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River Operations Update

January 7, 2021

Gulf and Canals Weather Update - Weather fronts are moving through the area and will drive delays with wind and rough seas on the Canals. Headed into the weekend we should experience decent operating conditions on Saturday. Another front is forecast for Sunday, expected to primarily impact transit on the Canals to start next week.

LOWER MISS:

Port Allen Lock Intermittent Closures - Due to a recent barge allision, a work crew will be removing damaged sections of guide wall and other debris in the lock-chamber. As a result, expect up to 4-hrs closure 1200 - 1800 Jan 12 through Jan 14.

ARKANSAS RIVER:

NORRELL LOCK (10.3 AR) will be closed to navigation beginning 0600 2/2/2021 and will reopen 1800 on 2/6/2021.

ILLINOIS RIVER:

IR230 Utica Bridge Demo- Demo has been postponed until 1/13/21, expect around a 24 hour closure around this event.

Ice on Illinois River- Reports of 1" thick; broken sheets of ice covering 10% of the upper pool at Lake Peoria. Lower pool is less then 10% covered.

CUMBERLAND RIVER:

Cheatham Lock (CR 149) will be closed from April 12, 2021 through June 10, 2021. After every 11 days of closure, the lock will open for 3 days to allow traffic to pass. Traffic to and from Nashville will be shut off while the lock is closed.

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.



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UPPER MISS:

Lock 27 Main Chamber Repairs- UM188 - Repairs are expected to start around 2/1/21 and end on 2/20/21. Should see delays during this time as boats will have to navigate through the Aux Chamber.

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

INLAND WATERWAY WEATHER REPORT

Overall Weather Summary:

- Mixed rain/snow will spread eastward from northern Arkansas and southern Missouri this morning. Precipitation will be mostly snow in Cumberland River Valley and the Lowermost Ohio River later today and tonight. Mixed rainfall and snow will be possible across northern portions of west Tennessee today turning to mostly snow across central and eastern Tennessee tonight and tomorrow morning.
- Rainfall will move from Central and southern Arkansas and Mississippi into Alabama and Georgia tonight.
- A low pressure system will move across the northern Gulf from Sunday into Monday bringing a chance of light precipitation to the Gulf States and Tennessee and a possibility for wintry weather from central Louisiana to the northwest half of Mississippi and much of Tennessee.



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

- Upper MS Valley: Very light precipitation, less than a tenth of an inch, is possible across northern portions of the valley.
- Middle MS Valley/Lower Missouri: No QPF is forecast for the middle Valley and the Lower Missouri.
- Ohio Valley: ¼" inch or less of precipitation is possible along the lower Ohio River and the Cumberland River Valley.
- Lower MS Valley: An inch or less of QPF is possible across the lower Mississippi Valley.

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