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Notice No. 04-51

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**Seasonal Lock Closings and
Schedule of Lock Operation for Winter Operation,
Monongahela River**

1. **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** Notice is given for seasonal lock closings and schedule of lock operation for the Monongahela River, as follows:

a. 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.

b. Morgantown L/D, Monongahela River - Effective December 1, 2004 through March 2005 - the lock will operate from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. daily.

c. Hildebrand L/D and Opekiska L/D, Monongahela River - Effective December 1, 2004 through March 2005 these two locks will be **closed** for the season.

2. Commercial operators desiring appointment lockages at other than regular operating periods must make arrangements **at least 24 hours in advance** during the hours of 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at Point Marion L/D (724-725-5289 or 724-725-1283).

3. **Because of limited staffing, no lockages will be made between 11:00 P.M. and 6:30 A.M. at Opekiska L/D, Hildebrand L/D, or Morgantown L/D. No appointments will be accepted for lockages that would occur during this 7-1/2 hour period.**

4. 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 can not be made directly with Point Marion L/D the message can be sent through Grays Landing L/D (724-583-8304) or Maxwell L/D (724-785-5027).

5. This notice will be updated, as required.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

/signed/

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