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UPDATED: Corps changes public meeting location for Allegheny River Lock service changes

Public meeting location changed from Ford City High School to the East Franklin Twp. Fire Hall, Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.

Due to contracting issues, the US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District is changing the location of the public meeting from Ford City High School to the East Franklin Township Fire Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. The Corps is hosting the public meeting to discuss service level changes at the Allegheny River Locks. The Fire Hall is located at 165 East Brady Road, Kittanning, PA 16201.

The changes will restore 24/7 operations at the first three locks on the Allegheny River and reduce service to commercial appointment lockages only and no recreational service at Locks 6 and 7. The changes are slated to take effect before the end of the year.

The changes in the levels of service at each lock are being implemented as a result of the Corps' nationwide effort to reduce costs by standardizing lock service levels based on the actual usage while still providing efficient support to the navigation community and other waterways users.

Pittsburgh District operates the oldest, largest and most fatigued navigation system in the Corps' national inland waterways inventory. The 26,000 square miles of its upper Ohio River Basin boundaries include portions of western Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia, eastern Ohio, western Maryland, and southwestern New York. The district's 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 that protect and enhance the nation's water resources, infrastructure and environment.