LOWER GAUGE READS LESS THAN 9.5 FEET (**NOTE: The lower gauge reading may change to reflect actual conditions**). PROCEED WITH CAUTION AND REMAIN IN THE NAVIGABLE CHANNEL DUE TO DECREASING WATER LEVELS. ALL VESSELS MUST MONITOR CHANNEL DEPTHS AND ENSURE ADEQUATE WATER EXISTS FOR THEIR VESSEL DRAFTS. VESSEL DRAFTS SHOULD NOT EXCEED ____ FEET (**NOTE: Draft limitations will depend on the conditions**). REPORT ALL GROUNDINGS TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD.

4.F. Monongahela River Action Plan

4.F.3. Maxwell Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
MAXWELL LOCK AND DAM MONONGAHELA RIVER MILE MARKER: 61.0 FLOOD STAGE READING: 12' UG 31' LG OTHER USEFUL DATA: NORMAL POOL 9' ON UG & LG CEASE LOCKING 31' LG MAX. DAM OPENING 110' TABLE USES UPPER GAUGE TO MONITOR RIVER CONDITIONS. THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH LOCK AND DAM TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENT INCREASES. USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT	<15' DAM OPENING	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	15'+ DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Consider for high water conference calls. MSU Pittsburgh and/or WAPI will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and WAPI. Topics to discuss: water conditions, concerns, future actions, weather forecasts and river stages. The Sector Command Center (SCC) will initiate a Safety Advisory (See Enclosure).
	15' - DAM OPENING	Falling	Normal Operations/ Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and consider canceling Safety Advisory.

MONONGAHELA RIVER – MAXWELL LOCK AND DAM

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER / HIGH FLOW CONDITIONS AT MAXWELL DAM, MILE MARKER 61.2, MONONGAHELA RIVER. THE GATE OPENING IS GREATER THAN 15 FEET. EXERCISE CAUTION WHILE TRANSITING THROUGH THE AREA BETWEEN GATES LIGHT MILE MARKER 76.1 AND GRAYS LANDING DAM MILE MARKER 82.

4.F. Monongahela River Action Plan

4.F.4. Grays Landing Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
GRAYS LANDING LOCK AND DAM MONONGAHELA RIVER MILE MARKER: 82 FLOOD STAGE READING: 17' UG OTHER USEFUL DATA: NORMAL POOL 9' ON UG & LG CEASE LOCKING 17' UG TABLE USES UPPER GAUGE TO MONITOR RIVER CONDITIONS. THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL COLLISIONS WITH LOCK AND DAM TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENT INCREASES. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: WHEN WATER LEVELS ARE EXPECTED TO REACH OR EXCEED 21' UG, ALL GATES ARE TIED BACK SO THAT WATER CAN FLOW FREELY USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT	<15' UG	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	15' + UG	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Consider for high water conference calls. MSU Pittsburgh and/or WAPI will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and WAPI. Topics to discuss: water conditions, concerns, future actions, weather forecasts and river stages. The Sector Command Center (SCC) will initiate a Safety Advisory (See Enclosure).
	15'- UG	Falling	Normal Operations/ Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and consider canceling Safety Advisory.

MONONGAHELA RIVER – GRAYS LANDING

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER / HIGH FLOW CONDITIONS AT GRAYS LANDING DAM MILE MARKER 82.0 MONONGAHELA RIVER. THE UPPER GAUGE AT GRAYS LANDING DAM READS GREATER THAN 15 FEET. FLEETING FACILITIES ARE ADVISED TO (1) REVIEW AND ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR WATERFRONT FLEET OPERATIONS GUIDE AND ANY COMPANY CONTINGENCY PLANS, (2) ASSIGN A PERSON TO BE IN CONTINUOUS SURVEILLANCE AND TO OBSERVE THE BARGES IN THE FLEETING FACILITY, (3) DOUBLE-UP LINES ON THE HEAD OF THE FLEET AND PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF SPRING AND BREAST LINES BETWEEN THE DOCK AND THE BARGES IN THE FLEET, AND (4) REVIEW THEIR NEED TO SECURE TOWBOAT ASSISTANCE.

