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River Operations Update

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LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER:

Hurricane Ida Restoration – The COTP in New Orleans opened the Lower Mississippi River to traffic with restrictions including maintaining slowest safe speed and reduced tow sizes. Terminals, fleets, cleaning and repair facilities located between mile 110 up to 165 on the LMR have sustained significant damage and could be down for some time. Expect major delays.

Low water and the swift conditions continue to reduce loaded tow-size NBD by 4-6 loads. August dredging at Victoria Bend-LM 595 (8/14 - 8/21) and Laconia-LM 607 (8/21-8/26) drove intermittent and two 36-hr closures to river transit. Expect these conditions and delays to impact transit system-wide through mid-September.

WEST CANAL:

West Canal is closed on the Algiers route at mile 20 due to shoaling. Dredging operations commenced 9/8 and is estimated to complete in roughly 10 days. Barges on the river destined westbound are being rerouted to the Port Allen Lock. Currently there is a minimum of 2 – 3 days of delay because of this closure.

ARKANSAS RIVER:

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:

- Mostly dry conditions expected over the Miss. Valley through the rest of the week.
- A tropical disturbance forecast to move into the northwest Gulf will bring heavy rainfall to the TX and LA coasts early next week.

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

- Upper MS: Up to ¼" forecast across the region.
- Middle MS/Ohio Valley: ¼-1 ¼" forecasted across the region.
- Lower MS Valley: ¼-1" forecast across the region. Coastal LA could see 2-4".

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