UPDATE:

The navigation channel is currently OPEN as the Contractor continues to demolish the old bridge. Barges, tows, and cranes positioned along the right descending bank adjacent and partially positioned in the navigation channel will continue to remove the debris. It is anticipated that the Contractor should be complete with debris removal within 48 hours mid day. Navigators are requested to use caution while traversing in this area.

ORIGINAL:

1. To All Whom It May Concern: Notice is given that Beech Construction Company in conjunction with PennDOT has requested a 24 hour river closure to demolish the Donora-Webster Highway Bridge over the Monongahela River, River Mile 36.34, in Donora Borough, Washington County & Rostraver Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

2. The work is scheduled to begin on Wednesday July 1, 2015 at approximately 0700 hours. At approximately 0900 hours a blast will sound and the bridge will be dropped into the river. The contractor will be working around the clock for the first day in order to clear the navigation channel within 24 hours. After the removal off all structural steel within the navigation channel the Corps will accompany a sub contractor to observe the results of the post bathymetric survey. Once the survey data is certified the Corps will coordinate with the USGC to re-open the channel.

3. Beech Construction/Demtech will be utilizing the Monallo II along with several other barges to completely remove the steel from the river.

4. Mariners should monitor radio frequency channels 13 & 16 while transiting in the vicinity of the construction site.

5. The navigation channel will be closed to all river traffic during this time (approximately 24 hours). Once the navigation channel is open work will continue to remove the side spans and all vessels should exercise caution, follow appropriate signage, and navigate safely in the work area.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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