4.F. Monongahela River Action Plan

4.F.5. Point Marion Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
POINT MARION LOCK AND DAM MONONGAHELA RIVER MILE MARKER: 90.8 FLOOD STAGE READING: 29' LG OTHER USEFUL DATA: NORMAL POOL 9' ON UG & LG CEASE LOCKING 11' UG MAX. DAM OPENING 33' TABLE USES UPPER GAUGE TO MONITOR RIVER CONDITIONS. THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL COLLISIONS WITH LOCK AND DAM TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENT INCREASES. USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT	<20' DAM OPENING	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	20'+ DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Consider for high water conference calls. MSU Pittsburgh and/or WAPI will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and WAPI. Topics to discuss: water conditions, concerns, future actions, weather forecasts and river stages. The Sector Command Center (SCC) will initiate a Safety Advisory (See Enclosure).
	20' - DAM OPENING	Falling	Normal Operations/ Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and consider canceling Safety Advisory.

MONONGAHELA RIVER – Point Marion

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER / HIGH FLOW CONDITIONS AT POINT MARION DAM, MILE MARKER 90.8, MONONGAHELA RIVER. THE GATE OPENING AT POINT MARION DAM READS GREATER THAN 20 FEET. EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN TRANSITING THROUGH COBURN BEND BETWEEN MILE MARKERS 93 TO 95.

4.G. Kanawha River Action Plan

4.G.1. Winfield Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
WINFIELD LOCK & DAM KANAWHA RIVER MILE MARKER: 31.1 FLOOD STAGE READING: 46' LG Reference: WINFIELD DAM OTHER USEFUL DATA: MAX OPENING 110' GATES ALL OUT 35.5' LG CEASE LOCKING 39.8' LG TABLE USES DAM OPENING. THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH WINFIELD L&D TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENT INCREASES. VESSELS EXPERIENCE OUTDRAFT WHILE APPROACHING LOCK DOWNBOUND. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION, ENTER CHAMBERS AT SLOWEST SAFE SPEED, AND PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL OUTDRAFTS. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: DRIFT TENDS TO ACCUMULATE IN THE UPPER APPROACH. CAUTIONARY NOTE 2: OUTDRAFT IS SEVERE AT APPROXIMATELY 30' OF GATE OPENING. <u>USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u>	<25'	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	25'+	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Consider for up river high water conference calls. MSU Huntington and/or HDWA will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and HDWA. Topics to discuss: water conditions, concerns, future actions, weather forecasts and river stages. The SCC will initiate a Safety Advisory SMIB.
	40'	Rising	Extreme High Water/ Extreme High Flow Conditions	Action	MSU Huntington and/or HDWA will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and HDWA. Factors to evaluate include rate of rise, amount of drift, presence of ice, and weather conditions. In extreme ice conditions consider providing local Pilot knowledge of river characteristics.
	40'-	Falling	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Action	Continue conference calls, monitor conditions, and adjust restrictions as appropriate.
	25'-	Falling	Normal Operations / Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and cancel Safety Advisory SMIB.

