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Notice to Navigation Interests

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Notice No. 12-41

Date: September 20, 2012

Winter Season Lock Closings and Schedule of Lock Operation for Monongahela River

1. **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** Notice is given for seasonal lock closings and schedule of lock operation for the Monongahela River, as follows:

a. Braddock L/D, Lock 3, Lock 4, Maxwell L/D, Grays Landing L/D and Point Marion L/D, Monongahela River will continue to operate 24 hours daily.

b. Morgantown L/D, Hildebrand L/D and Opekiska L/D, Monongahela River will be **closed** for the season, effective October 28, 2012, except for commercial appointment lockages.

2. Commercial operators desiring appointment lockages during non-operating hours at Morgantown, Hildebrand and Opekiska must make arrangements **at least 24 hours in advance** by calling Point Marion L/D (724-725-5289 or 724-725-1283) between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 3:00 P.M.

3. **Because of limited staffing, no lockages will be made between 11:00 P.M. and 6:30 A.M. at Opekiska L/D, Hildebrand L/D, or Morgantown L/D. No appointments will be accepted for lockages that would occur during this 7-1/2 hour period.**

4. As always, for this appointment procedure to operate smoothly, communications between the vessels and the locks must be continuous. In this way, neither vessels nor lock operators should experience any extended waiting times when unexpected conditions cause a vessel to vary from its scheduled appointment. Captains or pilots on the vessel should also communicate immediately with the lock personnel at Point Marion L/D when fog or other river conditions will delay their arrival. In an emergency, if contact cannot be made directly with Point Marion L/D the message can be sent through Grays Landing L/D (724-583-8304) or Maxwell L/D (724-785-5027).

5. This notice will be updated, as required. **Any impending changes will be addressed in a future navigation notice.**

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

/signed/
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