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# Notice to Navigation Interests

In reply refer to  
Notice No. below

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## Hildebrand L/D and Opekiska L/D, Monongahela River Additional Hours of Operation

1. **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** In direct response to discussions and suggestions from the Corps of Engineers and Recreational Rivers Users Summit (CERRUS) group, additional lockage hours will be provided at Hildebrand L/D and Opekiska L/D, Monongahela River. This pilot project will provide a 2-hour window for river traffic to lock through these two locks between 11:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M., every Thursday and Friday from June 30, 2005 through Labor Day, September 5, 2005. It is anticipated that these additional hours will benefit the recreational boaters.
2. In accordance with Notice to Navigation Interests No. 05-4, the operating schedule for Hildebrand L/D and Opekiska L/D, Monongahela River is as follows. Effective April 1, 2005 through November 2005 both locks will be open on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays from 12:30 P.M. to 8:20 P.M. As noted in paragraph 1 above, both locks will now be open to river traffic for two additional hours every Thursday and Friday from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. through the Labor Day holiday.
3. In accordance with Notice to Navigation Interests No. 05-4, Braddock L/D, Lock 3, Lock 4, Maxwell L/D, Grays Landing L/D and Point Marion L/D on the Monongahela River will continue to operate 24 hours daily. Morgantown L/D, Monongahela River will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. from Monday thru Friday; and will be open on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays from 12:30 P.M. to 8:20 P.M. through November 2005.
4. Commercial operators desiring appointment lockages during non-operating hours at Morgantown, Hildebrand and Opekiska must make arrangements **at least 24 hours in advance** by calling Point Marion L/D (724-725-5289 or 724-725-1283) between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 3:00 P.M.

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

6. As always, for the 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).

7. Waterway users are cautioned that navigation aids such as warning signs or buoys may, at times, move off station during the year because of high river conditions. Boaters must always approach all locks with extreme care, especially when proceeding downstream. Everyone is urged to consult their navigation charts to be absolutely sure of the landmarks when approaching a lock and dam.

8. Boaters, fishermen, divers, and others venturing below the dams are cautioned not to enter the restricted area as designated by the signs and "KEEP OUT" buoys. Backwash and turbulence from the dam may draw a boat into the dam, causing it to capsize.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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