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River Operations Update

March 16, 2023

LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER: **High Water** - The Gulf Fleet surcharges went into effect on 3/14 @ 1000 when the New Orleans (Carrollton) gauge exceeded 12'. High Water Conditions will stay in effect, until the Carrollton Gauge drops below 12'. Currently the Carrollton Gauge is 12'65". Predictions have the Lower Mississippi remaining above 12' through March 24th.

High Water provisions begin in Baton Rouge when the gauge is above 35'. Currently the Baton Rouge gauge is at 33'82".

Vicksburg Restriction (LM 435) = Daylight hours for tows exceeding 105' wide. Expect delays in transit.

UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER:

LOCK NAME	MILEPOINT	CLOSURE DATE	CLOSURE
MEL PRICE - LOCK 26	200.5	1/1/2023 - 3/31/2023	MAIN - AUXILLARY AVAILABLE

OHIO RIVER: Currently 18 hours of delay at Hannibal Lock.

LOCK NAME	MILEPOINT	CLOSURE DATE	CLOSURE
Hannibal Lock	OH 126	2/20/23 - 4/7/2023	MAIN CLOSED 0600 - 2359

ILLINOIS RIVER: The Upper Illinois – Starved Rock (IL 231) is experiencing high water. This will impact vessel bridge clearance and cause some delays.

LOCK NAME	MILEPOINT	CLOSURE DATE	CLOSURE
Brandon Road	286	6/1/23 - 9/30/23	FULL
Dresden Island Lock	271.5	6/1/23 - 9/30/23	FULL
Marseilles Lock	244.6	6/1/23 - 9/30/23	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:

- A cold front will move through the Valley Thursday and Friday bringing a winter storm to the Upper Miss region and rain/storms to the Middle and Lower Miss regions.

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

- Upper MS: Up to $\frac{3}{4}$ " possible over the region.
- Middle MS/Ohio Valley: Between $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ " possible over the region.
- Lower MS Valley: Between $\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ " forecast across the region.

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