4.G. Kanawha River Action Plan

4.G.2. Marmet Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
MARMET LOCK & DAM KANAWHA RIVER MILE MARKER: 67.7 FLOOD STAGE READING: 43' LG Reference: MARMET DAM OTHER USEFUL DATA: MAX OPENING 85' GATES ALL OUT 31' LG CEASE LOCKING 34' LG TABLE USES DAM OPENING. THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH MARMET L&D TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENT INCREASES. VESSELS EXPERIENCE OUTDRAFT WHILE APPROACHING LOCK DOWNBOUND. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION, ENTER CHAMBERS AT SLOWEST SAFE SPEED, AND PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL OUTDRAFTS. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: DRIFT TENDS TO ACCUMULATE IN THE UPPER APPROACH. CAUTIONARY NOTE 2: OUTDRAFT IS SEVERE AT APPROXIMATELY 20' OF GATE OPENING. CAUTIONARY NOTE 3: NEW LOCK CHAMBER UNDER CONSTRUCTION LANDWARD OF PRESENT CHAMBERS. <u>USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u>	<15.'	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	15.'+	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Consider for up river high water conference calls. MSU Huntington and/or HDWA will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and HDWA. Topics to discuss: water conditions, concerns, future actions, weather forecasts and river stages. The SCC will initiate a SMIB.
	30.'	Rising	Extreme High Water/ Extreme High Flow Conditions	Action	MSU Huntington and/or HDWA will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and HDWA. Factors to evaluate include rate of rise, amount of drift, presence of ice, and weather conditions. In extreme ice conditions consider providing local Pilot knowledge of river characteristics.
	30.'-	Falling	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Action	Continue conference calls, monitor conditions, and adjust restrictions as appropriate.
	15.'-	Falling	Normal Operations / Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and cancel SMIB.

4.G. Kanawha River Action Plan

4.G.3. London Lock and Dam High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
LONDON LOCK & DAM KANAWHA RIVER MILE MARKER: 82.8 FLOOD STAGE READING: 43' LG Reference: LONDON DAM OTHER USEFUL DATA: MAX OPENING 85' GATES ALL OUT 33' LG CEASE LOCKING 33' LG THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH LONDON L&D TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENT INCREASES. VESSELS EXPERIENCE OUTDRAFT WHILE APPROACHING LOCK DOWNBOUND. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION, ENTER CHAMBERS AT SLOWEST SAFE SPEED, AND PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL OUTDRAFTS. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: DRIFT TENDS TO ACCUMULATE IN THE UPPER APPROACH. CAUTIONARY NOTE 2: OUTDRAFT IS SEVERE AT APPROXIMATELY 10' OF GATE OPENING. CAUTIONARY NOTE 3: DUE TO TOPOGRAPHY, POOL LEVELS CAN RISE RAPIDLY. <u>USACE GAUGE READINGS REPORT</u>	<15' DAM OPENING	Rising	Normal Operations/ Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	15'+ DAM OPENING	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Watch	Participate in river high water conference calls. MSU Huntington and/or HDWA will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and HDWA. Topics to discuss: water conditions, concerns, future actions, weather forecasts and river stages. The SCC will initiate a Safety Advisory SMIB.
	30' DAM OPENING	Rising	Extreme High Water/ Extreme High Flow Conditions	Action	MSU Huntington and/or HDWA will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and HDWA. Factors to evaluate include rate of rise, amount of drift, presence of ice, and weather conditions. In extreme ice conditions consider providing local Pilot knowledge of river characteristics.
	30'- DAM OPENING	Falling	High Water/ High Flow Conditions	Action	Continue conference calls, monitor conditions, and adjust restrictions as appropriate.
	15'- DAM OPENING	Falling	Normal Operations / Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and cancel Safety Advisory SMIB.

