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River Operations Update

November 19, 2020

UPPER MISS: Winter Lock Closures

LOCK NAME	MILEPOINT	CLOSURE DATE	CLOSURE
LOCK 25	241	1/1/21 - 3/31/21	FULL
LOCK 19	364	1/1/21 - 3/15/21	FULL
LOCK 15	483	12/21/20 - 3/15/21	FULL
LOCK 14	493	12/21/20 - 3/15/21	FULL
LOCK 5A	728	12/7/20 - 3/14/21	FULL
LOCK 5	738	12/7/20 - 3/14/21	FULL
LOCK 4	753	12/7/20 - 3/14/21	FULL

EAST CANAL: Chandeleur Sound – GIWW Alternate Route has been reestablished and will be used **9/4 through 11/25** by mariners to transit to the East Canal for the repairs stated below. Although this alternate route will not cut-off NOLA from Mobile and the Warrior-Tom, it will increase transits by an expected 2 days in either direction.

<u>Industrial Lock (LM 92.6)</u> -This closure is estimated to complete 11/25.

<u>ST Claude Avenue Bridge (EC 6.2)</u> – and located cross the IHNC (MM 0.5) will begin repairs 9/4 and continuing through approximately **11/23**. During this period, the bridge will not open to vessel traffic. This closure will take place at the same time as the IHNC Lock closure.

ILLINOIS RIVER:

LOCK CLOSURES FOR 2020

LOCK NAME	MILEPOINT	CLOSURE DATE	CLOSURE
Lockport Lock	291.1	11/30/20 - 12/1/20	PARTIAL 0700 - 1900



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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

Overall Weather Summary:

- Mixed winter precip expected over ND today and MN tonight. Winter Weather Advisory in effect.
- Red Flag Warning in effect today for the entire region around the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, meaning conditions are prime for wildfires.
- With the exception of the far eastern parts of the MS River Valley, Thanksgiving is looking dry this year with near normal temperatures throughout the valley.

7-day QPF totals (through next Thursday morning):

- Upper MS Valley: Mixed winter precip will be possible over northern ND/MN today/tonight. The region of focus for the weekend rainfall has continued to shift south. Another round of precip will move through next Tuesday so that now the region can expect only up to ½" over the next 7 days with some light winter precip mixed in.
- Middle MS Valley: Rain will move in beginning Friday night with rain chances continuing through the weekend. Another round of rainfall will move through on Tuesday/Wednesday. A broad area of 1-3" is possible across this region over the next 7 days.
- Lower MS Valley: Rain moves in over the upper Arkansas on Saturday and Sunday with another round of rainfall expected to move through the region next Tuesday/Wednesday. Up to 2" possible over OK and AR. Light rain accumulations of up to 3/4" possible over the rest of the region.

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