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## **Corps' Upper Ohio Navigation Study public meetings scheduled**

PITTSBURGH – The Pittsburgh District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold two public meetings in upper Ohio River communities to hear public comments on the environmental scope of its [Upper Ohio Navigation Study, Pennsylvania](#). This is a planning study to consider and evaluate the feasibility of navigation improvements and ecosystem restoration opportunities on the upper Ohio River.

The study will focus on the three Ohio River locks and dams in Pennsylvania – Emsworth, Dashields and Montgomery – and their navigation pools extending downstream from the “Point” in Pittsburgh approximately 54 miles to include the pool of the New Cumberland Locks and Dam in Ohio and West Virginia. The Upper Ohio Navigation Study will investigate opportunities for maintaining and improving commercial navigation on the upper Ohio River in Pennsylvania and will evaluate the potential for integrating ecosystem restoration features into long-range plans for this river reach. The study will consider engineering, economic and environmental factors to evaluate long-term navigation needs in the context of sustaining human communities and the river’s ecosystem. Findings and recommendations from the recently released draft [Ohio River Mainstem Systems Study](#) will provide substantial background information from a system-wide perspective to this site-specific navigation feasibility study.

The public is invited to attend these meetings, being held in accordance with requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), to hear an overview of the study and assist in the identification of important resources and significant issues to be considered during the study process.

Tuesday, October 24 – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Community College of Beaver County  
Library Resource Center, Conference Room 103  
One Campus Drive, Monaca, PA 15061

and

Wednesday, October 25 – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Holiday Inn – Pittsburgh International Airport  
8256 University Blvd., Coraopolis, PA 15108

These meetings provide an initial opportunity for the public to express their views and concerns and ensure their interests are considered. As the study progresses, the Corps invites continued public participation to promote open communication and more informed decision making. Public comments are welcome throughout the study process and the Corps will maintain a mailing list of those interested in project updates and information. Comments or requests to be placed on the study mailing list can be mailed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District; ATTN: Conrad Weiser; 2200 William S. Moorhead Federal Building; 1000 Liberty Avenue; Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186 or e-mail to: [ohiorivernfs@usace.army.mil](mailto:ohiorivernfs@usace.army.mil).

Emsworth, Dashields and Montgomery Locks and Dams are vital components of the Ohio River Navigation System, a national transportation artery and a vital natural resource where more than 270 million tons of commerce, worth in excess of \$30 billion, travel the inland waterway system annually. The principal commodity passing through these locks is coal being shipped from area mines to riverside power plants. Shipment of coal, and other commodities, on the waterways not only reduces electricity costs, but also reduces congestion on the region’s roadways and pollution in the area’s environment.