4.H. Green River Action Plan

4.H.1. Spottsville RR Bridge High Current Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
Spottsville RR Bridge GREEN RIVER MILE MARKER: 8.3 Reference: Lock 1 LG & Newburgh L&D LG (Ohio River) OTHER USEFUL DATA: THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH SPOTTSVILLE RAILROAD BRIDGE ABUTMENTS TENDS TO INCREASE AS CURRENT INCREASES, SPECIFICALLY WHEN LOCK 1 LG (GREEN RIVER) IS TWO FEET OR HIGHER THAN NEWBURGH L&D LG (OHIO RIVER). VESSELS EXPERIENCE OUTDRAFT WHILE TRANSITING THE BRIDGE DOWNBOUND. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION, PASS THE BRIDGE AT SLOWEST SAFE SPEED AND PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL OUTDRAFTS.	Lock 1 LG is < 1' higher than Newburgh L&D LG	Green River rising	Normal Operations / Flow Conditions	n/a	Navigation operations normal.
	Lock 1 LG is > 1' higher than Newburgh L&D LG	Rising & difference between Green & Ohio River levels increasing	High Flow Conditions	Watch	The Sector CC will initiate a Safety Advisory SMIB.
	Lock 1 LG is > 2' higher than Newburgh L&D LG	Green River levels 2' or higher than Ohio River levels.	High Flow Conditions	Action	Sector Ohio Valley and/or CORMIG will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and CORMIG. Factors to evaluate include rates of rise on Green and Ohio Rivers and weather conditions. Consider vessel restrictions including minimum horsepower per loaded barge, tow size limits or daylight operations. Consider establishing safety zone. Update safety advisory to reflect controls.
	Lock 1 LG is < 2' but >1' higher than Newburgh L&D LG	Difference between Green and Ohio River levels decreasing	High Flow Conditions	Watch	USACE, CG and/or CORMIG will initiate a phone conference. Factors to evaluate include river heights and weather conditions. Consider removing safety zone. Update safety advisory as appropriate.
	Lock 1 LG is < 1' higher than Newburgh L&D LG	Difference between Green and Ohio River levels decreasing	Normal Operations / Flow Conditions	n/a	Cancel safety zone if applicable. Cancel safety advisory SMIB. Navigation operations normal.

4.H. Green River Action Plan

4.H.2. Lock & Dam 1 High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
Lock 1 GREEN RIVER MILE MARKER: 9.1 Reference: Lock 1 UG & LG OTHER USEFUL DATA: CEASE LOCKING 25.9' UG THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH L&D 1 TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENT INCREASES, SPECIFICALLY BETWEEN 16' AND 19' ON THE UPPER GAUGE. VESSELS EXPERIENCE OUTDRAFT WHILE APPROACHING LOCK DOWNBOUND. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION, ENTER CHAMBER AT SLOWEST SAFE SPEED, AND PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL OUTDRAFTS.	<13' Upper Gauge	Rising	Normal Operations / Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	13'+ Upper Gauge	Rising & projected to continue rising rapidly	High Water / High Flow Conditions	Watch	The Sector CC will initiate a Safety Advisory SMIB.
	25.9' Upper Gauge > 33' Lower Gauge	Rising	Max Locking Ability / Potential Weir Navigation	Action	Sector Ohio Valley and/or CORMIG will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and CORMIG. Factors to evaluate include rate of rise and weather conditions. Lock ceases operations and vessels will experience delays. Consider river closure and identifying lay-up locations. The SCC will issue BNM (See Enclosure).
	25.9' Upper Gauge > 33' Lower Gauge	Falling	High Water / High Flow Conditions	Action	USACE, CG and/or CORMIG will initiate a phone conference to discuss factors for ceasing weir navigation / resuming locking, considering current, rate of fall, and weather conditions. The SCC will cancel BNM (See Enclosure).
	<13' Upper Gauge	Falling	Normal Operations / Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and cancel SMIB.

GREEN RIVER – Lock 1

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER THAT EXISTS IN THE VICINITY OF LOCK 1, MILE MARKER 9.1, GREEN RIVER. MARINERS ARE ADVISED THAT LOCK 1 HAS CEASED LOCKING OPERATIONS DUE TO HIGH WATER WITH AN UPPER GAUGE READING ABOVE 25.9 FEET AND MARINERS SHOULD CONTACT THE LOCK OPERATOR TO DETERMINE IF IT IS SAFE TO NAVIGATE OVER THE WEIR.

