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Notice to Navigation Interests

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Notice No. below

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Monongahela River Locks and Dam 2 New Floodway Standard Operating Procedure

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Effective immediately and until further notice, the auxiliary river lock chamber at Monongahela River Locks and Dam 2, Braddock, will be operated as a floodway at river stages lower than previously experienced. During the operation of the floodway, the facility will be closed to all navigation, as is currently the procedure. The new Standard Operating Procedure is as follows:

1. The floodway bulkheads at Braddock will be installed at a gage height of 16.0 feet, or lower, at the discretion of the facility manager.
2. The floodway bulkheads will be pulled at a gage height of 17.0 feet. This is intended to minimize adverse high water impacts to ongoing Braddock Dam construction. The auxiliary chamber will remain operating as a floodway until the stage falls to 15.0 feet, or a stage that the District determines will return the facility to operation as soon as possible with minimum risk of having to reopen the floodway for the incident at hand.
3. Facility personnel will communicate via radio to approaching vessels that extreme caution should be exercised in higher stage conditions to allow for potential new flow patterns associated with the adjacent construction.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:


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