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Notice to Navigation Interests

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Notice No. 13-10

Date: April 1, 2013

Schedule of Operations for 2013 Monongahela River Locks

1. **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** Notice is given for the seasonal implementation of the IMTS Levels of Service for lock operations on the Monongahela River, as follows.
2. Braddock L/D, Lock 3, Lock 4, Maxwell L/D, Grays Landing L/D and Point Marion L/D, Monongahela River will continue to operate 24 hours daily.
3. Morgantown L/D has expanded its operating hours on 2 April 2013 to Monday through Friday from 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. It is anticipated that Morgantown will further expand service levels within the next three months to 7 days per week as staffing shortages are filled. A revised notice will be posted when this level of service will be provided.
4. Hildebrand L/D and Opekiska L/D will remain closed indefinitely except for commercial appointment lockages. (Note: Under unusual circumstances, clearance lockages will be authorized, if an emergency situation warrants.)
5. Commercial operators requiring an appointment lockage during non-operating hours at Morgantown, and to make an appointment lockage at either Hildebrand or Opekiska, must make arrangements at least 24 hours in advance. Appointment lockages will only be performed between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 11:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

To schedule a commercial appointment lockage, please contact Point Marion L/D at (724)725-5289 or (724)725-1283 between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

NOTE: When making a commercial lockage appointment, operators should NOT leave a phone message but should continue calling until they have spoken to a person.

6. As always, for this appointment procedure to operate smoothly, communications between the vessels and the locks must be continuous. In this way, neither vessels nor lock operators

should experience any extended waiting times when unexpected conditions cause a vessel to vary from its scheduled appointment. Captains or pilots on the vessel should also communicate immediately with the lock personnel at Point Marion L/D when fog or other river conditions will delay their arrival. In an emergency, if contact cannot be made directly with Point Marion L/D, the message can be sent through Grays Landing L/D at (724)583-8304 or Maxwell L/D (724)785-5027.

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

8. All waters immediately upstream and downstream of each dam are designated as **RESTRICTED AREAS** year round and are seasonally designated by the signs and "KEEP OUT" buoys.

Boaters, fishermen, divers, and others are cautioned. **DO NOT ENTER RESTRICTED AREAS**, as these areas are **EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS**.

Upstream of the dam, currents may draw boats into the dam. Downstream of the dam, backwash and turbulence from the dam may draw a boat into the dam, causing it to capsize.

9. This notice will be updated when service levels or conditions change.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

//Signed//
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