4.H. Green River Action Plan

4.H.3. Lock & Dam 2 High Water Operations

CRITICAL AREA DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
Lock 2 GREEN RIVER MILE MARKER: 63.1 Reference: Lock 2 OTHER USEFUL DATA: CEASE LOCKING ANYWHERE BETWEEN 21.3 AND 22.5 UG DEPENDING ON CONDITIONS. THE POTENTIAL FOR VESSEL ALLISIONS WITH L&D 2 TENDS TO INCREASE AS WATER RISES AND CURRENT INCREASES, SPECIFICALLY BETWEEN 16' AND 19' ON THE UPPER GAUGE. VESSELS EXPERIENCE OUTDRAFT WHILE APPROACHING LOCK DOWNBOUND. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION AND PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL OUTDRAFTS. CAUTIONARY NOTE 1: Mariners are advised to hug the right descending bank when approaching downbound. CAUTIONARY NOTE 2: Outdrafts are particularly strong beginning at 18' UG. Downbound mariners may need to push hard to get into the gate and then back off upon reaching the gate to prevent being overcome by outdrafts.	<13' Upper Gauge	Rising	Normal Operations / Flow Conditions	n/a	Locking operations normal.
	13'+ Upper Gauge	Rising & projected to continue rising	High Water / High Flow Conditions – Outdraft starts	Watch	The Sector CC will initiate a SMIB.
	18'+ Upper gauge	Rising	High water / High Flow - Severe Outdrafts	Action	Sector Ohio Valley and/or CORMIG will initiate a phone conference between CG, USACE and CORMIG. Factors to evaluate include rate of rise, weather conditions, number of barges in tow, configuration of boxed vs. raked barges. Consider tow size limitations and/or horsepower per tow limitations.
	21.3' – 22.5' Upper Gauge / > 25' Lower gauge	Rising	Max Locking Ability / Potential Weir Navigation	Action	USACE, CG and/or CORMIG will initiate a phone conference. Factors to evaluate: rate of rise/weather conditions. Lock ceases operations and vessels will experience delays. Consider river closure and identifying lay-up locations. The SCC will issue BNM (See Enclosure).
	21.5' - 23' Upper Gauge > 25' Lower Gauge	Falling	Potential Weir Navigation / High Water / High Flow Conditions	Action	USACE, CG and/or CORMIG will initiate a phone conference to discuss factors for ceasing weir navigation and resuming locking, considering current, rate of fall, and weather conditions. The SCC will update the safety advisory (See Enclosure).
	< 18' Upper gauge	Falling	High water / High Flow - Outdrafts	Recovery	Continue conference calls, monitor conditions, and adjust restrictions.
	<13' Upper Gauge	Falling	Normal Operations / Normal Flow Conditions	Recovery	Continue monitoring river conditions and cancel SMIB.

GREEN RIVER – Lock 2

HIGH WATER Enclosure 1 (example)

Broadcast Notice to Mariners

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS ISSUED THIS SAFETY ADVISORY DUE TO HIGH WATER THAT EXISTS IN THE VICINITY OF LOCK 2, MILE MARKER 63.1, GREEN RIVER. MARINERS ARE ADVISED THAT LOCK 2 HAS CEASED LOCKING OPERATIONS DUE TO HIGH WATER WITH AN UPPER GAUGE READING ABOVE 22.5 FEET AND MARINERS SHOULD CONTACT THE LOCK OPERATOR TO DETERMINE IF IT IS SAFE TO NAVIGATE OVER THE WEIR.

