



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Pittsburgh District

Notice to Navigation Interests

In reply refer to
Notice No. below

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Notice No. 13-18

Date: May 29, 2013

Hannibal L/D, Ohio River, Mile 126.4
Closure of the 110-ft x 1200-ft Primary Lock Chamber

1. **To All Whom It May Concern:** Notice is given that the primary 110-ft x 1200-ft river lock chamber at Hannibal L/D, Ohio River, will be closed until further notice. This unscheduled lock closure is the result of a navigation accident involving a barge colliding with the upstream river wall lock gate on May 29, 2013. The upstream river wall lock gate sustained significant structural damage from the barge impact and will remain out of service until repairs can be made.
2. All river traffic must pass through the auxiliary 110-ft x 600-ft land lock chamber.
3. The Corps has installed a temporary tow haulage winch system in the auxiliary lock chamber to pull double cuts as necessary. In an effort to reduce delay times, however, a program of "self-help" by navigation interests has been implemented. The "self-help" program will allow waiting towboats to assist tows out of the auxiliary lock chamber. The Lockmaster will designate the helper boats as tows arrive for position. Vessel locking order will be determined by the arrival time at Hannibal L/D, all pilots should radio Hannibal L/D at normal arrival points.
4. All towboats are to stay with their tows while waiting for lockages unless designated to assist other tows through the small land chamber.
5. Information concerning lockages will be broadcast by radio on Channel 13 (155.65 MHz) and any towboat not answering a call from the locks will be dropped to the end of the waiting list.
6. Recreation boaters are discouraged from locking through Hannibal L/D, Ohio River during this unscheduled lock closure. Recreation boaters will encounter extremely long delays since priority will be

given to scheduled commercial passenger vessels and commercial tows.

7. Navigators are requested to use caution when entering or leaving the auxiliary lock chamber during this closure to prevent a complete shutdown of navigation at Hannibal L/D, Ohio River.

8. A revised notice will be posted once the gate is repaired and the river chamber is back in service.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

//Signed//
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