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## River Operations Update

**September 23, 2021**

### LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER:

**Hurricane Ida Restoration** – This storm has caused major damage to areas in and around Greater New Orleans. Transit delays are still expected as the Industry is getting back into a normal transportation pattern as boats, fleets, and shipyards recover from this Hurricane. Expect major delays.

**Low water and swift conditions** continue to reduce loaded tow-size NBD by 5 - 10 loads. Expect conditions to impact transits through mid Sept, although we will need some rain on the upper rivers to avoid low-water conditions as we move through harvest.

### WEST CANAL:

**Closure from MM18 – 33.** The West Canal will be closed from Morgan City MM90 to New Orleans until late October, due to significant amount of material in the waterway that needs to be dredged. All barges destined to/from Lk. Charles, Pt. Arthur & Houston to/from the Lower Miss will have to utilize the Port Allen Route out of Baton Rouge. Anticipate approximately 48+ hours of lock delays.

### ARKANSAS RIVER:

**Closure at mile 9.9.** Due to the rapid drop of water levels in the Mississippi River and shoaling at mile 9.9 the navigation channel is currently impassable. Dredging operations began on 9/22 and at this time there is no estimate on when the channel will be passable.

LOCK NAME	MILEPOINT	CLOSURE DATE	CLOSURE
WEBBERS FALLS #16	366.6	11/3/21 - 11/4/21	FULL
WEBBERS FALLS #16	366.6	11/10/21 - 11/11/21	FULL

### UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER:

LOCK NAME	MILEPOINT	CLOSURE DATE	CLOSURE
LOCK 24	273	1/1/22 - 1/31/22	FULL
LOCK 15	483	12/20/21 - 3/4/22	FULL
LOCK 8	679	12/6/21 - 3/11/22	FULL
LOCK 7	702	12/6/21 - 3/11/22	FULL
LOCK 5	738	12/6/21 - 3/11/22	FULL



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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.**

### Weather Highlights:

- Drier and cooler conditions will last across the Miss Valley through the end of the week.

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

- Upper MS: Very little rainfall is expected over the next week.
- Middle MS/Ohio Valley: 1-3" forecasted across mostly the Ohio Valley; Very little rainfall is expected over the Middle MS.
- Lower MS Valley: Very little rainfall is forecast over the region this week.

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