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Monongahela Lock and Dam 4 at Charleroi closed from July 16 through August 3.

The US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District is advising the navigation industry and recreational boaters that Monongahela Lock and Dam 4, Charleroi, PA, will be closed to navigation July 16 through August 3.

The lock chamber will be dewatered and no traffic will be able to pass through. The repairs are expected to be complete August 3. Work being completed includes the miter gate sills, filling valves and valve operating machinery.

A vital part of the Lower Monongahela River Project, the Charleroi Locks process approximately 12 million tons of cargo each year, providing annual benefits of more than \$50 million per year in the transport of bulk commodities. The use of the areas three rivers to transport bulk commodities such as coal, significantly reduces the wear and tear on roadways, causes considerably less pollution than other modes of transportation and reduces the cost of electricity.

The Lower Mon Project replaced the nearly 100-year-old fixed-crest dam at Braddock Locks and Dam with a gated dam, will remove Locks and Dam 3 in Elizabeth, and construct two new larger locks (Charleroi Locks) at Locks and Dam 4 in Charleroi.

Pittsburgh District's 26,000 square miles include portions of western Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia, eastern Ohio, western Maryland and southwestern New York. Our jurisdiction includes more than 328 miles of navigable waterways, 23 navigation locks and dams, 16 multi-purpose flood control reservoirs, 42 local flood protection projects and other projects to protect and enhance the Nation's water resources, infrastructure and environment.

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