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## Impacts to Navigation Due to East Brady Bridge Demolition

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA – During the morning of June 4, the East Brady Bridge span, located at River Mile 69.4 on the Allegheny River, in East Brady, Clarion County, and Brady's Bend, Armstrong County, is scheduled for explosive demolition. A safety zone will be located 750 feet upstream and 750 feet downstream of the bridge. Following demolition of the span, Brayman Construction Company, Inc. will immediately begin salvage operations to remove structural components from the river channel. It is intended for the work to be conducted primarily during daylight hours until completion. Equipment involved in the operations will be a towboat, spud barge, hopper barge and a safety boat.

After the span has been detonated and dropped into the river, the River will remain closed until it has been determined safe for navigation. At this time, boaters will be able to travel upstream from the public launch but not downstream. The navigation channel should be opened within 72 hours. The work of removing the remainder of the three spans shall commence immediately after all debris from the navigation channel span has been removed from the water. As a result of the demolition and salvage activities within the navigation channel, river traffic may experience intermittent delays and are requested to exercise extreme caution when transiting this area.

At this location as well as at all others, recreational boaters on Pittsburgh District Rivers are reminded to observe all warning signs and navigational aids. Since the 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 landmarks when approaching a lock and dam.

Boaters, anglers, 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.

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*A fixed crest dam is difficult to see from small boat moving downriver since the crest (top of the concrete) is normally covered with flowing water. Be "dam cautious" and know your location on the river with regard to each dam and lock!*