4.I. Ice Conditions: ALL ZONES

CRITICAL REACH DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER READING	TREND	DESCRIPTION	PHASE	ACTION
ALL OHIO VALLEY ZONES	No Ice		Normal Operations	n/a	Corps distributes informational navigation notice in early winter, prior to ice season.
	Ice Build-Up in Channel and Sheet Ice Formation	Predicted weather forecast indicates extreme temperatures. Ice buildup begins in the creeks and tributaries.	Mariners consulting with lock masters for indications of ice buildup. Ice Interferes with Normal Navigation. Sheet ice will at times prevent opening of the upper and lower lock gates. When the lock gates cannot be fully opened into recesses, they are highly vulnerable to extensive damage from tows entering or departing the lock chamber.	Watch	Consider advisories on missing buoys and safety zone restriction for tow width and length. Ice couplings for entering locks. Single-file traffic in ice-narrowed channels. Navigators are cautioned to exercise extreme care when entering or departing the lock chamber to avoid damage to the lock gates. When ice builds up to the extent that full usage of the lock chamber is prohibited, length and/or width restrictions may be imposed on lockages.
	Heavy Ice Gorges	Prolonged extreme temp.	Channel blocked in some locations. Gorged ice becomes a particular hazard when attempts are made to drive barges through the formation. Barges forced through or over gorged ice may be damaged.	Action	Consider river closure, restriction of types of traffic, or allow single lane traffic in open areas only. Navigators are advised to exercise due caution to avoid damaging barges and unusual currents and high localized flow or out draft conditions due to water bypassing the temporary dam formed by the gorge. Navigators approaching an ice gorge should make certain that the towboat has sufficient power to properly control the number of barges in tow under such unusual conditions of flow.

	Rotting ice, increased flow softening ice	Rising temperatures and rain flushing ice out.	Ice softening, water noticeable on top of the ice flow, channel conditions improving, and ice receding from channel.	Recovery	ATON checks, locks and dams flush ice; lock personnel will notify USCG to release a broadcast prior to prolonged flushing at the locks.
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5. Drift Removal Procedures

5.A. Huntington District Drift Removal Procedures

During high river flow conditions both the USACE and navigation industry are challenged with drift and debris accumulation at locks on the Ohio River. In addition to river topography, variables such as pool stage, wind direction and wind velocity largely influence the accumulation and removal of drift from the approaches, fore bays and chambers of the locks. The primary methods of drift removal are by locking and flushing it through the lock chamber(s) but this is dependent upon the design and capabilities of each individual lock. The following guidance was prepared to communicate the expected drift removal practices and expectations for each lock within the Huntington District. They are guidelines only.

The characterization of drift accumulation at locks as “light”, “moderate” and “heavy” is not an absolute determination. It is rather a qualitative comparison of drift accumulation observations over the years by a number of experienced navigation industry representatives.

5.A.1. Willow Island Locks and Dam

(Light Drift Accumulation)

Light drift accumulates in the upper approach with a lower gauge of less than 16.0’ and little wind. Drift will be passed using the valves in the auxiliary chamber.

Heavy drift accumulates in the upper approach with a lower gauge of at least 20.0’ and little wind. Drift will be flushed with the auxiliary chamber emergency gate. It may be necessary to use the main chamber emergency gates to flush drift through the lock. Drift has a tendency to hang at the edge of the lower river wall at the line between the river’s flow and the slack water. When the wind is blowing upriver, it may not be possible to move the drift through the lock. Heavy drift does not accumulate typically until the dam openings are fully open in a rising river.

5.A.2. Belleville Locks and Dam

(Heavy Drift Accumulation)

Light drift accumulates in the upper approach with a lower gauge of 12.0’ to 26.0’ and little wind. Drift will be passed using the valves in the auxiliary chamber.

When there is not sufficient lift to move the drift or the volume of the drift gets too great, two bulkheads are set in the auxiliary chamber using the bulkhead crane. Both upper and lower gates are then latched in the open position. Drift is flushed by leaving the bottom bulkhead on the sill and raising the top bulkhead to clear the upper pool elevation. If the upper pool exceeds 14.0’ or 584 feet above sea level another bulkhead is added.

Drift has a tendency to hang at the edge of the lower river wall at the line between the river’s flow and the slack water. If you have an upriver wind and it is working against you, it may be impossible to get rid of the drift. Heavy drift does not accumulate typically until the dam openings are fully open in a rising river.

5.A.3. Racine Locks and Dam

(Heavy Drift Accumulation)

Light drift accumulates in the upper approach with a lower gauge of less than 14.0’ and little wind. Drift will be passed using the valves in the auxiliary chamber.

