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## River Operations Update

**June 20, 2019**

### ILLINOIS:

Illinois River is fully open.

#### **Illinois River Forecasted Lock Closures 2019**

##### **Starved Rock Lock mm 231 – from 6/1 through 8/31 @ 2359**

Bulkhead slot installations, 70 FT width restriction for 90-105 days with daily 12 hour closures, complete closure 8/16/19 to 8/29/19. RIVER CLOSURE - EXPECT EXCESSIVE DELAYS

##### **Marseilles Lock mm 244.6 – from 6/1 – 8/31 @ 2359**

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### UPPER MISS:

**St. Louis harbor closed from miles 179-184 at 14:00 on 5/23-** Expected to open to Northbound traffic AM tomorrow, 6/21. Southbound traffic is expected to open on Saturday, 6/22.

**Mel Price (UM 201)** is expected to reopen on 6/21.

**Louisiana Bridge (UM 282)** had to stop cleanup as the river rose above the 20.5 threshold. Expected to be another 1-2 days before they open.

### ARKANSAS RIVER:

**Flooding and high flows on the Arkansas River** - closed until early-mid July. Lock 13 (298 AR) has sustained significant damage and is closed until further notice.

### WARRIOR/TOMBIGBEE:

**Coffeerville Lock (WT 117) and Demopolis Lock (WT 213) Upcoming Closures from June 6/25 until July 8** - These will be a complete closures, they will cutoff transit from Mobile to the Tennessee River.

### GULF/CANALS:

**Calcasieu Lock (WC 238)** – Current queue is 6 boats.

**Algiers Lock** – Current queue is 56 boats.

**INHC Lock** – Current queue is 13 boats.

**High water in the Morgan City area (WC 99)** - Daylight only through Morgan City bridges. Expect slow traffic through this area until water levels fall.



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### **LOWER MISS:**

**Reduced tow sizes Cairo to Gulf** - Flood conditions have reduced tow sizes between Cairo and the Gulf by one-two strings, 10-15 barges, expect increased await pickup and transit times. The max tow size has been reduced from 40 barges to 25 or less per tow.

**Due to high water, daylight only through the following bridges: Vicksburg (LMR 435) and Baton Rouge (LMR 237)**

<http://celticmarine.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Celtic-Marine-Corp-River-Operations-Update.pdf>

**Special Note - Please be aware Celtic's Service Agreement under the "Tolls, Taxes, or User Charges" clause gives Celtic the right to bill costs for lock delays.**

### **INLAND WATERWAY WEATHER REPORT:**

Daily rounds of moderate to locally heavy rains and above normal precipitation potentially through September.

- A cold front stretches across the Ohio Valley. The front will move through the watershed today bringing moderate to locally heavy rains during its passage.
  - Another cold front will move into the watershed tomorrow and remain fairly stationary over the Upper Mississippi Valley and across the Central/Southern Plains on Friday-Tuesday. Daily rounds of moderate to locally heavy rain are expected once again.
  - A third cold front will enter the region on Wednesday with another round of moderate to locally heavy rains forecasted.

7day QPF totals (through Thursday morning):

- 1%-4" of rain is forecasted for the region north of Vicksburg.
- W' or less of rain is forecasted for the region south of Vicksburg.

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