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Pittsburgh District

Notice to Navigation Interests

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Notice No. below

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Notice No. 12-31

Date: July 31, 2012

Emsworth Locks and Dams, Ohio River, Mile 6.2
Intermittent closures of 110'x 600' River Lock Chamber

1. **To All Whom It May Concern:** Notice is given that a contractor for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will replace the main chamber interlock controls at Emsworth L/D, Ohio River. The work is scheduled to be performed on August 8 and August 9, 2012.
2. During this period, the 110' x 600' Land Chamber will remain open to navigation, but will experience a closure of four (4) hours each day. Each closure will run from 0800 thru 1200 am on August 8 and August 9, 2012. During this period the Auxiliary 56' x 360' river chamber will remain in service. Tow haulage winches will not be available in the auxiliary chamber during these closures, but multiple lockages thru the auxiliary 56' x 360' chamber will be accepted if "industry self-help" is available. Minor delays to navigation are expected.
3. This closure is required to install an upgraded interlock system on the locks control system. The interlock system is designed to prevent inadvertent and unsafe gate and valve operation that has resulted in catastrophic events at other Ohio River Locks.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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