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Change to Allegheny & Monongahela River Locks Schedule

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA – During these hot days of summer, recreational boaters are once again enjoying Pittsburgh's Three Rivers along with the navigation industry. In response to requests from the recreational users of our locks the Pittsburgh District is implementing a pilot project that modifies our navigation service. Beginning today, this pilot project will provide an additional two-hour period of service, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Thursday and Friday, for the remainder of the 2005 recreational boating season at Hildebrand and Opekiska Locks on the Monongahela River and at Allegheny River Locks 6 and 7. It is anticipated that these additional hours of service will provide significant benefit to recreational boaters.

Effective June 30, 2005, the revised schedule for the Monongahela and Allegheny Rivers is:

Allegheny River

- ❖ Lock 9 near Rimer, Pa., will be open Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 12:30 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.
- ❖ Lock 8 near Mosgrove, Pa., will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 12:30 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.
- ❖ Locks 6 and 7 near Clinton, Pa. and Kittanning, Pa., will be open Thursday and Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 12:30 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.
- ❖ Lock 5 in Freeport, Pa. will be open Thursday through Monday from 12:30 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.

Monongahela River

- ❖ Morgantown Lock in Morgantown, W. Va. will be open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 12:30 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.
- ❖ Hildebrand and Opekiska Locks, near Hildebrand, W. Va. and Opekiska, W. Va., respectively, will be open Thursday and Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 12:30 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.

Lock 2, C.W. Bill Young Lock and Lock 4 on the Allegheny River; Braddock, Locks 3 and 4, Maxwell, Grays Landing and Point Marion Locks on the Monongahela and all locks on the Ohio River will continue to operate 24-hours-a-day year around.

River navigators are cautioned that navigation aids may, at times during the year, move off-station because of river conditions. Boaters must always approach all locks with extreme care. Everyone is urged to consult their navigation charts to be absolutely sure of the landmarks when approaching a lock and dam.

Boaters, fishermen, divers and others venturing below the dams are reminded not to enter the restricted areas 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.