Heavy drift accumulates in the upper approach with a lower gauge of at least 33.0’ and little wind. Drift will be flushed with the auxiliary chamber emergency gate. It may be necessary to use the main chamber emergency gates to flush drift through the lock. Drift has a tendency to hang at the edge of the lower river wall at the line between the river’s flow and the slack water. When the wind is blowing upriver, it may not be possible to move the drift through the lock. Heavy drift does not accumulate typically until the dam openings are fully open in a rising river.

5.A.4. Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam

(Light Drift Accumulation)

Due to the design and layout of the upper lock approach with regard to the dam and location of the filling intake system, this lock rarely has drift and debris accumulation within the lock approach.

Light drift can accumulate in the upper approach with a lower gauge of less than 15.0' and little wind. Drift will be passed utilizing the valves in the auxiliary chamber.

The project is also equipped with emergency gates on both chambers to pass debris if needed.

5.A.5. Greenup Locks and Dam

(Heavy Drift Accumulation)

Light drift accumulates in the upper approach with a lower gauge of less than 25.7' and little wind. Drift will be passed using the valves in the auxiliary chamber.

Heavy drift accumulates in the upper approach with a lower gauge of at least 25.7' and little wind. Drift will be flushed with the auxiliary chamber emergency gate. It may be necessary to use the main chamber emergency gates to flush drift through the lock. Drift has a tendency to hang at the edge of the lower river wall at the line between the river's flow and the slack water. When the wind is blowing upriver, it may not be possible to move the drift through the lock. Heavy drift does not accumulate typically until the dam openings are fully open in a rising river.

5.A.6. Meldahl Locks and Dam

(Light Drift Accumulation)

Light drift accumulates in the upper approach with a lower gauge of less than 35.0' and little wind. Drift will be passed using the valves in the auxiliary chamber.

Heavy drift accumulates in the upper approach with a lower gauge of at least 40.6' and little wind. Drift will be flushed with the auxiliary chamber emergency gate. It may be necessary to use the main chamber emergency gates to flush drift through the lock. Drift has a tendency to hang at the edge of the lower river wall at the line between the river's flow and the slack water. When the wind is blowing upriver, it may not be possible to move the drift through the lock. Heavy drift does not accumulate typically until the dam openings are fully open in a rising river.

5.A.7. London Locks and Dam - (Kanawha River)

(Light Drift Accumulation)

Drift has to be dealt with promptly when it accumulates on the guard wall otherwise the barges will not lay flat on the wall. This complicates recoupling of tows and inhibits deck crew movement between barges.

Typically drift is pushed into the chamber by down bound tows and locked through with the tow. This clears the majority of the drift from the upper lock approach.

Drift can also be locked through the chamber by by-passing the valve-to-gate interlocks. The lock's emptying valves are utilized to draw the debris into the chamber. The filling valves are then opened to push the drift out of the chamber.

Under certain conditions, the roller dam gates can be utilized to draw the drift onto the dam. This does not clear any drift in the lock approach but may prevent additional drift from accumulating.

5.A.8. Marmet Locks and Dam - (Kanawha River)

(Light Drift Accumulation)

Marmet does not have a history with drift and debris accumulation. Should significant drift accumulation occur the lock's emptying valves could be used to draw the drift into the chamber followed by the filling valves use to flush the drift out of the chamber. Given the lock's through-the-sill intake system, this procedure has not been proven.

5.A.9. Winfield Locks and Dam - (Kanawha River)

(Moderate Drift Accumulation)

Usually drift and debris is pushed into the chamber by down bound tows and locked through with the tow. This will clear the majority of the drift from the upper approach.

Lock personnel utilize the subsurface air system to move the drift out of the miter gate recess to permit their full opening.

The emergency gate can also be used to pass drift through the 800' main chamber. Under most conditions, once the drift has passed through the lock chamber, the debris may linger in the lower approach.

5.B. Louisville District Drift Removal Procedures

During high river flow conditions both the USACE and navigation industry are challenged with drift and debris accumulation at locks on the Ohio River. In addition to river topography, variables such as pool stage, wind direction and wind velocity largely influence the accumulation and removal of drift from the approaches, fore bays and chambers of the locks. The primary methods of drift removal are by locking and flushing it through the lock chamber(s) but this is dependent upon the design and capabilities of each individual lock. The following guidance was prepared to communicate the expected drift removal practices and expectations for each lock within the Louisville District. They are guidelines only.

The characterization of drift accumulation at locks as "light", "moderate" and "heavy" is not an absolute determination. It is rather a qualitative comparison of drift accumulation observations over the years by a number of experienced navigation industry representatives.

5.B.1. Markland Lock

(Heavy Drift Accumulation)

Light drift accumulates in the upper approach with a lower gauge of 20.0' with little. Drift will be passed using the valves in auxiliary chamber.

Heavy drift accumulates in the upper approach with a lower gauge of at least 43.0' and little wind. Drift will be flushed with the auxiliary chamber emergency gate. It may be necessary to use the main chamber emergency gates to flush drift through the lock. Drift has a tendency to hang at the edge of the lower river wall at the line between the river's flow and the slack water. When the wind is blowing upriver, it may not be possible to move the drift through the lock.

5.B.2. McAlpine Lock

(Light Drift Accumulation)

McAlpine does not have a history with drift and debris accumulation. The dam gates do not sit closed for long periods of time as at other dams and the canal approach does not attract significant drift.

5.B.3. Cannelton Lock

(Heavy Drift Accumulation)

Flushing drift at Cannelton is an infrequent occurrence - usually 2-3 times in an average year. It takes approximately 2-3 hours to flush drift out of the fore bay.

Flushing of drift is not triggered by any specific pool level but rather when there is sufficient accumulation to hazard northbound navigation traffic departing the lock. After 1600 and on weekends lock operators are required to contact the lockmaster if drift is becoming a hazard to navigation. Flushing is accomplished by maintenance personnel through the auxiliary chamber.

5.B.4. Newburgh Lock

(Moderate Drift Accumulation)

Flushing drift at Newburgh occurs infrequently. When present in the approach lock personnel manage the drift as follows:

1. Advantageously utilize the wind, current, and cycling of the lock chambers to discharge drift.
2. Communicate with approaching tow boats advising them of the presence of drift.
3. Utilize the project's work boat to push drift through the chamber when feasible and safe to do so.
4. With a normal upper pool, place two emergency bulkheads in the auxiliary chamber.

5.B.5. John T. Myers Lock

(Light Drift Accumulation)

Drift is not a significant problem at JT Myers because the river bend at Highland Rocks just above the project directs most of it to the dam. Substantial drift is observed when the dam is in the all-out stage at 12.0' upper gauge and 30.0' lower but it typically passes through the open dam gates.

Drift does not build up on the dam during higher flows from 100' to 270' dam opening because it gets sucked under and passes unassisted once the dam opening reaches 70'.

Drift can be flushed from the upper approach by setting the bulkheads above the auxiliary chamber but this is infrequently necessary.

5.B.6. Smithland Lock

(Light Drift Accumulation)

When drift accumulates in the upper approach, lock personnel open the upper gates and pin the top latch of the gate in the recess. With the filling valves closed and the interlock system bypassed, the emptying valves can be opened to draw the drift into the chamber. Once there, with the emptying valves closed and the upper gates unpinned and closed, the lower gates can be opened and pinned and the filling valves opened to flush the drift from the chamber.

The project's work boat can be used to work the drift into the chamber for locking through. The work boat can also be used to pull out large pieces of drift from the approach.

The river chamber is usually where most of the drift collects. Northbound towboats push it upstream as they leave and it flows around the end of the guard wall onto the dam.

Drift is flushed off the dam when running more than 15 feet of opening on a gate. One gate is opened with the adjacent two adjusted to draw the drift through the opened gate.

6. Tennessee River Waterway Management Plan (click to open)

7. Cumberland River Waterway Action Plan (Click to open)